



# Toolamba & District Community Plan

2023-2027

February 2023

**The Toolamba & District  
Steering Committee  
acknowledges the  
traditional owners of the  
land on which it meets  
and on which we, as  
community members, live.**

**We celebrate their  
continuing culture and  
pay respect to their elders,  
past present and  
emerging.**

# Why do we have a community plan?

The Community Planning program is about local community members coming together to develop a plan to shape the development of your community into the future.

A Community Plan is a written document that identifies a community's future vision and goals.

Community Plans have been developed in the Greater Shepparton municipality with eleven small town communities including Toolamba & District Community



# History of Toolamba

## Beginnings

Aboriginal history has been handed down in ways of stories, dances, myths and legends. The dreaming is history. A history of how the world, which was featureless, was transformed into mountains, hills, valleys and waterways. The dreaming tells about how the stars were formed and how the sun came to be.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples have inhabited Australia for millennia, and their cultures, laws, ceremonies, and connection to the land are strong and enduring.

Toolamba and the broader Murray-Goulburn district are still home to many members of the Family Groups who are descendants of the Original Ancestors of this area.

## Toolamba after settlement

The Toolamba pastoral station was established in 1845 by David and Alexander Innes. In early 1874, seventy-two allotments were surveyed, establishing a township at the site of present-day Old Toolamba, with a Post Office opening in 1873.

Toolamba railway station opened on 13 January 1880 at the junction of the Shepparton and Tatura lines (later extended to Echuca), drawing the town's focus to the west of the original settlement. The Junction Hotel and Wren's Store are remnants of this early period, retaining integral roles in the community.

In 1874, shortly after pastoral runs were subdivided for farm selections, the town of Toolamba was surveyed on the west bank of the Goulburn River. Within a few years, the town and its district had five hotels and several stores. The northward extension of the railway track in 1880 resulted in the line passing a few kilometres west of the township, resulting in a new centre forming around the railway junction. Some buildings were transferred to the new centre.

The Toolamba district was suitable for growing wheat, fruit, and grape vines. A fruit cannery was built at Toolamba in the 1880s. The district was densely settled, having two primary schools by 1876 and five by 1890. Sheep grazing had existed since the first pastoral run. It increased to over 40,000 head in 1923 when the shire council provided a dipping facility.

The introduction of farm irrigation by the local waterworks trust (1895) came about eight years after the first irrigation project at Ardmona. Additional irrigation waters came with the completion of the Waranga basin (1909) by the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission.

Toolamba's railway junction had a large grain shed and served as a distribution point for agricultural supplies. The hotel dispensed refreshments to rail passengers while freight was loaded. After World War II, additional settlement farms were taken up.

Orchards are north and west of the township. The Goulburn River and a State Forest are east of the township.

The conversion of the Victorian Railways from steam to diesel-electric power during the 1950s and 1960s reduced Toolamba's importance as a refuelling point. In 1981 the Echuca line was closed, followed by the closure of the Toolamba Station on 20 December 1987 and the removal of all buildings and infrastructure. The rail line between Echuca and Toolamba reopened in 2013 to provide direct freight service.

The landmark Toolamba Bridge was constructed across the Goulburn River in October 1900 and refurbished in the 1960s. Council and Regional Roads Victoria undertook structural upgrades in 2019, with duplication of the bridge expected in approximately ten years at the end of its functional life. The existing historic bridge remains valued for its cultural heritage significance.

# Toolamba now

Toolamba and Old Toolamba are surrounded by a rich agricultural landscape bordered by the Goulburn River and the Shepparton Regional Park.

Toolamba is home to a pub, primary and preschool, community garden & playground, as well as a recreation reserve that hosts an oval, community centre and tennis courts.

Across Toolamba and Old Toolamba, there are several community organisations and associations that have been established who provide community service and support for the area.

In 2021, the Australian Bureau of Statistics recorded the population of Toolamba and Old Toolamba (including surrounding farmland) as 822 people, 226 families and 314 private dwellings.



The townships can be accessed from the Goulburn Valley Highway via Bridge Road to the east or the Midland Highway via Toolamba Road to the west.

The Toolamba District encompasses several important heritage sites that contribute to the local character and must be carefully considered in future development.

**“The Toolamba district includes Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Sensitivity areas.”**



# Toolamba in the future

The Toolamba community is tightly knit and has shown a keen and active interest in the future development of their townships.

Over the past few years, community engagement has shown that Toolamba residents are open to growth.

Still, most people want to ensure that if growth and development are undertaken, the small-town character, rural feel, and identity of Toolamba as it is now are retained and protected.





# The role of your Toolamba District Steering Committee

The District Steering Committee plays a pivotal role as they drive the implementation and review of the Toolamba Community Action Plan on behalf of the Toolamba & District community. This includes, but is not limited to:

## **Purpose**

The purpose of the Committee is to work in partnership with Council to coordinate and facilitate the implementation of priority actions arising from the Toolamba Community Action Plan.

## **Membership**

Local community members recruit the Toolamba & District Steering Committee with a view of having a broad range of skills, experience and interests. We also have membership from residents who represent the following groups or demographics:

- Lions Club of Toolamba Inc.;
- Toolamba CFA;
- Toolamba Community Hall and Recreation Reserve Committee of Management;
- Toolamba Primary School;
- Toolamba Country Women's Association (CWA);
- Residents from Old Toolamba;
- Parents with primary and secondary aged children;
- Retired residents;
- Community members who are passionate about the local community.

Membership is open to all community members and may fluctuate depending on the range of projects being undertaken by the Committee.

If you want to join the Steering Committee, email [hello@toolamba.com.au](mailto:hello@toolamba.com.au).



**Our roles and responsibilities include the following:**

- Meeting regularly to progress agreed-on actions and priorities from the Toolamba Community Action Plan;
- Being responsible for organising and chairing regular meetings of the Steering Committee;
- Taking and preparing minutes and submitting copies of these to Greater Shepparton City Council;
- In partnership with our Council Liaison Officer, planning and undertaking the annual review of the Community Action Plan;
- Liaising with community members and interest groups;
- Consulting with the community in the development and review of the Community Action Plan;
- Keeping the wider community informed on the priorities and implementation of actions;
- Determining priority actions from the Community Plan, following its annual review;
- Preparing Community Plan 'Expressions of Interest' and 'project proposals' to seek funding for projects through the Council's Community Plan Implementation Fund;
- Preparing funding applications for projects that require grants from external funding bodies, with the assistance of Councils' Grants Officer and Community Liaison Officer;
- Planning and undertaking fundraising activities to generate community fundraising to contribute to some projects;



- Assisting with the implementation of the Community Action Plan;
- Nominating a Committee Chair to liaise with Council;
- Editing the Toolamba Community Newsletter;
- Administering the Toolamba Community website.

We sometimes form small working groups to focus on particular priorities identified within the Community Action Plan. Community members may be interested in working on one priority rather than being a member of the Steering Committee.

For up-to-date information on the Toolamba & District Community Plan, please visit the Toolamba community website at [www.toolamba.com.au](http://www.toolamba.com.au)

**“I value the opportunity to be part of a group that, through consultation, has developed a shared direction for our community”**

*-Toolamba committee member*

# A snapshot of what we have achieved

- Advocacy for Federal, State and Local Government funding for the Toolamba bridge (2019 works);
  - New carpark at Toolamba Primary School/Community Centre;
  - Fencing at the CFA;
  - Welcome pack for new residents;
  - Design and Installation of the Toolamba Heritage sign;
  - Installation of public toilets at Colaura Gardens;
  - Design and installation of community playground at Colaura Gardens;
  - Installation of park furniture at Colaura Gardens;
  - Acquisition of a portable PA and sound system for community use;
  - Installation of doggy bag bins;
  - Installation of water fountain at Colaura Gardens;
  - Assisted with feasibility study for walking tracks between Toolamba, Old Toolamba and other towns;
  - Additional footpaths;
  - Implementation of school crossing on Wren Street;
  - 40kmh speed signs along Bridge Road and Wren Street;
  - No parking signage at school entry;
  - Initial design work for kerb, guttering and drainage;
  - Creation of Friends of Daunts Bend volunteer group;
  - Design and installation of “What’s happening in our community” town sign;
  - Advocating for extensive community engagement in relation to residential housing development;
  - Treescaping on Wren Street, Wheelhouse Street and Riordan Court;
  - Advocacy support for Toolamba Tennis Club redevelopment of courts;
  - Advocacy for public transport;
  - Advocacy for services and utilities;
  - Creation of a community website;
  - Creation of a community newsletter.
- ## Achievements with the Recreation Reserve Committee
- Development of a masterplan for the recreation reserve;
  - Installation of a war memorial;
  - Installation of a Youth Spot;
  - Installation of fitness stations around the oval;
  - Installation of flag poles.

# Our town

## Toolamba Primary School

Toolamba Primary School has approximately 167 pupils and is in a small, close-knit semi-rural community located in the township of Toolamba, 17 kilometres south of Shepparton on the western side of the Goulburn River. Pupils come from the town and outlying country areas on two school buses.

The school's Purpose Statement captures the values and beliefs underpinning the school: "In our school, we value our community, our history and our shared vision for the future. We foster a respectful, caring, and responsive environment, enabling students to have fun whilst learning, growing, and contributing."

As a community, we are incredibly proud of our primary school, which has provided an excellent learning environment for all Toolambian children, catering for their individual needs and providing them with an education that will encourage them to reach their potential in the future. Enquiries to the school can be made through [toolamba.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:toolamba.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au).

## The Junction Hotel

The Junction Hotel sits in the heart of our town. The Junction is drenched in history and is currently the oldest building in Toolamba. It was established on its site in 1881 before the area was surveyed. The original Hotel and Store were burnt down in March 1912 and were then rebuilt in the same year.

From the classic wooden bar to the historic dining room, the Junction offers an outstanding rural hotel experience, further complimented by a leafy sunbathed beer garden. Recent developments have seen the addition of a world-class entertainment stage in the back paddock to enable live music and festivals to be hosted.

The Junction Hotel prides itself on quality service, locally sourced food, an extensive wine list, premium spirits and of course fresh, cold beer. The restaurant provides a great mix of classic and contemporary food and a place for the town to socialise.

# Our town - community groups

## Lions Club of Toolamba Inc.

For over 75 years, Lions Clubs in Australia have served their communities with uncommon kindness. Since the first Lions club was formed in Lismore, NSW, in September 1947, clubs have become Australia's largest service club organisation.

The Lions Club of Toolamba Inc has a large membership and active participation. The club meets on the first Tuesday of every month in the Junction Hotel from 7.00 pm. The monthly meeting includes dinner and fellowship time.

In Toolamba, the Lions Club are responsible for leading the following annual events in our town:

- Australia Day celebration;
- ANZAC Day service;
- The installation of the Toolamba Christmas decorations and Christmas mailbox decorating competition;
- Sausage sizzle on the night of Toolamba's Halloween trick-or-treat event;
- Twilight Festival;
- Christmas Carols/ Festive picnic.

Other significant service activities they undertake include:

- Supporting funding applications for other Toolamba clubs & associations;
- Gate duty at Murchison Toolamba Football Club;
- Dinner service at Toolamba Fishing Club Easter competition;
- Calendar;
- General fundraising for natural disasters / Toolamba community sponsorships.

If you want to join the Lions Club of Toolamba, send an email to [toolambalionsclub@hotmail.com](mailto:toolambalionsclub@hotmail.com)

## Friends of Daunts Bend

We have initiated a new volunteer group called Friends of Daunts Bend in partnership with Parks Victoria. The group will work collaboratively on initiatives in and around Toolamba Forest / Daunts Bend which will sustain this natural asset.

## Community groups

### Toolamba Country Fire Authority (CFA)

The Country Fire Authority (CFA) comprises tens of thousands of Victorians committed to protecting lives and property across country regions in the State.

The Toolamba CFA responds to various hazards during the year, such as local bushfires, and supports our community members to be fire ready. The CFA team works in conjunction with the State's emergency service partners.

Their skills, experience and expertise in fire prevention, preparedness and response make them unique in our community. They have a challenging responsibility, with Victoria being one of the world's most bushfire-prone environments. The Toolamba CFA meets every Sunday morning at the CFA station on Wren Street. They clean and check the vehicles and equipment, discuss tactics, and practice incident responses.

The Toolamba CFA participate in other events in the town, including the Twilight Festival and delivering Santa lollies to Toolamba Primary School.

### The Toolamba Food Swap

The Toolamba Food Swap meets on the first Sunday of the month at Colaura Gardens from 9.00 am. The principle behind the Food Swap program is that **#Food is Free**, so why not share your excess food with others and exchange it for food you might be short on?

The program allows everyone to swap excess home produce, seeds, herbs, plants, eggs, and recipes. People exchange advice and skills at the monthly Food Swap meet and enjoy good company.

Sometimes activities are scheduled with guest speakers educating on pruning and planting season, permaculture, and collecting seeds.

The program has also established a Community Beehive behind Colaura Gardens. It has its sub-committee, many of whom are qualified in Apiculture (bee-keeping). Toolamba Honey will soon be available for Toolambians to buy!

The Food Swap is supported by the Toolamba CWA, which runs a cake stall at each monthly swap.

## Community groups

### Toolamba Country Women's Association (CWA)

The Country Women's Association of Victoria was formed on 12 March 1928 and today has approximately 5,000 members. The Toolamba CWA is a vibrant, philanthropic organisation of local women who work together to support women, children and family issues and activities.

Whilst the CWA has a reputation for being for older, retired women, the Toolamba CWA has bucked the trend. The age range of our CWA group is diverse, with many young women with young families leading the association.

The Toolamba CWA meets on the third Tuesday of every month at 7.00 pm (in winter months) or 7.30 pm (in summer months) at the CFA Station.

We run a different activity during each meeting to share skills and learn new things. This has included Latin dancing, knitting and crocheting, jewellery making, baking and flower arranging.

We also participate in other activities, including meditation and sound healing and learning to shoot at the Shepparton Gun Range.

If you want to join the CWA, send an email to [cwatoolamba@gmail.com](mailto:cwatoolamba@gmail.com)

### Toolamba Cemetery Trust

Cemetery Trusts are in place to ensure that graves and grounds are adequately maintained so that the space can be used peacefully and respectfully shared. On the recommendation of the Victorian Minister for Health, the Governor in Council appoints the Trust members.

The management and operation of the Toolamba Cemetery are governed by the Cemeteries and Crematoria Act 2003 and the Cemeteries and Crematoria Regulations 2015.

Information can be found at [www.findagrave.com/cemetery/2284371/toolamba-cemetery](http://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/2284371/toolamba-cemetery)



# Community groups

## Toolamba Community Hall & Recreation Reserve Committee of Management

The Greater Shepparton City Council delegates powers, duties and functions under the Local Government Act 2020 to the Community Hall and Recreation Reserve Committee (“the Committee”) for the upkeep and management of the Toolamba Community Hall and the Recreation Reserve. Their responsibilities include:

- The power to determine if any fees are applicable for users of the Community Hall and Reserve, including the seasonal users that have Licence for Use Agreements with the Council.
- Conducting regular risk assessments of the Community Hall and Reserve.
- Day-to-day management of the Community Hall and Reserve Advise Council on matters that could impact the Community Hall and Reserve.
- To ensure all users of the facilities agree to abide by their conditions of use and any regulation the Council applies

- To resolve conflicts where these occur between users of the facilities.
- The Committee also has in place and works on a community-led Master Plan for the Community Hall and Reserve.

The Committee works in partnership with the Toolamba & District Steering Committee to ensure its goals are explicitly articulated in the approved Toolamba Community Action Plan, as this helps facilitate any applications for funding they may need to seek from Council or external grant programs to support projects that improve on the facilities and grounds. This ensures that the Toolamba Action Plan represents this vital asset fundamental to our community.

If you are interested in joining the Committee, please contact [jam.wil@bigpond.com](mailto:jam.wil@bigpond.com).

# Our town - sporting & activity clubs

## Toolamba Tennis Club

The Toolamba Tennis Club welcomes everyone to its club, which has grown significantly over the last few years. The Toolamba Tennis Club is affiliated with Tennis Victoria. This friendly club offers tennis for everyone and all skills within our community, including:

- SJTA Juniors (Saturday morning)  
Ladies' social competition (Thursday evenings from October to March)
- Men's social competition (Wednesday evenings from October to December) Free casual court use throughout the week
- Coaching for all ages (Tuesday evening)
- ANZ Hotshots kids' program (Tuesday evening)

The Tuesday night BBQ brings the community together during the summer and helps raise much-needed funds to support the club's ongoing development.

If you want to join the Tennis Club, please email [toolambatennisclub@gmail.com](mailto:toolambatennisclub@gmail.com).

## Toolamba Junior Soccer Club

The Toolamba Junior Soccer Club runs teams in the following age group to compete in the Shepparton Junior Soccer Association competition:

- Kinderoos
- Under six
- Under seven
- Under eight
- Under ten
- Under twelve

Membership enquiries can be made to the Facebook page.

## Toolamba Fishing Club

Toolamba Fishing Club is a small club run by locals who enjoy all aspects of fishing and being a part of a great community club. Each year the Fishing Club hosts an Easter Classic competition open to all community members interested in fishing. The competition runs over Easter weekend and offers various prizes in various categories. Even if you are not into fishing, this community event allows people to camp nearby and attend the festivities and meals provided at the club premises over that weekend for a per-person cost.

## **Murchison Toolamba Football & Netball Club**

Founded in 1881, the Murchison Football Club competed in different leagues before transferring to the Kyabram District Football League in 1964, where they remain. A significant milestone for the club was in 1979 when the KDFL established a Netball competition for the first time.

Since then, the club has been known as the Murchison Football Netball Club. Toolamba had its own football club for the first half of the 20th century.

But the club, which played in various district leagues, ended up merging with nearby Murchison. The merged entity was initially known as Murchison-Toolamba, and evidence of this, in the form of a team photo, still hangs in the Junction Hotel.

However, the Toolamba name was dropped when the club joined the Kyabram District league in 1964. The club was known as the Murchison Grasshoppers for the next five decades.

The name Murchison-Toolamba was reinstated following a member vote on 14 April 2016.

Over the years, the Murchison Football Club has produced several players that have gone on to play at an elite level, the most famous of these are the father & son combination of Leo and Lawrie Dwyer (North Melbourne).

Enquiries can be made at  
[murchisontoolambafnc@gmail.com](mailto:murchisontoolambafnc@gmail.com)



# Action Plan development

## Planning Process

The Community Planning process in Greater Shepparton is underpinned by the Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) approach. “If you want to know how the shoe fits, ask the person wearing it, not the person who made it.”

ABCD considers local assets as the primary building blocks of sustainable communities. This approach encourages:

- Mapping capacities and assets within the community
- Community-driven development
- Building a community vision and plan

Community Planning is based on the principle that local people are invariably the best source of knowledge and wisdom about their surroundings. Better decision-making delivers better results for everyone when harnessed.

## Community engagement & participation

It is essential that community members provide the thinking and ideas to the Community Plan and, more importantly, to propose the actions they want to be achieved.



## Community Surveys

Surveys have been run online through the Toolamba Community Facebook page, and maildrop surveys have been completed.

## Community Newsletters

The Community Newsletter has been mail dropped to homes regularly, providing updates on the plan development and asking for additional feedback.

## Community Website & Email

The new Community Website and feedback email address were also launched to provide supporting information.

## Ideation workshops with Community Advisors

An ideation workshop was held with members of the high-level structure and ideas that form the basis of this Community Plan 2023-2027.

The main goal of our ideation workshop was to spark innovative thinking and draw out the fundamental things that embody Toolamba. We brought together a great group of community members to openly discuss their thinking and share their ideas without judgment. This enabled us to foster collaboration and allowed the community's voice to be represented in this Community Plan.

# What you said...

## **Is fundamental to Toolamba**

- Small-town lifestyle;
- Social Connectedness;
- Knowing our neighbours;
- Family-friendly and kid safe;
- Community assets;
- Open spaces / green spaces.

## **Is important to our future**

- Strong advocacy on matters that affect our community now and in the future;
- Services and utilities that meet future needs of the community;
- Places to gather as a community;
- A town-centre area;
- Thriving recreational & sports activities;
- Community-led asset development;
- Well-maintained roads and pathways;
- Stronger connection across Toolamba, Old Toolamba and District;
- Toolamba Forest and other green spaces;
- A diverse, inclusive and accessible community.

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DESIRED OUTCOMES	PROPOSED ACTIONS	STAKEHOLDERS / ADVISORS	PRIORITY RATING
<b>Increased community activities for:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Parents with young kids</li> <li>- Teenagers</li> <li>- Older Adults</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Investigate feasibility to introduce a Toolamba &amp; District based play group</li> <li>• Development of a toy library / Join existing toy library services</li> <li>• Increase community connection for seniors / run seniors' activities through the year</li> <li>• Provide additional youth events through the year</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greater Shepparton City Council</li> <li>• Lions Club of Toolamba Inc.</li> <li>• Recreation Reserve &amp; Community Hall Committee</li> <li>• Toolamba CWA</li> </ul>	<b>High</b>
<b>Existing clubs and associations remain sustainable</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support membership drives for clubs &amp; associations</li> <li>• Continue to support funding applications for Toolamba-based community events</li> <li>• Develop education &amp; support options for volunteers (ie training &amp; mentoring)</li> <li>• Continue with shared meetings between clubs for planning</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lions Club of Toolamba Inc.</li> <li>• Toolamba CWA</li> <li>• Toolamba CFA</li> </ul>	<b>Med-Low</b>
<b>Life-skills classes / community education opportunities are available</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Investigate possible running of:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Educations classes in Toolamba</li> <li>○ Fitness classes</li> <li>○ Special interest classes</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greater Shepparton City Council</li> <li>• GOTAFE</li> <li>• The Centre for Continuing Education</li> <li>• Private &amp; independent tutors / trainers</li> </ul>	<b>High</b>
<b>Increased connection with Old Toolamba and other towns</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development of a walking track to Old Toolamba in partnership with the GV Trails project</li> <li>• Development of walking tracks to / from other towns</li> <li>• Development of cycling tracks between Toolamba and other towns</li> <li>• Include in community newsletters / feature on Community website</li> <li>• Ensure events are whole of community</li> <li>• Hold shared events with other towns</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greater Shepparton City Council</li> <li>• VIC Roads</li> <li>• GV Trails</li> </ul>	<b>High</b>
<b>Our green / open spaces are cared for</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Embed the Daunts Bend volunteer group to look after the forest in partnership with Parks Victoria</li> <li>• Continue to support street tree-scaping program funded by Greater Shepparton City Council</li> <li>• Continue with community tree planting initiatives including 'One Tree Per Child'</li> <li>• Support landscaping projects at Toolamba cemetery in partnership with the Cemetery Trust</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parks Victoria</li> <li>• Toolamba Cemetery Trust</li> <li>• National Tree Day</li> <li>• One Tree Per Child</li> </ul>	<b>High</b>
<b>General services are available in- town</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Investigate possibility of in-town services such as:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Pharmacy</li> <li>○ Milkbar / groceries</li> <li>○ Coffee / café services</li> <li>○ Parcel delivery / collections</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Look for opportunities to develop a community facility to house in-town services (as above)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greater Shepparton City Council</li> <li>• Independent businesses</li> <li>• Community individuals</li> </ul>	<b>High</b>
<b>Our town / district identity is strong</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upgrade town signage at each entry point of Toolamba (as needed)</li> <li>• The community club signage is expanded</li> <li>• Develop town signage for Old Toolamba</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greater Shepparton City Council</li> </ul>	<b>Medium</b>
<b>Shared community / recreational spaces are developed</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support the development and funding of shared spaces, such as:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Men's Shed</li> <li>○ Community Garden</li> <li>○ Community Pizza Oven</li> <li>○ Additional facilities for teenagers such as expansion of the YouthSpot</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greater Shepparton City Council</li> <li>• Independent businesses</li> </ul>	<b>Med-High</b>
<b>Heritage and cultural artefacts are incorporated into the town / district</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implement Community Artworks</li> <li>• Implement further heritage signs</li> <li>• Implement artefacts acknowledging Traditional Owners</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greater Shepparton City Council</li> <li>• Shepparton Heritage Centre Inc</li> <li>• Independent Artists</li> </ul>	<b>Medium</b>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide learning &amp; education opportunities</li> </ul>		
Our sporting and recreational facilities are redeveloped and are sustainable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support the design and replacement of tennis courts for the sustainability of the Toolamba Tennis club</li> <li>• Support development of Oval and sports ground at community hall</li> <li>• Encourage new sports clubs / sports activities- possibly reigniting the Cricket Club</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recreation Reserve &amp; Community Hall Committee</li> <li>• Murchison-Toolamba Football Netball Club</li> <li>• Toolamba Soccer Club</li> <li>• Toolamba Tennis Club</li> </ul>	High
Public transport options are available	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advocate for bus services</li> <li>• Advocate for the return of rail services to / from Toolamba</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greater Shepparton City Council</li> <li>• Vic Roads</li> </ul>	Low
Community Assets are redeveloped and sustainable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advocate for the redevelopment of the Toolamba Community Hall including implementing sustainable energy solutions</li> <li>• Look for development opportunities by the river eg picnic areas, boat ramp improvements</li> <li>• Funding applications for asset maintenance programs such as refencing forest</li> <li>• Advocacy for Toolamba bridge crossing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Community involvement in future decision about existing bridge</li> <li>○ Community involvement in any discussions about a possible new bridge</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recreation Reserve &amp; Community Hall Committee</li> <li>• Greater Shepparton City Council</li> <li>• Parks Victoria</li> <li>• State Member for Shepparton</li> <li>• Federal Member for Nicholls</li> </ul>	Medium-High
Maintenance of footpaths / road edges / drainage is included in planning and budgeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advocate for footpaths including, but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Bridge Road footpath – east side (near Meadow Wood Estate)</li> <li>○ Wren Street/Bridge Road corner footpath</li> <li>○ Old Toolamba Footpath (east side of Toolamba Road to service existing bus stop)</li> <li>○ McNamara Road kerbside and guttering</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greater Shepparton City Council</li> </ul>	Medium
Identified road safety needs are addressed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to advocate with Greater Shepparton City Council for a safe crossing point on Bridge Road near Meadow Wood Estate &amp; Primary School land</li> <li>• Continue to advocate with Vic Roads for road safety / speed signs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greater Shepparton City Council</li> <li>• Vic Roads</li> </ul>	Medium
The growth plan for Toolamba meets community needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continued advocacy for sustainable growth that meets community expectation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Allows for appropriately planned infrastructure;</li> <li>○ Community asset development is considered;</li> <li>○ Land and house development is appropriate.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Continued community involvement in planning &amp; development processes</li> <li>• Support the growth of our Primary School and Kindergarten facilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Advocacy for growth opportunities (support for footprint expansion plans / funding applications)</li> <li>○ Fundraising events as needed for ongoing projects / programs</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Advocate for aged care services / facilities to be based in Toolamba</li> <li>• Continued advocacy for appropriate services &amp; utilities for Toolamba's growth Including but not limited to sewage and water and renewable energy options</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greater Shepparton City Council</li> <li>• State Member for Shepparton</li> <li>• Federal Member for Nicholls</li> <li>• Goulburn Valley Water</li> <li>• Relevant Utilities</li> </ul>	Ongoing
Identify opportunities for emissions reductions and climate change adaptation measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Look for community energy saving opportunities based on successful approaches other communities have implemented such as 'Zero Yackandandah' and working with green community groups</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greater Shepparton City Council</li> <li>• GV Community Energy</li> <li>• Relevant renewable energy businesses</li> </ul>	Low
Ensure accessibility and inclusivity in all that we do	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure facilities and community activities are accessible to those with special needs</li> <li>• Ensure facilities and community activities are inclusive</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greater Shepparton City Council</li> </ul>	Ongoing