

# Nathalia & District Community Plan

December 2018 - December 2023



# Introduction to Community Planning

Have you ever heard someone in your community say that they'd love to see something new in town? A walking track? A mum's group? More events? A market? Have you ever wondered how many other people feel the same way?

Community Planning is about creating a safe space for you and your neighbours to discuss the future of your town, to explore all of those questions and more, and come up with ideas that will make your local area an even stronger, more beautiful, and more inclusive community.

Community Planning isn't about giving Council a wish list, though Council will take on board all of the views and opinions expressed during the process. It's about local people making sustainable change collaboratively, and making good things happen for everyone in their community. After all, a goal without a plan is just a wish. Community Planning is about wrapping realistic strategies around everyone's hopes and dreams so that they can become a reality.



# Nathalia & District

## Who we are:

'We are a thriving community that celebrates and encourages our strengths and diversity, whilst honouring the history of our land and our people.'

## How we do things:

'We are small enough to care and big enough to get things done.'

*Charlotte Wilson*

# Community Voice in Nathalia & District

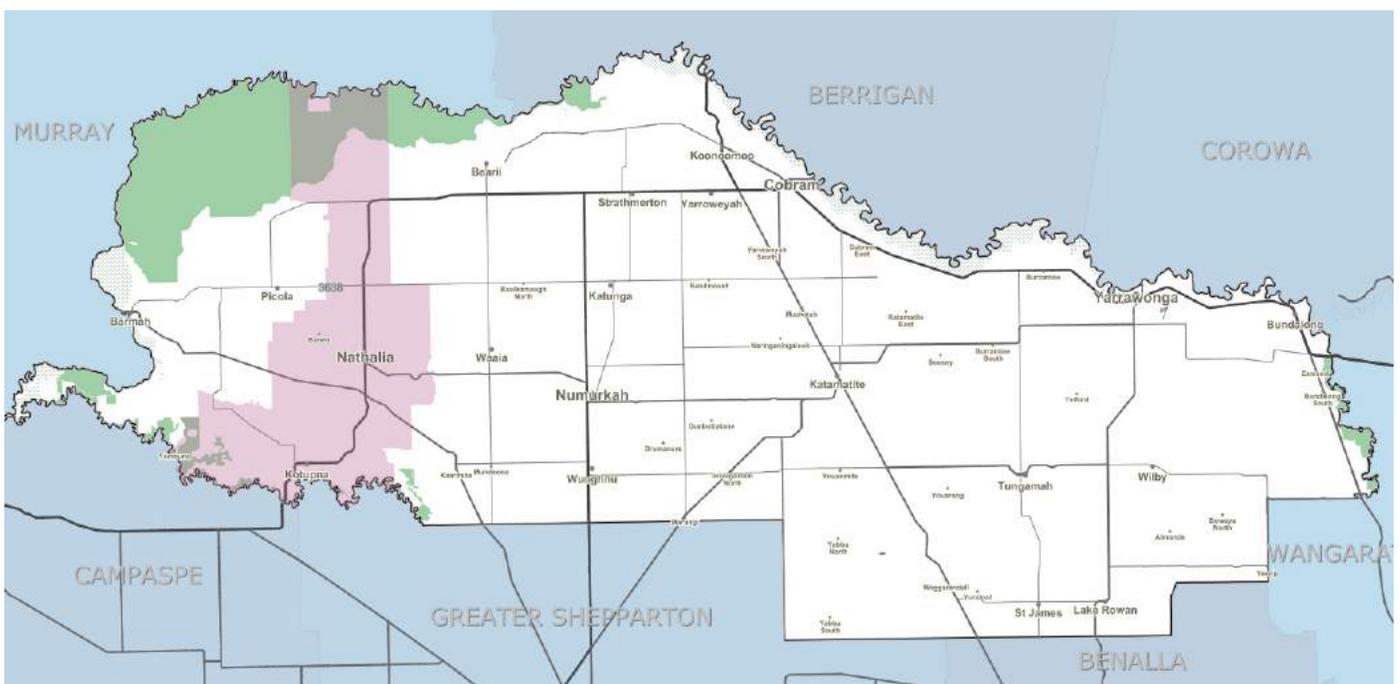
On 22 November 2017, **75 people** joined the Moira Shire Council Community Development team to begin a conversation about creating a plan for the Nathalia & District Community (Nathalia, Kotupna and Yielma). This conversation continued with **25 more people**, at an extra forum on 6 March 2018. As well as finding out what participants loved about their town, we started to get a sense of what would make the town and district even better. The Nathalia & District Community Plan Steering Committee was formed from people at these forums, who submitted an expression of interest to take a leading role in the development of the Community Plan. The Committee consists of Aine McGrath, Amy Cooper, Andrew Franklin, Carolyn Drenen, Julie Tyndall, Kerry-Anne Rappell, Kevin Bourke, Leanne Pell and Samuel James.

## WHAT WE ASKED EVERYONE

- 1 - What do you love about Nathalia & District?
- 2 - What do you want Nathalia & District to be best known for?
- 3 - What do you think would make Nathalia & District an even better place to live, work and play?

The Committee began meeting fortnightly from 19 May 2018 to develop the Community Plan. They ran an online survey through SurveyMonkey from July to September 2018 (see Appendix 1). Paper copies were available through the Red Gum Courier and at the Nathalia Post Office, Nathalia Hospital, Brereton's Bakery, TJ's IGA, Limo's Hardware and the library. Committee members also door knocked and encouraged members of the community to complete a survey. **160 people completed the survey.**

They also worked with Council officers to find out what young people thought by conducting in-school consultations with a total of **110 year 5 to 11 students** from St Francis Primary School, Nathalia Secondary College and St Mary's of the Angels. The information gained from all of these 370 responses is contained in this Community Plan.





# The History of Nathalia

## IN THE PARISH OF BARWO COUNTY MOIRA

It was December 1873 when the first selectors, John Largie Davidson and his mate George O'Malley, arrived in the Parish of Barwo following the Government's amended Land Act of 1869 whereby selectors were able to apply for a plot of 320 acres on the old squatting runs of Upper Moira and Kotupna eventually to pay £1 per acre for the privilege. Broken Creek was the boundary of these two runs and selectors were very quick to claim the best plots along the Creek. Richard Blake in 1874 applied for 3 acres on the south side, on what is today the corner of Blake and Bromley Streets, to set up a saw mill. By 1875 he had applied for a licence to operate a flour mill on this site at Barwo which, by 1876, became the nucleus of the infant township of Nathalia... Where did this name come from? The word itself means "birth", in this case the birth of the township.



At this date Henry Kostadt had already built on his selection on the north side of the Creek his Barwo Hotel which he leased out to Daniel Nicholson and John Van Staveren who also ran a Post Office and Store adjacent to the Hotel. A bridge was built in 1878 over the Broken Creek to unite the two parts of the fledgling township. The Parish of Barwo and the township of Nathalia were going ahead in leaps and bounds by 1879, the year Shepparton, which included Nathalia, seceded from Echuca Shire. Nathalia town allotments on the south east side of the Creek were put up for auction on two separate dates. Barwo School (Nathalia) next to the saw mill, Nicholson's Hotel (Nathalia/Middle) followed by Whitty's Hotel (Court House) were quickly built as were many other commercial enterprises along Blake Street. John Manifold, on his 320 acre selection, opened his blacksmith's shop on the west side of Blake Street gradually selling off portions fronting Blake Street but sold the remainder to William Humberstone, the entrepreneur, who subdivided the land extending the township to both sides of Blake Street.

The 1880s were heady, booming years for the town: the Bridge Hotel, Nathalia Herald, Bank of Victoria, Commercial Bank, Bank of Australasia, Mechanics Institute and Town Hall all came into being; the religious community built their brick edifices – Methodist, Anglican, Presbyterian and Catholic; and Edward Richardson built his flour mill on the



north side of the Creek in readiness for the Railway which arrived in 1888. In 1885 the northern part of the Shepparton Shire, became known as the Numurkah Shire which included Nathalia.

The good times were not to last, the bust years of the early 1890s came all too quickly. Banks began to call in their overdrafts, building societies and financial institutions closed, public companies liquidated and values plummeted. Many in Nathalia went broke, or nearly so, causing much land to change hands and a large exodus of the populace. Those who stayed settled down to "make a go of it".



The new century came in with a drought and as a consequence the long sought after reticulated water system for the town with its new weir (Nathalia), also a Fire Brigade came into being. Lighting for the town was also under discussion. By 1913 a decision was taken to install electricity which was later taken over in 1928 by the Electricity Commission.

The 1914 - 1918 Great War intervened with many of the selectors' sons enlisting to help "the mother country". The towns folk and their country counterparts all joined in to help with aid. Following the war, a Cenotaph was built and an Avenue of Honor of Kurrajong trees was planted in Bromley Street to honor the many young lives lost.

By 1933 irrigation had reached Nathalia giving the farmers more security with their enterprises. Again war



intervened, WW2 in 1939. After the end of WW2 in 1945 this irrigation scheme enabled the Government to buy up some of the 320 farms in the district and subdivide them into sizable dairy farms for the re-settlement of returned soldiers. Once again Nathalia was augmented with many new families. More infrastructure was needed such as high schools and a kindergarten, new roads to cater for school buses and milk trucks. Monuments were added at the Cenotaph and an Avenue of Honor of Poplar trees at the south end of town were planted to honour those who enlisted in WW2. Ultimately our own Shire of Nathalia severed from Numurkah Shire in 1957. The Aboriginal community at Cummeragunga sent their children to live at Maloga (hostel) in the Nathalia township during the week so that they could attend high school. Maloga during the 1970s became a Hostel for Aged Aborigines.

Following the large flood in 1974 the township of Nathalia was levied as a security against future flooding and today boasts the latest technological equipment in levee banking.

Through joint funding by the Nathalia Shire with the Education Department the Nathalia Sports & Community Centre was opened in 1980 which holds a large auditorium cum sports courts, squash courts, various meeting rooms and large kitchen.

Because of its uniqueness the Nathalia Town Centre Precinct came under the National Heritage. It demonstrates many original and early design qualities associated with the civic and commercial development of Blake Street between the 1880s and 1950s and into the 1990s. It is a stylistic mix of predominately Victorian, Federation and Interwar architectural styles that have been built and maintained.

In 1994 the Nathalia Shire was amalgamated into Moira Shire at the Victorian State Government's instigation.

Population numbers have grown with the influx of a variety of people who have chosen to make Nathalia their home or a centre for their business enterprises. Nathalia also boasts its own bank, a branch of the Bendigo Bank, and now its only bank.

Nathalia built its own visitor centre in Blake Street, the Barmah Forest Heritage and Education Centre staffed by Moira Shire, the first port of call for travellers to our area.

Today (2018) the largest employers in the town are Ryan Meat Company, Rex James Stockfeed & Fertilizers, Remax Products, Trans Tank International, Nathalia District Hospital, Barwo Homestead District Hostel for the Aged, T.J's Supermarket and in the education field three primary and three secondary schools.

**Lyn Franklin**

October 2018

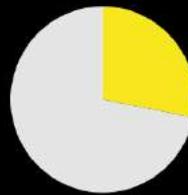


# NATHALIA & DISTRICT POPULATION (3638)

2,074

Female - 1,040

Male - 1,030



Volunteers - 518

## HOUSEHOLDS

797

Family households - 531

Single or lone person households - 246

Group households - 20



## TOP 5 OCCUPATIONS



Managers - 175

Labourers - 154

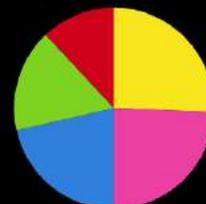
Professionals - 122

Technicians and Trades Workers - 109

Clerical and Administrative Workers - 97

Other - 238

## TOP 5 INDUSTRIES



Supermarket and Grocery Stores - 62

Dairy Cattle Farming - 59

Hospitals (except Psychiatric Hospitals) - 52

Secondary Education - 40

Aged Care Residential Services - 29

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics 2016 Census



“A wonderful town for my children to grow up in. They can walk to and from school.”

“We’re a beautiful looking town full of passionate people. I also love the creek. I think we’ve got the best looking town.”

# A Resourceful Community

The major asset we have in Nathalia and District is most definitely our community! We are a “can do” type of town - if something is needed, we all pitch in, whether it be in times of crisis or times of happiness. Many a thing has been built and started on street stalls.

Our beautiful precinct of the Broken Creek, Blake Street Plantation, and wide main streets, ample parking with shade from the unique Peppercorn and Poplar tree plantings makes our town stand out. The Moira Shire Stage Two Heritage Study (2007, page 207) stated the Blake Street Reserve is “the most striking and aesthetically significant place in the Shire for its urban design which has been created by the thoughtful scale of trees, space, and structures including the avenue of peppercorn trees, poplars, terminated with the War Memorial at the Northern end and the concrete water tower at the Southern end”. We are truly “the jewel in the crown!”

## MAJOR SPORTING GROUPS

- Football - both men’s and women’s, including junior teams
- Netball - not only connected to Football, but night competition
- Basketball
- Cricket - once again, men’s and women’s teams including junior teams
- Tennis - competition and social
- Lawn Bowls - men’s and women’s teams and competition
- Little Athletics
- Lawn Bowls - men’s and women’s teams and competitions
- Golf Club - social and competition
- Canoe Club
- Go Cart Club
- Pony Club
- Angling Club
- Social Walking Group
- Social Bike Riding Group

## OTHER GROUPS

- Lions Club
- Rotary Club
- U3A including Line Dancers and Ukulele Players

- Uncle Bob's Club
- NADDCO
- Men's Shed
- Women's Health Group
- CWA
- Western Moira Tourism
- RSL
- CERT
- Writers Group
- Wildflower Group
- Superb Parrot Group

- Arts and Crafts Group
- Senior Citizens Club
- Fire Brigade
- Historical and Genealogy Group
- Young Farmers
- Nathalia Choir
- Nathalia Welfare Group
- Cemetery Trust
- The G.R.A.I.N. Store
- Probus Group
- Superb Book Reads Bookshop

## SERVICES IN AND AROUND NATHALIA

- Fire Brigade
- CERT
- Police Station
- Hospital and Banawah Nursing Home
- Barwo Homestead (nursing home)

- Community House
- Doctor Surgery
- District Nursing
- Home Help
- Community Car
- Meals on Wheels

## PARKS

- Blake Street Plantation
- Memorial Gardens
- Playground next to Library
- Creek frontage and walking tracks

- Boat ramp on Broken Creek
- Uncle Bob's Park - playground and fishing jetty
- Recreation Reserve

## FACILITIES

- Swimming Pool
- Football Ovals
- Cricket Ovals
- Lawn Bowls Greens
- Tennis Courts
- Netball Courts

- Long Jump run-up and pit
- Library
- Barmah Forest Heritage and Education Centre, including Tourist Information
- Community House

"...the natural beauty, the calm and peaceful surroundings, the strong community vibe, the schools and volunteer organisations..."



Nathalia and District is fortunate to have a comprehensive shopping and business precinct, including a supermarket, bank, hardware store, chemist, bakery, butchers, post office/newsagent, clothes/shoes/gift shop, hairdressers, beauticians, podiatrist, accountants, lawyers, bike shop, electrical sales and services, garages with mechanical repairs and sales, petrol stations, agricultural sales, massage and fitness, cafes, coffee shops, hotels, meals, and the list goes on. It is a vibrant and busy shopping precinct. There are so many more businesses that can be found either on the Facebook page (*Nathalia Noticeboard*), in the Red Gum Courier, or local business calendar.

Our major business employers are Ryan Meat Company, Trans Tank International, Rex James Stockfeed & Fertilizers, Remax Products, schools, hospitals, nursing homes and agriculture, farms, orchards and the new egg farm, Farm Pride. We also have many unique businesses like Nathalia Boarding Kennels and Cattery, which attracts guests from far and wide.

## **FARMING**

- Crops
- Dairy
- Beef
- Sheep
- Fruit
- Chickens and eggs
- Pig
- Flowers
- Worms and bait
- Fodder

## **TRADES**

- Builders
- Plumbers
- Electricians
- Painters
- Gardeners
- Mechanics
- Panel beaters
- Butchers
- Bakers
- Hairdressers

## **SKILLS**

- Fire Brigade
- CERT
- Sports trainers
- Event organisers

## **SCHOOLS**

- Nathalia State Primary School
- Nathalia Secondary College
- St. Francis Primary School
- St. Mary's of the Angels Secondary College
- Glenvale Primary and Secondary Campus
- Nathalia Kindergarten
- Nathalia Early Learning Centre, including a Kindergarten

## **ANNUAL EVENTS**

- Rotary Art Show
- Arts Windows
- Easter Bush Bash
- Nathalia Lawn Tennis Club Easter Tournament
- New Year's Eve Carnival
- Nathalia Agricultural Show
- Red Balloon Day
- Kids Come and Try Fishing Day
- Rotary Show 'n' Shine
- NADDCO Nathalia Main Street Market - first Saturday of every second month
- Nathalia Fire Brigade Motorcycle Show
- Christmas Market - Western Moira Tourism
- All Abilities Fishing Day

# Our Goals - Building Community

## 1. BUILDING COMMUNITY

- 1.1 - Create more activities for children and young people (not necessarily organised sport)
- 1.2 - Create greater awareness around drug and alcohol issues
- 1.3 - Sustain and build on our family friendly events
- 1.4 - Improve the relationship and communication between the Council and the town

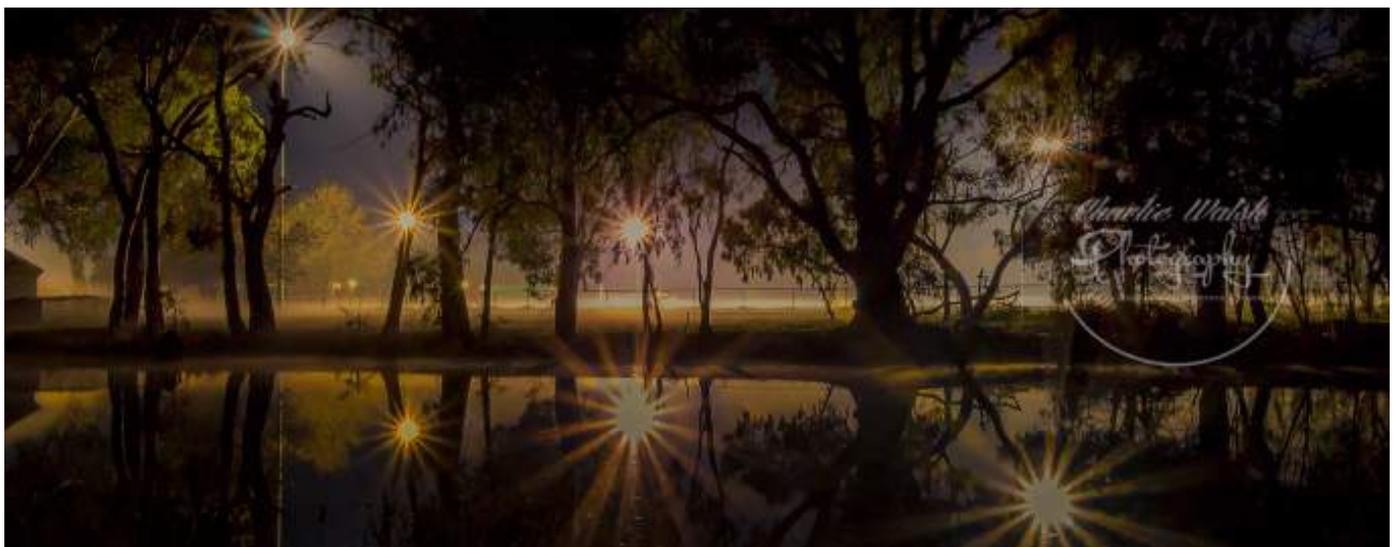
"Everyone looks out for each other."



# Our Goals - Growing Our Economy

## 2. GROWING OUR ECONOMY

- 2.1 - Attract more industry and businesses to Nathalia to create more employment opportunities
- 2.2 - Faster, more reliable internet
- 2.3 - Develop and improve tourism
- 2.4 - A farmers market in the main street at least once a month for fresh food and to attract visitors



# Our Goals - Developing Our Town



"I love the diversity of the town, and how it embraces all walks of life."



## 3. DEVELOPING OUR TOWN

- 3.1 - Create opportunities for expansion of industrial and residential land
- 3.2 - Improve road surfaces throughout the town, including drainage, gutters, footpaths, and foot bridges in town and around the creek
- 3.3 - Build an outdoor gym along the creek
- 3.4 - Provide a facelift to both entrances to town and the plantation
- 3.5 - Improve public transport, including options that work with business hours
- 3.6 - Review public toilet availability in town and the standard of each block
- 3.7 - Increase public perception of security, educate residents about safety, and improve lighting throughout the town

# Our Goals - Protecting Our Environment

## 4. PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT

- 4.1 - Encourage the increased use of solar energy
- 4.2 - Promote natural vegetation around the creek and environment



"We love the creek and the walks, shopping, and bike tracks."





## Responding to Emergencies Big and Small

In the event of a District or Local emergency, a resident or visitor to the Nathalia & District area should listen for regular updates on the ABC Radio, 97.7 FM or ABC Digital Radio, 107.7 FM (Goulburn Valley).

Instructions covering when/where to attend in such an emergency will be made available from Nathalia Community House and Barmah Forest Heritage and Education Centre.

The Nathalia Sports & Community Centre has previously been used as an evacuation centre or meeting point during emergencies, but a different location may be utilised instead.

Signs may also be placed in prominent places including the Police Station, Fire Station, ParksVic office, and roadside along the Murray Valley Highway.

Ongoing information for the Nathalia & District area is available from the Barmah Forest Heritage and Education Centre, such as what do during fire season, or a severe weather event - including who to contact. A Community Noticeboard is also located in the central plantation area alongside the footpath and will display current information about events.

The locally printed and distributed newspaper, the Red Gum Courier, also contains relevant and useful information for the area.

Fire/Ambulance/Police - **call 000 in FIRST INSTANCE and state which service is required:**

- CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) will attend initially if medical assistance is requested, awaiting Ambulance Victoria arrival
- Local CFA will respond to reports of fire, road accidents and other emergencies
- SES (Numurkah) may also attend in response to flood or storm damage

If there is a sewerage emergency occurring on a road or street, contact the Moira Shire Council (After Hours Emergency - 5871 9222). Otherwise call a plumber if on private property.

If power goes out, try contacting your electricity or gas provider.

- Powercor (132 412) - 24 hour service
- Gas Emergency Info (1802 111) - 24 hour service

Local Hospital and clinic:

- Nathalia District Hospital, McDonnell Street, Nathalia  
5866 9444 or [nathalia@humehealth.org.au](mailto:nathalia@humehealth.org.au)
- Nathalia Medical Clinic – Monday to Friday (9am to 5pm)  
5866 9494 or [natclinic@humehealth.org.au](mailto:natclinic@humehealth.org.au)

Defibrillators can be found locally at these locations:

- IGA Supermarket - Blake Street, Nathalia
- Men's Shed - Park Street, Nathalia
- Nathalia Recreation Reserve - Park Street, Nathalia
- Rex James Stockfeed - Murray Valley Highway, Nathalia
- Nathalia Community House Office - Blake Street, Nathalia

Useful addresses and phone numbers:

- Police Station - 66 Blake Street, Nathalia  
5866 3005 – please note, **if you need police presence call 000** as officers may not be in the station
- Fire Station - Weir/Harcourt Streets, Nathalia
- Barmah Forest Heritage and Education Centre - 73 Blake Street, Nathalia  
5866 2289
- Nathalia Community House (Centrelink point) - 44 Blake Street, Nathalia  
5866 2449
- Nathalia Community Centre - Robertson Street, Nathalia  
5866 2795
- Vic Emergency - [emergency.vic.gov.au/respond/](http://emergency.vic.gov.au/respond/)
- Parks Victoria - 71 Blake Street, Nathalia  
131 963

For matters involving local roads/services:

- Moira Shire Council, Cobram  
5871 9222 or [info@moira.vic.gov.au](mailto:info@moira.vic.gov.au)

To report a hazard or make a road/traffic enquiry relating to highways:

- Regional Roads Victoria (133 778)

# Community Consultation Responses

<b>BUILDING COMMUNITY</b> Connected, inclusive and empowered Democratic and engaged Culturally rich and vibrant Reflective and aware Safe and well	Number of mentions at Forums and in Survey	Number of mentions at Youth Consultations	Total mentions
More activities for children and young people (not organised sport) and a Youth Space	17	58	75
Improve social services	6	34	40
Regular family fun days	5	9	14
Make Nathalia a refugee settlement town or provide incentives for people to move to Nathalia	4	9	13
Evening community events on the creek (eg. a regular food festival, Easter Mardi Gras)	3	5	8
Improved relationship between Council and town	7		7
A working, accessible community garden in the main street	6		6
Youth programs to address bullying, mental health, etc.	4		4
A Nathalia History Walk, with map and info posts along the way (interpretive signage)	3		3
Drug rehabilitation centre in Nathalia to help all those people with drug and alcohol issues	1	2	3
More activities for thirty-somethings	3		3
Annual historical event - incorporating the Barmah Forest, muster, dairy industry, etc.	2		2
Inclusive of Indigenous people and people from other countries	2		2
Nurture a live music scene so there are regular live music nights for families and young people	2		2
Outdoor common craft/art place 24/7 and more art activities	2		2
Additional sporting options (eg. gymnastics, horse events)	2		2
Intergenerational programs	2		2
A regular BIG festival for Nathalia targeting tourists and people throughout the Shire	1		1
Establish an Indigenous Education and Culture tour	1		1
Attract more funding from the Government	1		1
Literary/book festival	1		1
Slam poetry or rap competition for the town	1		1
Welcome day for new residents at the Heritage Centre	1		1
The Nathalia Annual Open Gardens Day	1		1

The Nathalia Mud Run or sporting challenge that involves the creek	1		1
A drive to improve volunteerism (target 20 - 40 year olds)	1		1
Language classes for all ages	1		1
More help for small groups to do the paper work	1		1

<b>GROWING OUR ECONOMY</b> Dynamic and diverse local economy	Number of mentions at Forums and in Survey	Number of mentions at Youth Consultations	Total mentions
Attract more industry/businesses to Nathalia for variety	56	63	119
Better internet	5	46	51
More employment opportunities, especially for young people	14	35	49
Develop/improve tourism	14		14
A farmers market in main street at least once a month for fresh food and to encourage visitors	10		10
Extend trading hours of existing shops	5		5
More accommodation options	3		3
Known as an art village - officially or naming Nathalia the 'First Arts Town'	3		3
Create lunch and brunch venues in town for bike riders, weekend tourists, walkers, etc.	1		1

<b>DEVELOPING OUR TOWN</b> Sustainably built and natural environment	Number of mentions at Forums and in Survey	Number of mentions at Youth Consultations	Total mentions
24 hour police station	15	75	90
Better public transport	13	56	69
More residential land/properties	36	13	49
Enhance and promote the education sector in Nathalia	5	35	40
More industrial land and commercial properties	26		26
Improve footpaths throughout Nathalia	26		26
An outdoor gym along the creek	11	15	26
Improve drainage, kerbs and guttering	22		22
Improve surface of main road through town	20		20
Better roads throughout Nathalia	14	6	20
Foot bridge from main town over to cemetery, Uncle Bob's park and easy, safe access to walk around the creek	12	8	20
Improve street lighting throughout Nathalia	19		19
Revamp the public toilets	8	9	17

Upgrade the skate park		17	17
Improve landscaping, add mosaics, water fountains and water feature to plantation	12	3	15
A heated indoor, hydrotherapy pool	10	5	15
Improve signage and landscaping at town entrances	5	6	11
A splash/fun park	4	7	11
Crossing guard for the primary schools	3	7	10
A professionally designed, state of the art, all-abilities playground along the creek or in the median strip	9		9
More public art	9		9
Art on the water tower	9		9
Extend flood protection zone or develop to south of town where still protected from flooding	1	6	7
Improve main bridge	6		6
More community cars, taxis, access to school buses for general community	6		6
Enhance medical services in the town and hospital	6		6
Increase and improve walking tracks, including building a ramp off the walking track at Bourke Road	5		5
Improve the parking near the schools	3	2	5
Retirement village and increase beds available in aged care	5		5
Camping facilities along the creek with basic facilities (toilets)	4		4
Refurbish Community Centre	4		4
Build a BBQ near the boat ramp	3		3
Truck parking facility, including toilets	3		3
Wheelchair access to shops in main street	2		2
Beautify northern end of town	2		2
Improve levee banks	2		2
Extend opening hours of pool	2		2
Dog park	2		2
More outside seating	2		2
Recharge stations	2		2
Memorial garden to remember Nathalia people who have passed away		2	2
Take out roundabout and make it a set of traffic lights	1		1
Public toilet facilities on the north side of town	1		1
Fix the domestic bulk water supply on Blake Street service road properly so that vehicle access along the service road is possible	1		1
Improve public amenity by reducing the noise of grain trucks and other vehicles at night	1		1

Better freight service	1		1
Freshen architecture	1		1
Bike track around town including old rail trail	1		1
Develop an attractive estate around the hospital area	1		1
Increase hospital gym hours	1		1
Double language signage (English and Yorta Yorta)	1		1
PA cabling sites along Weir Street	1		1
Improve the exterior of the schools	1		1

<b>PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT</b> Sustainably built and natural environment	Number of mentions at Forums and in Survey	Number of mentions at Youth Consultations	Total mentions
Clean up the creek	11		11
Increase use of solar energy	5		5
More trees/tree reserves	4		4
Manage the forest	1		1
Clean up of Go Cart track and Rifle Range	1		1

# Implementing Our Plan

## WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP

The Nathalia & District Community acknowledges the importance of working together with all community, Government, business and industry group stakeholders who have an interest in the content of this plan, to effectively achieve the goals identified.

## Our Review Process

The Community Planning Steering Committee will be monitoring the plan following the schedule below:

### AFTER FIRST 6 MONTHS

- Monitor progress of projects
- Support and assist implementation of projects

### EVERY 12 MONTHS

- Evaluation/review of priority projects
- Completion of priority projects
- Reconsider existing projects and make new priorities
- Include newly identified projects or changing priorities

### AFTER 5 YEARS

- Full Review of Community Plan
- Community consultation
- Revise/update Community Plan

## Who to Contact for More Information

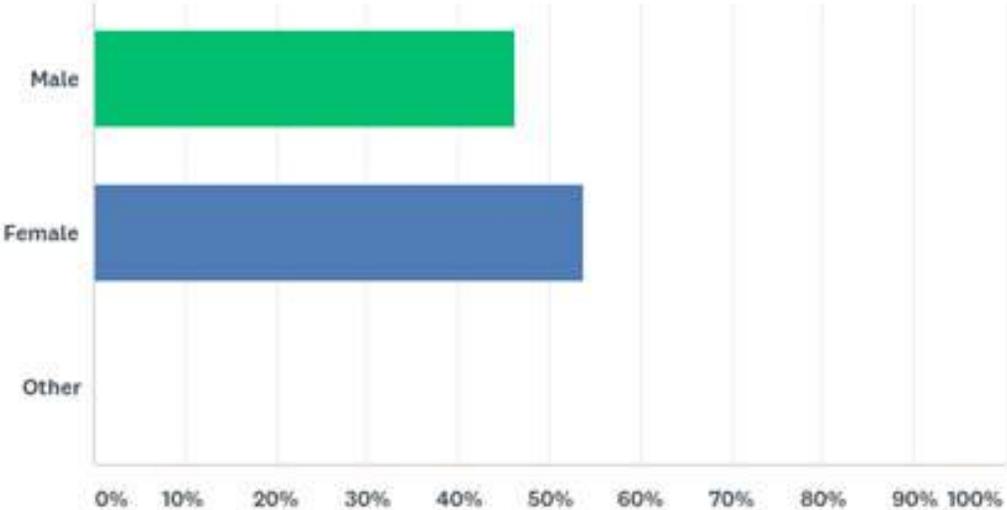
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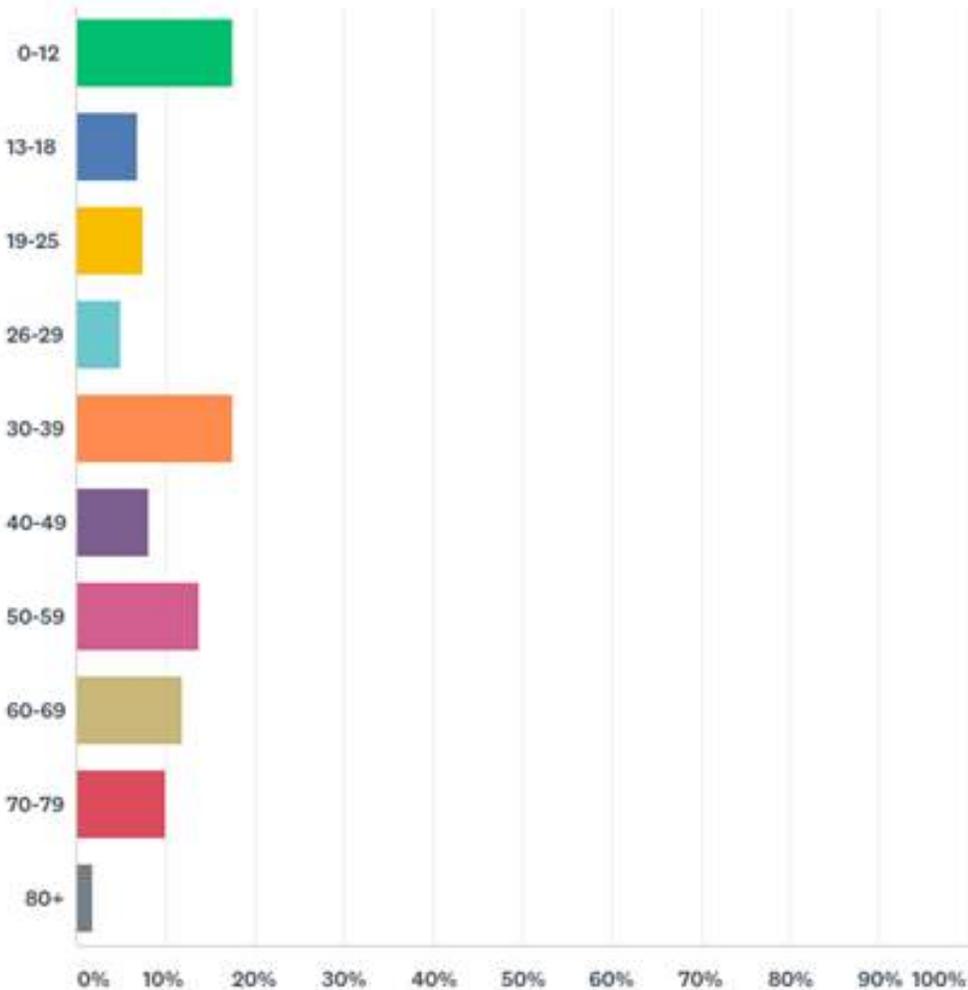
"I love the great community feel. I love the friendliness of the people, shop owners, etc. I love the laid back feel with the creek winding its way through the middle of the town and how you often see visitors and locals picnicking by the creek."

# Appendix 1: Summary of Survey Responses

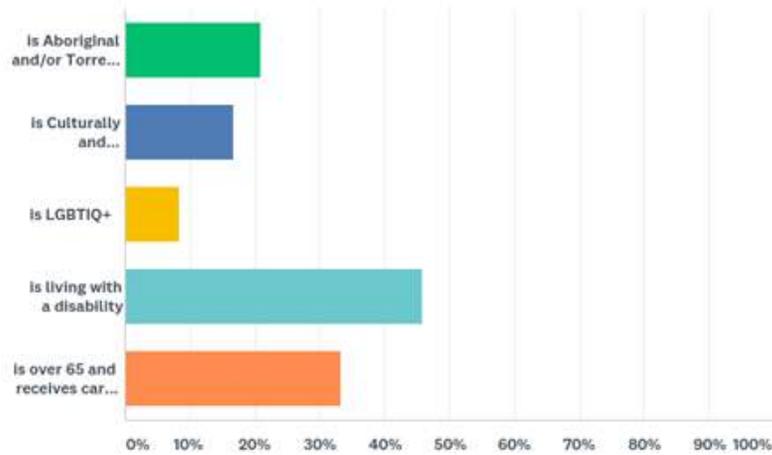
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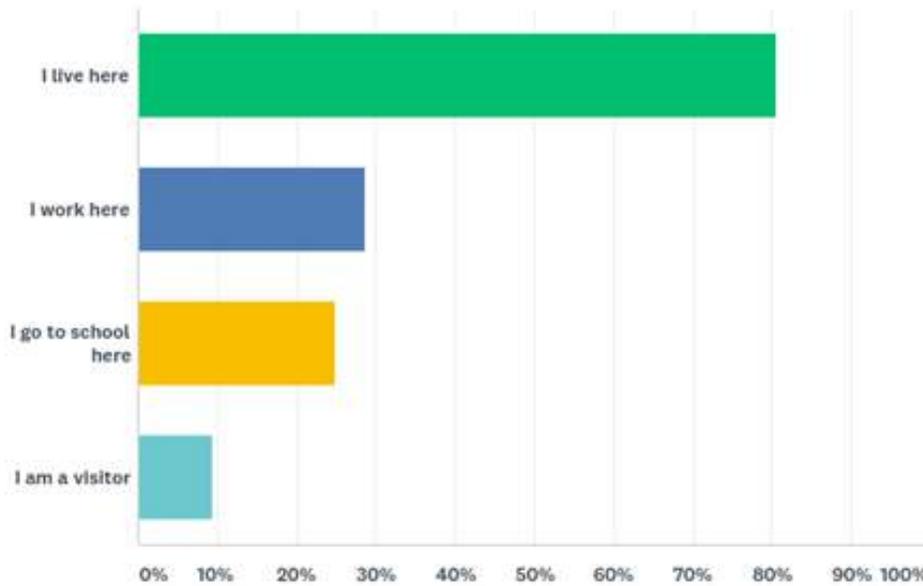


Q3 This question is optional and does not apply to everyone. To ensure everyone is included please let us know if you are a person who: (select all that apply)



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
3634	0.00% 0
3635	0.63% 1
3636	1.25% 2
3637	4.38% 7
3638	80.00% 128
3639	1.25% 2
3640	0.63% 1
3641	0.00% 0
3644	0.63% 1
3646	0.00% 0
3649	0.00% 0
3675	0.00% 0
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3727	0.00% 0
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3730	0.63% 1
Other (please specify)	Responses 10.63% 17
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>160</b>

Q5 How are you involved in Nathalia & District? (select all that apply)



Q6 Please list what you love about Nathalia & District? and Why?

Country Town Netball Club Arts Heritage Centre Climate Natural Beauty  
 Walking Tracks Love the Sense of Community Quiet Size  
 Facilities Little Town Friendly Life Creek Trees  
 School Lifestyle Small Town Sporting Groups  
 Community Spirit Close Knit Community Opportunities  
 Older People Grain NYE Carnival Strong Think

Q7 What do you want Nathalia & District to be best known for?

Lifestyle Sporting Facilities Caring Ability Young History Arts Proximity  
 Safe Forest Community Affordable Town Jobs Place  
 Good Housing Friendly Footy Creek Lots Activities District  
 Local Events Holidays

## Appendix 2: Book List for Nathalia & District

- Recollections of Squatting in Victoria by Edward M. Curr 1841 - 1851 (background reading)
- Mister Maloga by Nancy Cato 1864 - 1902 (background reading)
- A History of Nathalia Shire – The Good Helmsmen by Gillian Hibbins (1977)
- Nathalia's History in Print 1884 Onwards (out of print)
- Times Have Changed by Nathalia Secondary College (1991) (out of print)
- History of the Nathalia Urban Fire Brigade 1902 - 2002 by Val Kenelley
- Spirit of Care – Nursing Medical & Hospital History of Nathalia Shire 1876 - 1990 by Noreen Lenehan, Bev Hutchins, Joan Harding & Judy Ormond
- The Nathalia & Lower Moira Agricultural, Pastoral & Horticultural Association 1888 - 1994 by Committee
- Memories and History of Nathalia Secondary College 1919 - 2009 by Lyn Loger & Marion Oakes
- Presbyterians in Action by K. A. Raulings 1878 - 1977 (out of print)
- Holy Trinity Nathalia – One Hundred Years 1887 - 1987, forward by Rev. John Price
- St. Mary's Church Nathalia 1892 - 1992 compiled by Theresa Williams
- Nathalia Methodist Circuit 1877 - 1977 – 100 Years of Christian Service compiled by Jim Sandow (out of print)
- 100 Years of Strawberry Fêtes & Festivals 1908 - 2008 (Anglican), forward by Rev. Brad Kemister
- Memories of Barwo West & Barwo West State School No. 2221 by Judy Ormond (1996)
- The Blockies (WW2), published by the Barmah Forest Heritage & Education Centre (2016)
- Kids Ponies Joddies & Tack 1961-2011 (Pony Club), compiled by Nancy Smith with Frances Corry & Edna Chandler (2011)
- Botanica Nathalia by Joan Harding (2016)
- Flora of the Nathalia District & Barmah Forest by Nathalia Wildflower Group (1999)
- A Nathalia Local Flora Garden by One of its Inhabitants 2003 by Lyn Loger
- When Our Little Bit is Done – Nathalia at Home and Abroad During WW1 by Cameron Lancaster
- Courage by the Dozen (WW1) by Julie Gross McAdam
- Pioneers of Nathalia and District – Volumes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 by Nathalia & District Historical
- Society (Pioneer Series available at the Barmah Forest Heritage & Education Centre) 1985 - 2000
- Official Launch of the Town Clock by Lyn Loger (2018)

Copies of all above books held by Nathalia & District Historical Society and some held by Goulburn Valley Libraries - Nathalia Branch.

### BOOKS FROM THE OUTER DISTRICT OF NATHALIA

- Back to Narioka & District (Barmah East State School, Lower Moira State School, Wakiti State School) 1876 - 1976 by Committee
- Back to Bearii 1993 by Merinda Kliszka
- Spanning the Years – Barmah Town & School by Ron Hood (1996)
- Barmah Chronicles by Gillian Hibbins (1991)
- Barmah Forest – A History by Charles Fahey (1988)
- Timber Workers of the Barmah Forest by Nerelie Teese & Leigh Wright 2009

- Reminiscences - The Little Village (Barmah) by Bil Ludby (1988) (manuscript form)
- 125 Years Mustering on the Barmah & Yielima Commons by Judy Ormond (2018)
- Picola Hall 1900 - 2010 by Jeanette Holland
- By-Gone Days of Picola West by Grace Broom, Noreen Lenehan, Cameron Lancaster, Stan Vale (1986)
- Picola North – Yielima West by Cameron Lancaster (1984)
- Yalca – A brief History of Wesleyan Methodist Church 1881-1901; Methodist Church 1901 - 1977
- Uniting Church 1977 - 2012 by Lynette Franklin
- The Kotupna School & District Centenary 1878 - 1978 by Committee
- Kotupna School & District 1978 - 1985 by Committee
- A Place: The Story of Kaarimba Hall by Adrian Twitt (2000)
- Memories of Barwo West & Barwo West State School No. 2221 by Judy Ormond (1996)
- St. Paul's Wakiti – 100 Years of Worship 1895 - 1995 by Joan Harding
- Bushland Treasures & Flora of the Yambuna & Wakiti Districts by the Nathalia Wild Flower Group (2015)
- Simpson's Punt on the Goulburn River Yambuna by Phillip Guascoine (manuscript form) (2016)
- Waaia Primary School Centenary 1890 - 1990 by Committee
- Local Aboriginal History – Goulburn Murray Region by Lola E. Twentyman 2003

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### **BOOKS BY LYNETTE E. FRANKLIN**

- Nathalia Cemetery Walk Series:
  - Some Pioneers Who Made Their Mark on the District of Nathalia
  - Grave Symbols and Their Meanings
  - Notables & Links
  - Mishaps & Misdoings
- McCoy's Bridge 1876 Onwards (2009)
- Yalca – A Brief History of Wesleyan Methodist Church 1881 - 1901; Methodist Church 1901 - 1977; Uniting Church 1977 - 2012
- An Aboriginal Genealogy – Bass Straitsmen and their Aboriginal Wives – The Briggs Family (2014)

Copies of above books available at the Barmah Forest Heritage and Education Centre.

### **IN MANUSCRIPT FORM BY LYNETTE E. FRANKLIN AT THE NATHALIA & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

- Nathalia Cemetery 1880 - 1915
- History of the Bridge Hotel, Nathalia
- History of the Court House Hotel, Nathalia

Information supplied by Lyn Franklin.



"Nathalia has its own identity but is within reach of larger centres such as Shepparton, Echuca, Cobram. An affordable place to live for families with every facility you could possibly need."

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