

# BERRIWILLOCK

## COMMUNITY PLAN 2024-2027

The Berriwillock Community Plan 2023-2027 has been developed by the Berriwillock Community 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. WHAT WE WILL DO

#### ACTION 1.1 Our Committee

Continue to support the Berriwillock Community Development Group Inc by:

- a. promoting and participating in their meetings and events
- b. supporting them with the management of the Berriwillock Community Centre
- c. supporting and assisting them with the implementation of our community plan

#### ACTION 1.2 Our Community

Share and value the positive attributes of living in Berriwillock by:

- a. developing a network to support, welcome and include new residents
- b. encouraging the involvement of new volunteers, offer appropriate training and support and recognising existing volunteers
- c. reviewing and promoting opportunities to partner with and share our resources with our neighbouring towns
- d. exploring the potential for local childcare and/or daycare services to be provided in our town (i.e. family day care, community playgroups)

#### ACTION 1.3 Our History

Acknowledge and share our past by:

- a. identifying funding opportunities to gather, store and present our local history through displaying honour boards, photos and other memorabilia
- b. identifying funding opportunities to celebrate our past through public art projects such as a big bullfrog statue and light projections on our silos
- c. identifying funding opportunities to install a vintage header on a post in a suitable location in town, as to be included in the shires Machinery on a Post Initiative.

Berriwillock Community Development Group Inc are the custodians of the Berriwillock Community Plan 2023-2027 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 Berriwillock Community Development Group Inc at [bcdg@berriwillock.vic.au](mailto:bcdg@berriwillock.vic.au)



### 2. WHAT WE WILL DO IN PARTNERSHIP WITH OTHERS

#### ACTION 2.1 Our Businesses

Continue to work in partnership with Council and other key stakeholders to explore, develop and support local business and tourism opportunities by:

- a. exploring the opportunities for more local based healthcare services (i.e. NDIS)
- b. assessing the potential to develop a caravan rest spot utilising the unused facilities at the old bowling area with powered sites and a disabled access toilet/shower to assist with accommodation for tourists and harvest workers under a community enterprise model (i.e. Carrieton Caravan Park)
- c. supporting the local pub to ensure its ongoing viability for visitors and residents alike
- d. identifying funding opportunities to source and paint field bins to be installed in various locations around Berriwillock to add the town to the Victorian Silo Art Trail
- e. identifying funding opportunities to install a community funded vending machine in the main street to supply cold drinks and snacks to locals and tourists

#### ACTION 2.2 Our Sporting Facilities

Continue to work in partnership with Council and other key stakeholders to support, maintain and enhance our community recreation activities and facilities by:

- a. identifying funding opportunities to improve the Berriwillock Golf Club by investing in a new clubhouse, renovations, family-friendly activities and a playground
- b. identifying funding opportunities to improve the Berriwillock Tennis Club facilities by investing in new court lights, two new hard courts, new fencing around the courts, clubhouse painted, inside clubhouse renovated, landscape/beautify the surrounds

#### ACTION 2.3 Our Health

Continue to work in partnership with Mallee Track Health and other key stakeholders to ensure the current and future health needs of our community are met by:

- a. better promoting the guidelines for the use of the Sea Lake Community Car for our local residents who have health appointments that require travel assistance
- b. requesting more information on the allied health and medical services that are available within the Buloke Shire
- c. encouraging the increased use and promotion of tele-health options

#### ACTION 2.4 Our Environment

Continue to work in partnership with Council and other key stakeholders to develop, maintain and improve our local environment and surrounds by:

- a. planning for the future use of redundant facilities in our town (i.e. using the old bowling area for a monthly market, playgroup or scout hall)
- b. beautifying our streetscape (i.e. upgrade pathways) and town entrances
- c. exploring community and Council initiatives to encourage local residents to tidy up their properties and the town (i.e. community working bees)

### 3. WHAT WE WILL ADVOCATE FOR OTHERS TO DO

#### ACTION 3.1 Our Local Council

Continue to advocate for the support and services of Buloke Shire Council by:

- a. requesting the regular attendance of a councillor and/or council officer to meetings and events held by the Berriwillock Community Development Group Inc
- b. expecting quality customer service and responses times to our requests
- c. reducing the 'red tape' in council processes

#### ACTION 3.2 Our Roads

Continue to advocate to Council and VicRoads to prioritise the safety of our local roads by:

- a. making our local crossroads safer with better signage
- b. repairing potholes more promptly
- c. prioritising the cleaning of gutters under Victoria and Alexander Streets

#### ACTION 3.3 Our Health

Continue to advocate to Mallee Track Health and other healthcare providers and networks for access to appropriate place based health and wellbeing services by:

- a. prioritising the provision of essential health services locally such as permanent appointments for GP services and mental health support
- b. improving the processes and responsibilities for after care following discharge from 'out of shire' hospitals
- c. prioritising support for continuity of care for our local residents

#### ACTION 3.4 Our Environment

Continue to advocate to Council and other key stakeholders to prioritise the development, maintenance and improvement of our local environment and surrounds by:

- a. maintaining trees and controlling weeds on land managed by council, crown and private owners
- b. encouraging better enforcement of weeds and/or long grass on abandoned properties
- c. encouraging better enforcement of local laws in relation to unsafe and/or run-down buildings in our town
- d. developing a plan for the demolition of the old hall
- e. installing a row of community rubbish bins to further support our residents who do not receive rubbish collection services
- f. exploring the provision of an annual hard rubbish collection service, green waste and glass

SCAN THE QR CODE to view an electronic version of the Plan on the Buloke Shire Council website

