



# **TUNGAMAH COMMUNITY PLAN**

**2018-2023**

# Introduction

From August 2017 to September 2017 every member of the community was invited to have their say on:

1. What they love about Tungamah?
2. What is their hope for Tungamah?
3. What would they like to see happen in Tungamah?
4. What they wanted Tungamah to be known for?

From this the initial Tungamah Community Plan was created.

## Purpose of this Plan

Community planning is about local community members coming together to shape the future.

Community planning gives the Tungamah community greater ownership of the plans that affect the area and empowers local people to play an active role in what happens in the town in which they live.

The Tungamah community believes that local people are always the best source of knowledge and wisdom about their surroundings. The community's participation, desire to contribute and their local knowledge as a community member plays a significant role in decision making, implementing actions and ultimately achieving a great future.

This community plan aims to:

- Ensure that residents have a shared vision, view and understanding of the town's priorities.
- Develop priorities that are focused on sustainable outcomes that are implementable.
- Reflect a community planning process based on the values of democracy, trust, equity, social justice, openness, mutual respect, collaboration and inclusion.
- Recognise that community members have the desire and knowledge to contribute to decision making in their community.
- Recognise that communities want to be worked with rather than worked on by all sectors in which they engage.





## Our Vision

**Tungamah** is a vibrant rural community where **families** thrive in a **friendly** environment and visitors are **welcome** to **enjoy** our assets – old and new.



# History

Tungamah was named after an Aboriginal word thought to mean wild brush turkey. The township was gazetted in 1875, when pastoral runs were being made available for closer settlement. In 1876 a school was opened, and within seven years Tungamah was described as a flourishing village with a post office, three stores and two banks. In 1884, Tungamah had five stores and five hotels.

In 1886 the railway line connected Tungamah to Benalla and Yarrawonga, and Tungamah's population reached its peak in a few years. The railway, however, enabled local farmers to transfer their spending to the bigger towns, and Tungamah's population began a slow decline. A bustling town in its heyday, locals have been passionate with preserving its history.

A heritage walk brochure freely available, gives visitors a meander around the town with heritage interpretive boards depicting former heritage sites and buildings. On 18 November 1994, the Tungamah Shire was amalgamated into the Moira Shire Council.



*Tungamah 10,000*



*Tungamah  
Cenotaph*

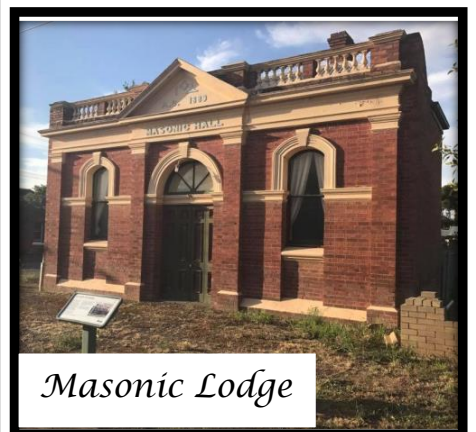




# *Tungamah History Photos*



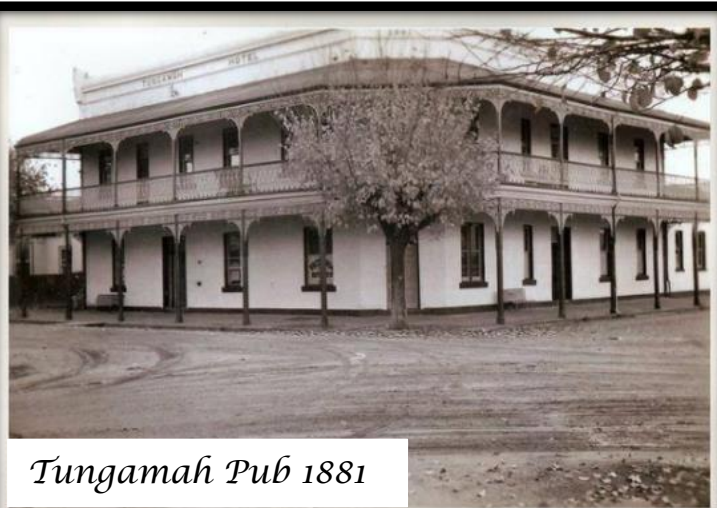
*Wagon of beer, Tungamah - Boosey United Football Club won the 1886 premiership!*



*Masonic Lodge*



*Old Bakery*



*Tungamah Pub 1881*



*Former Post Office*



*Courthouse Museum*



# Our Community Assets

## Groups and Clubs

- Tungamah Bowling Club
- Tungamah Football and Netball Club
- Tungamah Tennis Club
- Gym – Police and Citizens Youth Club
- Tungamah Senior Citizens Club
- Tungamah Lions Club
- Tungamah Leos
- Tungamah Social Club
- Tungamah Historical Society
- Tungamah (Tharranbegga) Cemetery Trust
- Tungamah Darts Club
- Tungamah 8 Ball Team
- Burramine Tungamah Landcare Group

## Businesses

- Tungamah Post Office
- Tungamah Garage
- Tungamah General Store
- Tungamah Hotel
- Central Murray Credit Union
- Sand and Gravel Businesses
- Northern Vic Ammo Supplies
- Agricultural Farming Businesses
- Cuss Bus Lines
- Moira Independent



## Services

- CFA
- Tungamah Kindergarten
- Tungamah Primary School
- Tungamah Police Station
- Catholic Church
- Uniting Church
- Moira Shire Council Depot
- Moira Shire Council Immunisation
- GV Library Mobile Bus
- Tungamah Museum

## Parks and Facilities

- Soldiers Memorial Hall
- RV Friendly Free Camping Area
- Service Centre
- Lions Park
- Saunders Park
- Courthouse
- Masonic Lodge
- Boyd Street Reserve



*Community  
Planning BBQ*





# What we love about Tungamah

## Community & Recreation

Peaceful/quiet  
Friendly, helpful & small community  
Community spirit  
Great people  
Lovely little town  
Activities/facilities for young and old  
Country lifestyle  
School & Kindergarten  
Sports Clubs

## Tourism & Economy

Welcoming  
General Store  
Tungamah Hotel  
Post Office  
Sports facilities  
Local Garage  
Proximity to other towns  
RV Friendly Town

## Infrastructure & Development

Rural setting  
Surrounded by Boosey Creek  
Nature reserves  
Native birds and animals  
History  
Historic buildings

## Heritage & Environment

Affordable real estate  
Beautiful Boosey Creek



# Who we are

Families – 7,579  
Total Male – 14,514  
Total Female – 14,598  
Volunteers – 5,892

## Moira Shire population

29,112

## Tungamah population

211  
Female

197  
Male

408

106  
volunteers



### 160 Households

113 Family Households  
44 Single/Lone person households  
3 Group households

## Employment

Work full time - 95  
Work part time - 51  
Away from work - 11  
Unemployed - 11

## Top 5 Occupations

- Managers
- Labourers
- Machinery operators & drivers
- Sales
- Community & personal services

## Top 3 Industries

- Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing
- Retail Trade
- Manufacturing

# Where we are



Tungamah



# Our Plan

## COMMUNITY & RECREATION



**GOAL 1:** Tungamah is a happy, friendly and united community proud of its country feel

**GOAL 2:** Tungamah is an active and connected community with sustainable facilities

### PRIORITIES

- Have a safer community with drugs removed and more police presence
- Increase enrolments at Kindergarten and Primary School
- Day care/after school care
- Mothers Group
- More activities for youth – skate park and youth club
- Men's shed/ladies craft group
- More sporting options
- Splash Park/ Playground equipment
- Walking/bike track
- BMX/dirt bike track

### MEASURES OF SUCCESS

- Diverse community and sporting activities delivered
- Sustainable services and facilities maintained and updated
- Redeveloped recreation reserve / sporting precinct
- Safe town



## TOURISM & ECONOMY



**GOAL 1:** Tungamah is a destination that people plan to visit

**GOAL 2:** Tungamah has progressive, diverse and resilient businesses

### PRIORITIES

- Improve tourism and tourism facilities and activities
- Promote and upgrade the Lions Park
- Paint the silos
- Promote Tungamah as a tourist destination
- Support the existing businesses/services/shops
- Have more shops and businesses in Tungamah
- Community events – Mud Run, Hot Rods, Community BBQs

### MEASURES OF SUCCESS

- Existing businesses/shops/services maintained
- New businesses/shops have opened
- Inclusive and diverse community events delivered annually
- Increase/improve tourism attractions



*Tungamah  
Lions Park*







## INFRASTRUCTURE & DEVELOPMENT

**GOAL 1:** Tungamah is an attractive, well planned and safe town

**GOAL 2:** Tungamah is a thriving place for people to live, build their homes and raise their families

### PRIORITIES

- Encourage more people to live here
- Jubilee Recreation Reserve upgraded
- Subdivision of affordable lots
- Streetscape works/beautification of Tungamah
- Streetlights
- Footpaths
- Public transport – better bus service to Yarrawonga
- Hospital
- Aged facility

### MEASURES OF SUCCESS

- Streetscape and town beautification works completed
- Public transport needs identified and implemented
- Population has grown
- More houses built



*Tungamah Primary School*

*Mechanics Institute  
Memorial Soldiers Hall*



## HERITAGE & ENVIRONMENT

**GOAL 1:** Tungamah is a clean and tidy town where the community preserves its history and nature

### PRIORITIES

- Restore the creek, more fish in the waterways
- Promotion and restoration of historical buildings
- Green waste collection

### MEASURES OF SUCCESS

- The creek is restored with more fish in the waterways
- Sustainable heritage buildings restored and promoted
- Active green waste collection



# Community Planning Process

Community Planning involves a number of stages. The end goal is to come up with a Community Plan that captures the shared vision for the community, with actions that are realistic, sustainable and can be implemented over a period of time.

Below is a summary of the steps and the process involved in the development of this plan.





# Implementation of the Plan

## Working in partnership

The Tungamah 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.

## Review Process

Achievement of these priority actions will need continued community support and strong partnerships with all stakeholders, to make implementation of the plan a reality.

The community is committed to work co-operatively and taking a whole of community view on how it approaches the initiatives and projects it pursues from the plan.

Throughout the development of this plan it is acknowledged that:

- The plan needs to complement and have a strong link with existing groups
- The plan contains a considerable number of key goals, some of which are short term and others that can only be achieved over a longer timeframe
- The plan will be regularly reviewed to ensure it reflects changes, achievements and new priorities as they occur
- The Tungamah Community Committee will be entrusted with providing leadership and facilitating further action with Moira Shire Council and other stakeholders
- Appropriate amendments and updates to the community plan will be made to ensure that it remains current and reflects any significant changes in the community.

## 6 months

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

## 12 months

- Evaluation / Review of priority projects
- Completion of priority projects
- Upgrade existing projects as priorities
- Include newly identified projects or changing priorities

## 5 years

- Review community plan
- Community consultation
- Revise / update community plan

### *Tungamah Tennis Club*



# Emergency Management

## Municipal Emergency Management Plan

The Moira Shire Municipal Emergency Management Plan addresses the prevention of, response to and recovery from emergencies within the Shire.

The economic and social effects of emergencies including loss of life, destruction of property and dislocation of communities are inevitable. Moira Shire Council has been subjected to emergencies throughout its history that have resulted in damage to property and disruption to the community.

Coping with hazards gives the reason and focus for planning. Hazards exist within all communities whether they are recognised or not. The priority in an emergency is to provide timely support to the affected community and to ensure the social and economic impact is minimised.

To ensure Moira Shire Council has appropriate management strategies for all emergencies the Shire has prepared a Municipal Emergency Management Plan (MEMP) in accordance with the requirements of Section 20(1) of the Emergency Management Act 1986 and the Emergency Management Act 2013.

Moira Shire Council is committed to working in partnership with the community, emergency services, and other agencies and management authorities, to prevent and minimise the occurrence of emergency events and their impact on community wellbeing, including social, economic, and the natural and built environments.

The Plan has been prepared to be consistent with and should be read in conjunction with the Emergency Management Manual Victoria at; <http://www.emv.vic.gov.au/policies/emmv/>

The plan can be downloaded via the Council website at [http://www.moira.vic.gov.au/Emergency\\_Management](http://www.moira.vic.gov.au/Emergency_Management)

Other Useful Websites:

[www.emergency.vic.gov.au](http://www.emergency.vic.gov.au)

[www.emv.vic.gov.au](http://www.emv.vic.gov.au)

[www.ses.vic.gov.au](http://www.ses.vic.gov.au)

[www.cfa.vic.gov.au](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au)

[www.redcross.org.au](http://www.redcross.org.au)



*Tungamah Grain Silos*



*Tungamah  
Kindergarten*





## For more Information



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Tungamah Kickstart



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- Municipal Strategic Statement incorporating the Small Town Strategy
- Recreation Strategy
- Economic Development Strategy

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**Crural**  
**Creek**  
**friendly**  
**activities**  
**community**  
**facilities**  
**safe**  
**birds**  
**united**  
**clubs**  
**history**  
**peaceful**  
**helpful**  
**nature**  
**businesses**  
**welcoming**  
**lifestyle**  
**Boosey**

