

# SEA LAKE COMMUNITY PLAN 2024-2027

The Sea Lake Community Plan 2024-2027 has been developed by Advance Sea Lake 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 dynamic document that continues to reflect the progress of priority projects as they develop. (December 2023)

## 1. OUR COMMUNITY

### ACTION 1.1 Listen to what our young people want to do in town and what they need to stay in town post-schooling

- Partner with our local organisations such as Neighbourhood House, schools, Youth Group and Council to hold an annual youth forum to provide the opportunity to hear the concerns and ideas of our young people and what they need to stay in town post-schooling.
- Provide support for any initiatives or projects that arise from the annual youth forum.
- Network with the Sea Lake community, other similar towns and Council to investigate opportunities to attract and retain young people in our community.

### ACTION 1.2 Improve communications between community groups

- Visit local community groups and organisations to promote Advance Sea Lake Inc and the Sea Lake Community Plan 2024-2027.
- Canvass the local groups and organisations about ways to improve communication between groups.
- Continue to manage and promote the Advance Sea Lake Facebook pages.

### ACTION 1.3 Create activities to bring people together

- Continue to organise community activities for annual events such as Australia Day and Christmas Street Party.
- Explore, support and promote events to attract more tourists to our town to enhance local businesses and provide more opportunities for enjoyment for both our residents and tourists.

### ACTION 1.4 Continue to support our local businesses

- Encourage locals to buy local.
- Explore the potential of a regular community market.
- Work with our local schools and Council to encourage businesses to continue to invest in our young people via traineeships or apprenticeship programs.
- Liaise with the appropriate stakeholders of Lake Tyrrell and Green Lake to ensure these assets are protected and maintained in order to grow the local economy.
- Look for innovative ideas to attract more people to live in our town to support and grow local businesses.

### ACTION 1.5 Support the provision of accessible and adequate health and wellbeing services

- Advocate for an appropriate level of essential health services in Sea Lake, including GP, mental health services, urgent care, acute medical care and residential aged care.
- Advocate for and promote the increased use of tele-health options.
- Advocate for the increased availability of affordable childcare services.

## 2. OUR BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

### ACTION 2.1 Create more spaces for young people to enjoy

- Identify the need and opportunities for spaces for our young people.
- Advocate for playgrounds and play spaces for our children which are shaded and fenced.
- Work with Council to develop walking and cycling tracks around the Sea Lake township and to Green Lake.

### ACTION 2.2 Restore and promote our local buildings and facilities of interest

- Identify ways to better promote our local outdoor swimming pool and potential improvements.
- Develop an advocacy campaign to encourage greater investment in our historical buildings such as the Railway Station and Courthouse.
- Identify the opportunities for further development and increased use of our local assets.

### ACTION 2.3 Address the accommodation needs of our community

- Liaise with Mallee Track, Council and relevant bodies to establish assisted living and housing options.
- Explore opportunities to increase the housing pool for our town.

### ACTION 2.4 Identify opportunities to promote the features of Sea Lake to encourage more visitors to our town

- Look for opportunities to promote Sea Lake, our Silos and Lake Tyrrell and to further develop tourism.
- Continue to support and encourage investment in and usage of the Sea Lake Visitor Information Hub.
- Investigate ways to develop and improve existing infrastructure and amenities.

### ACTION 2.5 Identify opportunities to improve Sea Lake Airport

- Develop an advocacy campaign to encourage greater investment in, and improvements to, our local airport to increase safety compliance and accessibility.

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## 3. OUR COMMITTEE

### ACTION 3.1 Build the capacity of the Committee

- Hold a workshop session to refresh the aims and objectives of the committee and better define the purpose of the group.
- After the AGM, undertake a skills audit of our committee members and volunteers to gain a better understanding of our opportunities, needs and gaps.
- Investigate and promote opportunities to upskill the committee.
- Reduce the workload of our committee members by working more closely with the Neighbourhood House and identifying short-term volunteer opportunities.
- Continually plan for the succession of our committee members and volunteers.
- Acknowledge and celebrate the contribution of our current committee members and volunteers.

## IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SEA LAKE COMMUNITY PLAN 2024-2027

Advance Sea Lake Inc is the custodian of the Sea Lake Community Plan 2024-2027 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 the Annual General Meeting.

Continuous liaison with Buloke Shire Council and other key stakeholders will be an overarching priority to encourage the external support and funding required to implement community plan actions.

For more information about any of the priority projects, or how you can be involved, contact Advance Sea Lake Inc at [advance@sealake.vic.au](mailto:advance@sealake.vic.au)

