

2022-2025 Waratah Community Plan

What is Community Planning?

Community planning is a process where community members come together and take action to improve their community. Community members develop a Community Plan that outlines projects they will undertake to make their town a better place to live.

Waratah-Wynyard Council supports community planning by providing a facilitator who assists communities, as well as support with grants to help implement the projects identified in the Community Plan.

Board Members

Local community members, known as Board Members, volunteer their time to coordinate the implementation of the plan for their community. Board Members facilitate projects and seek funding through advocacy. The following community members are Board Members for this Waratah Community Plan:

Name	Contact
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Please contact your Waratah Board Members for more information about this Plan, or for the date of upcoming meetings that you are welcome to attend.

Council's Role

Council provides strategic leadership in the area of community development by taking an active role in mobilising community assets, identifying gaps and facilitating solutions. Council supports Board Members to facilitate projects and advocate for funding. An important outcome of effective community development is to establish the concept of leadership as a shared activity – emphasising “we” and moving away from “me”, reducing the expectation that Council will always do for and on behalf of others.

Date plan was adopted	
Plan start date	
Plan finish date	



Summary of Previous Achievements

Many Waratah residents and local partners have worked together to implement the first Waratah Community Plan. Together they achieved the following:

- Formed the **Waratah Community Board**.
- Secured the lease for the **Waratah Falls Walk** site. Improvements made to the viewing point. Funding secured for first stage of project with work to commence 2022/23.
- Waratah childcare facility has been relaunched as the **Waratah Community Hub**.

- A **community facilitator**, provided by Waratah-Wynyard Council, operates from Waratah one day per fortnight to facilitate community programs and activities. Playgroup and ADRA (food pantry) services established.
- Engineering review and design developed for a viewing bridge. State government funding commitment of \$300 000 for walkway for the **Rail Bridge Walkway**.
- Assisted the community to successfully deliver the **Waratah Heritage Festival**

“We couldn’t be prouder of our Waratah Board Members, and everyone involved in community planning. Our Waratah Board Members go above and beyond for their community and they’re a big reason why Waratah is such a great place to live and visit.”

Robby Walsh, Mayor



How was this Plan Developed?

Preparation to develop this Community Plan started in May 2022. The Waratah community were asked for ideas and to provide feedback via a survey, interviews and written correspondence.

A public meeting was held on 6 July to discuss ideas gathered in the surveys and review the draft Community Plan and Actions.

Waratah residents contributed to the development of this community plan. Women, men, children and community groups were involved.

Remember – If you want to know how the shoe fits, ask the person who is wearing it, not the person who made it.

1. Social Connection

Support new and existing community groups, clubs and volunteers to contribute to community participation and activation by increasing social connectedness and decreasing social isolation in the Waratah community.

Support the development of new, or strengthening of existing, community partnerships and collaborations. This will develop local ownership and community decision making in community development initiatives and planning.

Support community programs, activities and events.

Increase opportunities for positive social interaction and celebration within the community.

Promote community pride.

2. Events for the Town – Revitalise Spaces

Support and facilitate events with the people of Waratah and surrounding areas. Specifically, this project will:

- Review past events, with the view to identify an event format that can be run by the community, for the community.
- The Community Board will work in partnership with new and existing groups to create community events that will occur annually.
- Support the revitalisation of Waratah’s public spaces, such as the Museum, Atheneum Hall and the Elma Fagan Hall.
- Support existing groups to apply for grant funding to enable the community to host events.
- Promote cross community collaboration.
- The project will also work to repurpose public buildings for local events such as exhibitions, so the buildings get maximum use.

Disclaimer: If major changes to community plan projects need to be made within the life of the plan, Board Members will conduct public process before making these changes

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3. Infrastructure

- Secure funding to commission and install a statue of Philosopher Smith. Determine ownership, maintenance and location.
- Complete construction of historic rail bridge walkway
- Commence Stage 1 of Waratah Waterfall Walk
- Complete upgrades to the Waratah Community Hub
- Seek funding and partners to work on a Tasmanian Tiger themed public art installation (extension on Whyte Hills)
- Consider the purpose of the existing “tyre” park. Determine future uses. Determine costs associated with future purposed use
- Consider enhancements for the existing Waratah playground
- Work with Waratah Men’s Shed to produce a number of bench seats to place in the community.

4. Civic Pride

Tip and Town Tidiness
Air Quality and Noise Nuisance
Roaming Dogs and Feral Cats

- Offer resources regarding how to place a *Request for Service* with Council
- Offer access to resources that explain Council service levels and time frames
- Provide education and training regarding responsibility
- Have resources that clearly show responsibility and obligations
- Include breakdown of responsibilities to include:
 - Individual
 - Community
 - Council
 - State Government
 - Federal Government
 - Other agencies

5. Access to Services

A community facilitator, provided by Waratah-Wynyard Council, operates from Waratah one day per fortnight to facilitate community programs and activities. This assists in enabling the provision of adequate services to meet the needs of the community.

- Build on this by contacting existing service providers, to deliver service in the community on a structured basis. Providers may include:
 - My Age Care Service Providers
 - NDIS Service Providers
 - Allied Health Professionals
 - Community Nurses
 - Community Transport
 - Health Programs (such as health screen buses)
- Continue to lobby the State Government to secure funds for a Waratah Community Project Officer and associated programs.
- Support the ongoing success of the Community Garden. Extend the plantings to include fruit trees
- Work with the community to create a community directory (incl. contractors who will travel to Waratah). Display at the Post Office.



2022-2025 Community Development Measuring Success

Community Development Theme	Focus Area	How Can We Measure Their Impact?
Community programs, activities and events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To increase opportunities for positive social interaction and celebration within the community To promote community pride 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stakeholder satisfaction (as measured in surveys) Local pride (attendance at events) Number of partnerships developed and maintained Support funding received
Supporting community groups, clubs and volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To support community groups, clubs and individuals that contribute to community participating and activation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of social assets (number of groups, clubs, events and volunteers) Number of initiatives implemented Number of people attending activities
Partnerships and collaborations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To develop local ownership and community decision making in community development initiatives and planning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of partnerships and projects developed/sustained Economic/social activity generated from partnerships Amount of resource sharing Outcomes achieved
Community engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To clearly articulate community development concepts and initiatives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of consultations and initiatives Plans and projects derived from consultations
Community services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To assist in enabling the provision of adequate services to meet the needs of the community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of services available Ongoing sustainability of services
Facility provision for interaction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide a range of appropriately maintained and planned community infrastructure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of physical assets available for community use (community infrastructure such as halls, meeting space, community buildings)
Safety and security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To feel safe, secure and proud of the community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stakeholder satisfaction (as measured in surveys) Local pride (attendance at events) Number of requests for service entered in Conquest