

CULGOA

Town on the Tyrrell Creek

COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN 2023 - 2026

The Culgoa Community Action Plan 2023-2026 has been developed by the Culgoa Development Group Inc with the aim to strengthen community connections, protect community assets and celebrate community pride. It is based on feedback received from the local community and is designed to be a live document that continues to reflect the progress of the priority projects as they develop.



1. OUR COMMUNITY WELL-BEING

- 1.1 Invite health services to provide local health checks.
- 1.2 Explore community transportation models (*i.e. use of school bus, community car*) to support vulnerable residents to access medical services.

2. OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES

- 2.1 Continue to provide local representation for the Buloke Tourism Board.
- 2.2 Support our local businesses (incl. tourism).

3. OUR NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

- 3.1 Maintain our green spaces, parks and gardens (*i.e. Barry Park, Soldiers Memorial Park*).

4. OUR LOCAL FACILITIES, ASSETS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

- 4.1 Organise community working bee events to create a 'Pride of Town' and enhance the Culgoa Streetscape for both residents and visitors alike.
- 4.2 Undertake an audit of the community assets and facilities to determine need.

WHAT WE WILL DO IN PARTNERSHIP WITH OTHERS

- 1.3 Promote the use of tele-health options in Buloke Shire.

- 2.3 Develop a wayfinding sign showing a map of Culgoa and key facilities/points of interest.

- 3.2 Maintain the water in the Billabong.

- 4.3 Develop a formal masterplan for the rejuvenation of Barry Park.

- 4.4 Beautify town entrances and improve signage.

WHAT WE WILL ADVOCATE FOR OTHERS TO DO

- 1.4 Continue the provision of local policing.

- 2.4 Improve internet services and mobile phone coverage

- 3.3 Regularly trim the roadside trees (*i.e. Sugar Gums*).

- 3.4 Maintain trees and control weeds on council, crown and private land

- 4.5 Explore the relocation of the rubbish collection bins and provide a hard rubbish collection annually

Culgoa Development Group Inc are the custodians of the Culgoa Community Action Plan 2023-2026 and will monitor its implementation on an ongoing basis, with regular updates provided to Council and the community through a formal annual review presented at their Annual General Meeting. For more information about any of the priority projects, or how you can be involved, contact the Culgoa Development Group Inc at culgoadevelopmentgroup@hotmail.com

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OUR PROJECTS: WHAT WE WILL DO

ACTIONS

Invite health services to provide local health checks.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identify local health providers and the services they currently provide locally. - Assess community health needs and current level of service being provided/accessed. - Develop a proposal for local health services to consider.
Explore community transportation models (i.e. use of school bus, community car) to support vulnerable residents to access medical services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assess community health needs and current transportation options available. - Identify most suitable transport options to suit current community needs. - Identify similar models in other towns and invite organisers to present to a CDG Inc meeting. - Identify potential funding options and opportunities. - Liaise with Council and local health providers to gain support for the initiative.
Continue to provide local representation for the Buloke Tourism Board.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support community members to attend Buloke Tourism Board meetings. - Invite board members to provide regular updates at CDG Inc meetings.
Identify opportunities to better support our local businesses (incl. tourism).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consult our local businesses to gain a better understanding their needs. - Liaise with Council, local business networks and Small Business Victoria to identify support available. - Develop a promotional calendar to promote our local businesses via social media, local newspapers and mailbox drop.
Continue to maintain our green spaces, parks and gardens (i.e. Barry Park, Soldiers Memorial Park).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Research existing management plans for similar-sized parks and gardens. - Develop an overarching management plan to maintain our green spaces, parks and gardens. - Identify potential funding options and opportunities to support the plan, if required. - Liaise with Council and other relevant agencies to gain support for the project.
Organise community working bee events to create a 'Pride of Town' and enhance the Culgoa Streetscape for both residents and visitors alike.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identify working bee focus areas and the most suitable time of the year to undertake the work. - Develop a working bee calendar to share with the community and promote events via social media, posters and mailbox drop. - Celebrate works done with the rest of the community via social media and local newspapers.
Undertake an audit of the community assets and facilities to determine need.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Research auditing methods used for community assets and facilities. - Develop a project plan and process to undertake the audit. - Liaise with Council and other asset managers to gain support for the project.

PARTNERSHIP PROJECTS:

What we will do in partnership with others

ACTIONS

Promote the use of tele-health options in Buloke Shire.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Liaise with local and regional health services to identify current tele-health options available. - Identify any potential barriers to tele-health currently experienced by our community (i.e. lack of technological infrastructure, accessibility issues, limitations in performing physical examination and concerns about privacy and confidentiality). - Assist with the distribution or sharing of information and support available for tele-health use.
Develop a wayfinding sign showing a map of Culgoa and key facilities/points of interest.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Research similar signage of other towns. - Identify the type of signage best suited to town needs (i.e. interactive, historical). - Liaise with the regional VicRoads, Buloke Tourism Board and other tourism representatives to better understand current/best practice. - Develop a proposal with costings to support the project. - Identify potential funding options and opportunities, if required. - Liaise with Council, regional VicRoads and other relevant agencies to gain support for the project.
Maintain the water in the Billabong.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contact the local water catchment authority to notify them of the project. - Research existing water maintenance plans for similar-sized billabongs. - Develop a maintenance plan to preserve the water in the Billabong. - Identify potential funding options and opportunities to support the plan, if required. - Liaise with the local water catchment authority, Council and other relevant agencies to gain support for the project.
Develop a formal masterplan for the rejuvenation of Barry Park.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Define the scope of the masterplan for the park. - Research similar plans developed for like-sized parks. - Develop a proposal with costings to support the project. - Identify potential funding options and opportunities to support the plan, if required. - Liaise with Council to gain support for the project.
Beautify town entrances and improve signage.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identify the type of signage best suited to town needs (i.e. Gateway/Introductory sign). - Liaise with the regional VicRoads representatives to better understand options and opportunities. - Develop a proposal with costings to support the project. - Identify potential funding options and opportunities, if required. - Liaise with Council to gain support for the project.

ADVOCACY PRIORITIES

WHAT WE WILL ADVOCATE FOR OTHERS TO DO

Through the development of the Culgoa Community Action Plan 2023-2026, a number of priorities were identified that have been considered beyond the responsibility of the Culgoa Development Group Inc. These priorities are included as Advocacy Projects with the aim of highlight their importance to the Culgoa community and encourage action by the relevant government agencies and service providers.



Continue the provision of local policing - to keep our community, our assets and our visitors safe.



Improve internet services and mobile phone coverage - to help keep us connected and informed and improve business opportunities.



Regularly trim the roadside trees (i.e. Sugar Gums) - to enable trucks and machinery to safely pass through.



Maintain trees and control weeds on council, crown and private land- to create a town that we can continue to be proud of.



Explore the relocation of the rubbish collection bins and provide a hard rubbish collection annually - to provide recycling protocols and help keep our town clean.



Continue to have the Culgoa Community Action Plan 2023-2026 projects supported and prioritised by the Buloke Shire Council.

