

# Katamatite Community Plan

August 2017 - August 2022



# Introduction

From April 2017 to May 2017 every member of the community was invited to have their say and was asked:

- 1. What do you love about Katamatite?
- 2. What is your hope for Katamatite's future?
- 3. If you could choose one thing or project to happen in your community what would it be?
- 4. What do you want Katamatite to be known for?
- 5. Would you like to be part of implementing specific projects

From this the initial community consultation for the Katamatite Community Plan was created.

# **Our Vision**

A vision is a statement that is about where you believe you will be in the future and not about where you are at present.

Committee members were presented with the community's vision from the community forum. There were common themes identified including the town being progressive, attractive and connected. From the community forum inputs, the vision statement below was presented and adopted by the committee:

# 'Katamatite is a growing, attractive and thriving community where our people work together in building our greatest community assets and values.'

# Purpose of this plan

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

It gives the Katamatite 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.



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 plays a significant role in decision making, implementing actions and ultimately a great future.

This community plan aims to:

- Ensure that Katamatite residents have a shared vision, view and understanding of Katamatite'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.



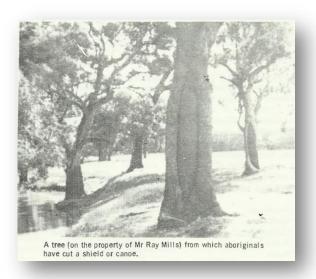




# History & Background of Katamatite

#### Aboriginal History

Katamatite is a small rural township of 433 people located 229 km north of Melbourne and 50 km north-east of Shepparton, located in Moira Shire local government area on the Tocumwal-Benalla Road approximately 11 kilometres South West of Cobram.



Canoe trees, old cooking sites and the discovery of stone implements stand as testimony to the occupation of this area by Aborigines prior to white settlement.

Aboriginal Place name for Katamatite (Catamatiet or Catamateet) - name of a creek (Katamatite, The First 100 Years 1876-1976 by Ada Rudd).

Norman B. Tindale compiled a map of Tribal Boundaries in Aboriginal Australia 1974. This map shows that the Katamatite area was part of the territory of the Kwat Kwat Tribe (also known as the Emu Mudjug Tribe). (archives.samuseum.sa.gov.au).

Kenn Rogers in his book "The Story of Cobram, 2002" (page 3) talks about the Bangerang (also known as Pangerang) Tribe and suggests that the KWAT KWAT could have been a 'series of lesser tribes but broadly of the Bangerang people'.

Kevin Atkinson of the Bangerang Nation was told by his Elders that the KWAT KWAT were a sub- tribe of the Bangerang Nation. Kevin presented the 'Welcome To Country' at Katamatite's first 'Big Day Out in A Little Town' Event in 2015.

More information on local Aboriginal history can be obtained by visiting the Bangerang Cultural Centre at 1 Evergreen Way Shepparton or by checking out their (bangerang.org.au).

#### Katamatite Timeline - First 50 years\*

- 1841 Squatter Edward Knull took up the 'Tallygaroopna' run. It was on this land that Katamatite would later develop.
- 1848 A subdivision saw the future town site become part of the 'Katandra' run.
- 1874 The township of Katamatite was surveyed by S. K Vickery.
- 1876 Settlers began to arrive.



- 1878 a Post Office opened within Moore's Hotel & the first school opened
- 1879 a bridge was built over the Boosey Creek
- 1881 a Bank Agency of the Bank of Australasia, Yarrawonga opened, the first mounted policeman was stationed here and a weir commenced.
- 1882 the first Wesleyan Church was built by this year and the first race meeting held
- 1885 the Race Course was gazetted and Katamatite was proclaimed a Township
- 1890 Katamatite Dookie Tramway (Railway), the first train arrived in Katamatite in April of this year
- 1891 Mechanics Hall opened
- 1910 new sale yards erected
- 1929 Katamatite had a Cottage Hospital by this year

\*"Katamatite -The First 100 Years 1876-1976" by Ada Rudd - Available at Katamatite Historical Society)

The Katamatite Recreation Reserve is a popular social and recreational focal point for locals and visitors.

The Katamatite Tigers football team competes in the Picola & District Football League. The team received publicity and notoriety back in 1925, when they defeated Wattville 78.19 (487) to 1.3 (9), in an attempt to win the minor premiership on percentage from Dookie.

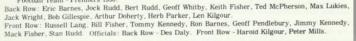
Katamatite Cricket Club continue a proud 135+ year history (the earliest *recorded* game being played in 1882, though the Katamatite club had been established by the early settlers some time before that). Still





Premiership team in 1911 was:- Stan Barber (Capt.), Jim Heynes (V.C.), B. McCabe, B. Sandman, G. Lynch, A. Charles, R. Richardson, M. Timothy, R. Tait, L. Sandman, W. Richardson, J. Campbell, C. Tait, W. Forestal, G. Heynes, H. Sidebottom and L. Barber.





run entirely by volunteers, the Club its curates own turf wicket, provides clinics to the local primary school, hosts weekly community teas (also facilitating the Katamatite Community Social Foundation) and fields junior and senior teams in the Murray Valley Cricket Association competitions throughout the summer season.

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# **Our Community Assets**

#### Groups

- Katamatite Indoor Bowling Club
- Katamatite Football Club
- Katamatite Netball Club
- Katamatite Cricket Club
- Katamatite Tennis Club
- Old Time Dancing
- Katamatite Darts Club
- Katamatite Lions Club
- Katamatite Community Social Foundation
- Katamatite Historical Society
- Muckatah Landcare Group
- Katamatite Community Action Group
- Katamatite Craft Group
- Planned Activity Group (senior citizens)
- Katamatite Cemetery Trust
- Katamatite Recreation Reserve
   "Trust" Committee of Management
- Katamatite Ladies Committee

#### Services

- Town water
- Electricity
- NBN
- Churches
- Police Station
- CFA
- Post Office
- Pre School & Kindergarten
- Primary School
- Katamatite Hall
- Margaret Barnes Family Day Care









#### Parks & Facilities

- CR Wood Park
- Broken Boosey State Park
- Dookie-Katamatite Rail Line Bushland Reserve
- Katamatite Lions Memorial Park Rest Area
- Katamatite Public Hall
- Katamatite Recreation Reserve
- Public toilet at CR Wood Park
- BBQ at Lions rest stop (on Boosey Creek)
- Parks/playgrounds

















#### **Businesses**

- Katamatite Bazaar
- Katamatite Garlic
- Just the ends Hairdressing
- Pumps & Pipes by Rod Crawford
- Katamatite General
   Store
- Central Climate Cooling
- K & R Irrigation
- Mongrel Gates
- Boosey Creek Cheese
- Boosey Creek Café and Function Room
- The Digger Man
- Block Slashing
- Franks Small Engine Repairs
- Katamatite Post Office
- Real Estate Contact
- Katty East Engineering
- Shannon Pool Rural
   Fencing Contractor

















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# What do you love about KATAMATITE?

Community /Social	<ul> <li>Nice People/Community Spirit/Welcoming/Friendly</li> <li>Quiet and Safe town</li> <li>Sport/Football /Cricket/Netball Club – Rec Reserve</li> <li>It's Small / Small town feel</li> <li>School and Kindergarten</li> <li>Community Events</li> <li>Service Clubs</li> <li>Local Policeman</li> </ul>
Tourism, Economy and Industry	<ul> <li>Location</li> <li>Katamatite Bazaar</li> <li>Cafe</li> <li>Mini Opera House Church – Anglican Church</li> <li>Police Paddock</li> <li>Small businesses in main street</li> <li>Mud Brick Museum</li> <li>Hairdresser</li> <li>Post Office</li> <li>Local Services</li> <li>River Walks</li> </ul>
Infrastructure and Development	<ul><li>Affordable real estate</li><li>Wide main street</li></ul>
Environment	<ul> <li>Creek /Bird Life</li> <li>Local bushland</li> <li>The rural nature</li> <li>Countryside</li> </ul>

# HO ARE WE



# 164 Households

- Family households 127
- Lone person households 32
- Group households 3

## How we travel to work

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#### 103 Car

- Walking
- Truck
  - Motorbike/scooter



#### Industry of Employment

- 30 Dairy Cattle Farming
- 29 Sheep, Beef Cattle and Grain Farming
- 13 Dairy Product Manurfacturing
- xx Local Government
- x Supermarket& Groceries

# Education



- 5 Pre-School
- 39 Primary School
- 23 Secondary Education
- 9 Technical or Further Education
- 10 University or Other Tertiary 34 Other/not stated

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics 2011 Census

391 Australia 16 United Kingdom New Zealand 3 Croatia 3 Italy 13 Other

# Employment

Katamatite

population

245

45 years old

182

Countries of Birth

Unemployed 10 Away from work 19 Full time 122 Part time 63

### **Our Plan**

#### **COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL**

#### **KEY GOALS**

- We are a friendly, caring, happy, safe and welcoming community proud of our quiet small town and country feel.
- We are a vibrant community where our people are connected, united and working together towards the greater good of the town.
- We are an inclusive community where people have opportunities to participate in with inclusive community events, activities and sustainable community services and facilities that support our basic needs.

#### **PRIORITIES**

- Town branding focusing on Katamatite's features
- Local community groups working with each other more collaboratively
- Community events that are more diverse and inclusive
- Community activities that are more diverse and inclusive
- Maintain and improve existing services and encourage sustainable services
- Access to more divers recreation and social activities for all ages

- More people become aware of Katamatite, its community assets and values
- Community engagement in social media increased overtime
- Visitor surveys indicate they visited Katamatite because of branding efforts
- Increased participation and collaboration amongst community groups increase in collaborative projects are delivered
- More inclusive, diverse and regular community events are seasonally delivered every year
- More inclusive, diverse and regular community activities are seasonally delivered annually
- Sustainable community services and facilities are maintained, improved and progressed
- Feasibility studies on facilities

#### **TOURISM, ECONOMY AND INDUSTRY**

#### **KEY GOALS**

- Katamatite has a progressive and diverse business district.
- Katamatite is a town where people choose to live.
- Katamatite is a town where people choose to stop, visit and recreate in.

#### **PRIORITIES**

- More shops and businesses in Katamatite
- "Shop Katamatite" regain old businesses and support existing businesses
- Increase and encourage housing development
- Improve tourism and tourism facilities
- Promote Katamatite as a tourist destination

- Feasibility studies completed
- Business opportunities increased overtime
- Housing development feasibility studies completed
- Greater awareness about Katamatite as a residential option is developed overtime
- Increase in tourism and public awareness of Katamatite
- Public spaces improved for tourism purposes

#### **INFRASTRUCTURE AND DEVELOPMENT**

#### **KEY GOALS**

- Katamatite is an attractive, well planned and safe town.
- Katamatite is an active and connected community with sustainable and adequate sporting and recreation facilities and public spaces.
- Katamatite is a town that provides adequate and sustainable infrastructure that supports improved commercial and housing development and encourages town growth.

#### **PRIORITIES**

- Beautification of Katamatite/ Streetscape
- Improvement of drainage/sewerage and installation of curbing and guttering
- Roads and footpath improvements
- Parking improvements on main streets
- Installation of streetlights
- Traffic improvement speed reduction and traffic restriction on identified roads/streets
- Town signage upgrade

- Streetscape improved and town beautified
- Drainage Feasibility study completed and implemented where possible
- Roads and footpaths improved
- Angle parking implemented on main street
- Street lights installed in identified areas
- Speed reduced and traffic restricted in appropriate areas
- Signage improved around town overall
- Sporting and recreation facilities and public spaces are improved
- Public Transport needs identified and appropriate action implemented

#### **ENVIRONMENT**

#### **KEY GOALS**

- Katamatite is a clean and environmentally sustainable town that aims to be the centre of excellence for environmental education and sustainability.
- Katamatite is a town that prepares and plans for emergencies that could impact on people and businesses in town.

#### PRIORITIES

- Clean up Katamatite town and creek
- Promotion of Katamatite's environmental features
- Environmental education
- Renewable energy for Katamatite
- Identification of critical danger points and emergencies likely to have an impact on the community
- Engagement with authorities to develop preventative measures and emergency evacuation options

- Town and creek are both well maintained and clean
- Greater community engagement into environmentally sustainable practices
- Greater community education and awareness on environmental sustainability
- Katamatite is known and highlighted for its environmental assets
- Data and plan established /received as part of feasibility study
- Level of emergency preparedness in town is improved.

# **Community Responses**

The community provided the below responses when asked to choose one thing or project for Katamatite:

COMMUNITY & SOCIAL	No. of submissions
Rail trail / Bike and walking track (nature walks / flora & fauna)	7
More activities / community events – music, big day out	б
Swimming Pool (1 = at the school)	4
Community garden – veggie swaps	4
Gym	3
Monthly produce market sell/swap food	3
Local Community Groups to work with each other more	3
Lawn bowls for young and old	2
School to grow in numbers	2
BBQ at CR Wood Park	2
Youth club	2
Local produce and goods market	1
Better flood lights at sporting ground	1
Adventure Playground	1
Flying Fox	1
A show	1
A Disco	1
Central meeting place	1
Katamatite Community Day (meet and greet locals)	1
TOURISM, ECONOMY & INDUSTRY	No. of submissions
Regain – Pub	7
Regain old businesses – Supermarket/hotel/gift shop/butcher	5
Promotion/Signage for town services and clubs	5
Pop up/Portable business shops	3
RV/Caravan Friendly Holiday Destination (Grey Nomads etc.)	3
Promote towns close proximity to other major towns	2
Attract new businesses / shops/ Industry – more growth and	2
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INFRASTRUCTURE & DEVELOPMENT	No. of submissions
Streetscape (e.g. landscape, lighting, median strip, trees, beautification, parks & gardens)	8
Safe and secure playground (lockable gates, secure fencing, fully enclosed)	7
Sewerage	6
Skate Park	5
Increase housing development for new families to move to the town - population growth	4
Public toilets South end of town	4
Public Transport services	3
Upgrade Town signage	3
Upgrade tennis courts	3
Angle parking in main street	2
Curbing and guttering	2
Road sealing	2
Footpaths	1
Drainage	1
Streetlights main street	1
Dump Point in town for caravans/travellers	1
Parking at pedestrian entrance at Rec Reserve (for those with disability)	1
Reduce speed limit in shared zone (10kph)	1
Remove local traffic only sign from East entrance at Rec Reserve	1
Stop trucks using Waang & Moore streets	1
Solar (renewable energy) generation and storage for town	1
Restrict traffic on Chapel Rd	1
History Board and Walk	1
Rezone main street in sections to commercial	1
ENVIRONMENT	No. of submissions
Keep the small town community feel	7
Clean town (Incentive to make town more attractive)	3
Encourage visitors to Police Paddock	2
Clean up creek	1
Become a centre of excellence for environmental education and sustainability	1
Engage with authorities to develop preventative measures and emergency evacuation options	1

# **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 Katamatite 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**

Throughout the development of this plan there is recognition that:

- The plan will be regularly reviewed to ensure it reflects changes, achievements and new priorities as they occur;
- The Katamatite Community Plan Steering Committee will be entrusted with providing leadership and facilitating further action with Moira Shire Council and other stakeholders;
- The plan contains a considerable number of key goals, some short term and others that can only be achieved over a longer timeframe;
- The Plan needs to complement and have a strong link with existing community groups; and
- 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

# **Contact for more information**

Pino Mancini – Chair Julie Glance – Vice Chair Faye Liversidge – Secretary Lisa Eddy – Secretary



# References

Australian Bureau of Statistics - Census data Moira Shire Council - Municipal Strategic Statement Moira Shire Council - Recreation Strategy Moira Shire Council - Council Plan SES – Flood plan Emergency Management Plan

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