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Looking back on the Merbein Community Plan over the last 5 years and what has been achieved.

**Town Entrances**
Excellent first impression entrance signs are often commented on by visitors to Merbein and tourists passing through.

**Library and Historical Centre**
The Community Library/Hub, a dynamic cultural asset to Merbein, where library membership has dramatically increased.

**Pedestrian and Bike Safety**
The pedestrian crossing in Commercial Street has filled a need for pedestrian/bike users safety.

**New Swimming Pool**
A family friendly facility.

**Skate Park**
An outlet for the youth.

**Box Street Footpaths**

**Flashing lights at P-10 College**

**New Netball Court**
introduction

The Merbein Community Plan was first established in 2007 following an extensive process of media, letter drops and meetings with the general public and existing community groups, resulting in ideas and suggestions being identified as consideration for the Plan.
purpose and vision

The 2014 - 2019 Merbein Community Plan represents the key community intentions identified in the consulting process to continue to develop the Merbein community as a wonderful place to live, work and play. The community plan is an endeavour to provide an opportunity for the efforts of the community to continue to improve while increasing the quality of life for people within Merbein.

Improve the co-operation between people and groups within the Merbein community to enhance the promotion and perception of Merbein.

Embrace diversity of opinion when developing community actions and initiatives.

Promote the development of and existing events in Merbein.

mission statement

Our aim, in partnership with our community, is to promote the development of Merbein in a responsible and sustainable manner, maintain and improve infrastructure, services, safety and access, encourage youth well being and to preserve the environment.
What do the community love about living in Merbein?

The small country town, friendly people atmosphere
Easy access to schools, kinder and playgroups
Readily accessible and proximity to the Murray river and its environment
Open, well kept recreational parks

What are the biggest challenges Merbein has?

Providing activities for the youth so they can experience being part of a community
Potential loss of businesses big and small
Attracting quality businesses to Merbein.
Having infrastructure in place for continuing maintenance to footpaths, roads.
More community members actively becoming involved in the future of Merbein
Reasons to have the younger generation stay and prosper in Merbein
Having an attractive well kept shopping strip
Welcoming and involving the many new comers to Merbein life

Why did we need to review the Merbein Community Plan?

To continue the community's vision for the future
Community needs are constantly changing
To bring stakeholders and interested parties together
To identify, plan and develop actions and priorities
The Merbein Community Plan 2014 - 2019 has come together through co-operation from Merbein residents, community groups, schools, churches, service clubs and sporting clubs in co-operation with MRCC. Merbein Development Association Inc., as the officially recognized advisory group of Merbein to MRCC, were asked to host the Community Plan and initiate input from the community.

During the consultation process it became apparent numerous suggestions weren’t relevant to be included in the Plan, therefore a Business Plan has been an extra profile for future discussions and investigations.

The community participated through:
- Public meetings
- School visits
- Drop-in stall/survey
- Online survey

Over 500 responses were collated, with the ideas that received the greatest level of support from members who participated in the above forums, placed into relevant themes which shape the Merbein Community Plan.

The role of Merbein Development Association Inc., as the facilitating group, is:

- To ensure that all key stakeholders and community members, where necessary, are involved and included in the action planning.
- To provide a report to the community to inform them of continuing actions.
- To participate in regular meetings to implement actions with the support of stakeholders and the community.
- To promote the Community Plan within the Merbein community.
- Address issues of immediate and future concern within the community of Merbein represented in Themes outlined in the Plan.

Stakeholders and interested parties to come together to implement priorities identified in the Merbein Community Plan, including sourcing funding opportunities in a process that represents all the Merbein community.
Having celebrated our centenary and acknowledging our pioneers and soldier settlers with our municipal and community leaders, we need to ensure the future growth and sustainability of our vibrant community of Merbein.

Objectives within this Community plan rely on partnerships with stakeholders, and are a vital element to achieving the objectives of the Community Plan.

**Stakeholders include:**
- Federal and State Government
- Local Government
- Non-profit organisations
- Non-government organisations
- Sporting and leisure clubs
- Schools
- Churches
- Local businesses
- Other community groups
Merbein population in 2011 was 2,671 people

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born in australia
93.36%

merbein
top of the state
The Merbein irrigation settlement, originally known as White Cliffs, was established on a pastoral holding in 1909, by the State Rivers & Water Supply Commission (SRWSC) of Victoria with water supplied from the nearby Murray River. It was one of the first State owned pumped irrigation settlements in Victoria.

Early river traffic identified the Merbein area as White Cliffs, because of the impressive white cliffs on the southern banks of the Murray River. Captain Charles Sturt, the famous inland explorer, passed the Merbein cliffs on January 22nd 1830, before reaching the junction of the Murray and Darling Rivers.

William Blandowski, a zoologist and the first curator of the National Museum of Victoria, was another early European visitor, camping at Chaffey Landing in 1857. Over several months and aided by the local Nyeri Nyeri people, who identified the area as ‘Mondellimin’, his party assembled a large and significant collection of terrestrial and aquatic animals from the region.

E. J. Kenny, was appointed the SRWSC’s first ‘Officer in Charge of the Merbein Irrigation Area’. The irrigation blocks were originally allocated for dairying, and linked to a dry land block in the Wargan/Yelta district, west of the irrigation area. However, the hot climate and the distance from markets soon saw the settlement quickly change from dairying to the growing of the less perishable crops of citrus and grapes for drying and spirit making.

In 1913, W. B. Chaffey, co-founder of the Mildura Irrigation Colony, built, on top of the Merbein cliff top, a winery and distillery, later known as Mildara. The Mildura Co-Operative Fruit Co. Ltd. and the Irymple Packing Company P/L, quickly established packing sheds to handle the settlement’s first citrus and dried fruits.

The SRWSC officially identified the area as ‘White Cliffs Irrigation Settlement Parish of Merbein’, yet the Lands Department called it Merbein, reputedly an aboriginal name of a local sandhill. ‘Merebin’, the preferred spelling by many settlers, was claimed to be an aboriginal word meaning ‘throwing a stick by hand’ and was reputed to be the spelling on the surveyor’s notes, but incorrectly transferred as ‘Merbein’ on early maps.

In 1912, with two differing names for the settlement and ongoing confusion with the NSW township of White Cliffs, E. J. Kenny, successfully recommended an official change of the settlement’s name from White Cliffs to Merbein.

Merbein soon developed into one of the most prosperous and finest...
examples of closer settlement under irrigation conditions in the State. American, Elwood Mead, Chairman of the SRWSC at Merbein’s inception, later remarked that Merbein was the ‘Queen Irrigation Settlement of the Southern Hemisphere’.

The railway opened in 1910 and the rapidly growing township was soon able to supply all the needs of the settlers. Recreational activities such as horse racing, golf, terrier coursing, shooting and picnicking were all conducted on the nearby flood plain known as the Merbein Common.

Soldier settlement blocks were established in Birdwoodton and Merbein West during and after the first World War. The district’s horticulture and viticultural industries also attracted many European immigrants to the area. Kenny, known as the ‘Father of Merbein’, died suddenly in 1925 and his personal contribution to the success of the settlement was acknowledged with the naming of Kenny Park.

Today, Merbein remains true to its historical roots. It continues to be a successful irrigation district, diversifying from the growing of dried grapes and citrus to a wide variety of wine and table grapes, asparagus, almonds, mushrooms and vegetables. As well as a wine bottling and packaging industry, Merbein has also developed as a regional transport hub for the export of district products.

A spectacular Murray River view from the cliffs, a great boat ramp and allocated camping areas along the river also make Merbein very popular. A diverse range of shops along with excellent recreational and sporting facilities, such as football, cricket and soccer ovals, a swimming pool, bowling greens, tennis courts, croquet greens, rodeo ground, golf club and formed walking tracks on the Merbein Common and along the river, all contribute to making Merbein a great place to live or visit. The excellent schools and kindergarten, the Chaffey Aged Care facility, the identification of the district’s important historical sites and the new Merbein Community Hub and Library, all ensure that Merbein is ‘Top of the State’.

Compiled by Bernadette Wells
MDHS 2014
community plan themes

Community & Connectedness
Events
Sport & Recreation
Infrastructure
Environment
Safety & Access
community & connectedness

To support local business, community events eg. Merbein markets, and a sense of community pride in Merbein.

**Long / on-going**

**Objective**
Enhance perception & promotion of Merbein e.g:
Support Shop Locally Campaigns, and encourage communities outside of our town to experience Merbein.

**Action**
Investigate opportunity for creating a business plan for Merbein CBD.
Investigate funding opportunities for media and creative advertising to promote Merbein.
Promote Merbein through social media (e.g. facebook, blogs, websites).
To support local business opening in Merbein.
Investigate economic development opportunities for the Merbein Community.

**Partners**
- MRCC Council grants
- Merbein Development Association & other Merbein community groups
- Merbein Community
- Merbein Business operators
- Mildura Development Corporation
- Mildura Tourism

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**Long / on-going**

**Objective**
Investigate & support youth activities and infrastructure e.g:
Activities/Outlets for youth participation
Youth drop in/activity centre
More activities for teenagers i.e, dances/movie nights

**Action**
Investigate opportunities for Youth Activities and events throughout the Merbein area.
Improve accessessibility for Youth events.
Develop partnerships e.g Merbein P-10 and MRCC Youth Services.
Investigate funding and grant opportunities for youth events.

**Partners**
MRCC Youth Agenda 2014-2018
MRCC Council Plan 2013- 2017
Victorian Police (Blue Light funding)
Merbein Development Association and other Merbein community groups
Merbein P-10 School

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**Long / on-going**

**Objective**
Support existing community service, emergency services e.g:
Police, Fire Brigade, Lions, SES, sporting clubs
Working together on grants, advocacy, skill/ committee development

**Action**
Investigate and promote opportunities for volunteering.
Establish regular communications with other local partners
Provide support to appropriate grant applications by local groups and organisations.
Establish relationships with other funding partners.

**Partners**
Merbein Development Association and various other Merbein community groups & sporting organisations.
MRCC Sporting & recreation Grants.
MRCC Council Plan 2013- 2017
MRCC Recreation Master Plan 2009-2019
Support and improve new and existing local events.

**Events**
- Australia Day Awards & Breakfast
- Rotary Carols by Candlelight
- Merbein Vanilla Slice
- Merbein Community rodeo

**Long / on-going**

**Support other community groups within the Mildura municipality e.g:**
14th Street extension
Relocate Pot Still to Library area
Community to encourage the support for completion of Merbein P-10 College

**Develop a town square or community hub corner. e.g.:**
Investigate & develop Green/Seating area in Railway Avenue, Rotary Park
Investigate funding and grant opportunities to assist in public seating and open spaces areas throughout Merbein.

**Establish regular communications with other local partners.**
**Provide support to appropriate grant applications by local groups and organisations.**
**Establish relationships with other funding partners.**

*Merbein Development Association and various other Merbein community groups*
*MRCC Council Plan 2013- 2017*
*Merbein Development Association and various other Merbein Community groups*
*MRCC Environmental Sustainability Strategy*
*MRCC Public Open Spaces Strategy*
sport & recreation

To support & assist sporting clubs and organisations in creating a healthy lifestyle for the Merbein Community

1-2 Years

Skate Park revisited, examples:
Investigate proposals to upgrade and improve

Seek Council support for creating a safer outdoor skate park for young people in Merbein.

Establish partnerships with appropriate services to investigate public community risk.

Provide support to appropriate grant applications by local groups and organisations.

Merbein Development Association.
Various other Merbein community groups
MRCC Council Plan 2013- 2017
Recreation Services Strategy 2008 -2018

2-3 Years

Investigate Merbein pool upgrade and completion e.g:
Cover for pool
Water Splash area
Complete upgrade of children’s pools

Investigate relevant improvements and upgrades to sporting facilities.
Provide support to appropriate grant applications by local groups and organisations.

MRCC Council Plan 2013-2017
MRCC Recreation Master Plan 2009-2019
Work with various stakeholders in the Merbein community.
Merbein Development Association
Aquatic Facilities Redevelopment Strategy

2-3 Years

Investigate and support improvements to sports grounds & facilities e.g:
Upgrade public BBQ facilities i.e. Chaffey & Kenny Park
Renew and improve shading in all recreation areas
Drinking fountains throughout recreation areas
Merbein Swimming Club - upgrade change rooms, better storage area
Kenny Park Tennis Club - provide club rooms, resurface of courts, new fencing
Improved car parking facilities at sporting grounds & tennis & swimming clubs
Improved sheltered seating areas at sporting areas

Provide support to appropriate grant applications by local groups and organisations.
Investigate relevant improvements and upgrades to sporting infrastructure in Merbein community.
Investigate improved car parking facilities at sporting grounds & tennis & swimming clubs.
Has been identified through Council Plan 2.4 Infrastructure, Assets and Facilities. (well maintained buildings and facilities)

MRCC Council Plan 2013-2017
MRCC Recreation Master Plan 2009-2019
Work with various stakeholders in the Merbein community.
Merbein Development Association
Aquatic Facilities Redevelopment Strategy
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*MRCC Council Plan 2013-2017*

*MRCC Public Open Spaces Strategy*

*Work with various stakeholders in the Merbein community.*

*Merbein Development Association*
infrastructure
To support the development and maintenance of public facilities throughout the Merbein community.

**Long / on-going**

**Objective**

Completion of Merbein Community Hub project

Assist Community to source funding for Community Hub project.

**Action**

MRCC Council Plan

Merbein Development Association and various other Merbein community groups.

Merbein District Historical Society

Merbein Community member.

**Partners**

MRCC Council Plan

Merbein Development Association and various other Merbein community groups.

Merbein community members.

**Support & investigate local tourist attractions e.g:**

Blandowski Walk

Merbein Common

**Investigate and support opportunities to maintain and improve existing public spaces.**

Campaign for improving and maintaining new and existing tourist attractions.

Support the development of a tourist promotion campaign.

Provide support to appropriate grant applications by local groups and organisations.

MRCC grants.

Merbein Development Association and various other Merbein community groups.

Merbein community members.

MRCC Council Plan 2013-2017

**Long / on-going**

Water splash area at Merbein pool see Sport and Recreation

Investigate funding and grant opportunities to assist in water splash areas.

Investigate relevant improvements and upgrades to Merbein Pool.

MRCC Council Plan 2013-2017

Merbein Development Association and various other Merbein community groups

Aquatic Facilities Redevelopment Strategy

**Long / on-going**

Investigate relevant improvements and upgrades to Merbein Pool.
Long / on-going

Investigate and improve signage in Merbein e.g:
Signage Merbein ends between Ranfurly Way and Flora Avenue.
Central signage for Police, Library, Pool, Toilets etc.

Improve signage in public areas within Merbein.
Establish partnership with appropriate service providers (MRCC, Vic Roads)

Merbein Development Association and various other Merbein community groups & sporting organisations.
MRCC Sporting & recreation Grants.
MRCC Council Plan 2013-2017
MRCC Recreation master plan 2009-2019

Long / on-going

Investigate and support options for vacant primary school sites e.g:
Retirement village, gym, community gardens

Establish partnerships with appropriate services to investigate public community activities.
Provide support to appropriate grant applications by local groups and organisations.
Support opportunities to work with the Department of Education.
Establish relationships with other funding partners

Merbein Development Association and various other Merbein community groups
MRCC grants.

Long / on-going

Support pipeline of channel along Channel Road see Environment and Safety & Access

Establish partnerships with appropriate services to investigate public community risk.
Provide support to appropriate grant applications by local groups and organisations.
Support opportunities with Lower Murray Water.
Establish relationships with other funding partners

Merbein Development Association and various other Merbein community groups
Merbein District Historical Society
Lower Murray Water
Support public facilities, environment, waste management & sustainability in the Merbein community

**Long / on-going**

- Investigate, implement and support environmentally friendly programs e.g.: Green Waste Services
- Clean up days
- Roadside and Merbein Common litter clean up
- Community Garden
- Identify areas and groups to create a program for regular community clean up days.
- Investigate programs for roadside and public space clean ups.
- Investigate the community’s interest in a Community garden program.
- Support Council to implement ongoing green waste collection.

**2-3 Years**

- Investigate & support tree planting and weed removal programs e.g.: Khaki weeds removal from Kenny Park
- Secure Council support for the weed removal control programs.
- Identify opportunities for community involvement in National Tree planting day.

**Long 1-5 Years**

- Investigate & implement water sustainability
  - Investigate water sustainability program in the Merbein community.

**Partners**

MRCC Council Plan 2013- 2017
Merbein Development Association and various other Merbein community groups
MRCC Environmental Sustainability Strategy

**Objectives**

- MRCC Council Plan 2013- 2017
- Merbein Development Association and various other Merbein community groups
- Yelta Landcare
- MRCC Sustainable Gardening in the Mildura Region

**Actions**

- MRCC Council Plan 2013- 2017
- Merbein Development Association and various other Merbein community groups
- Clean up Australia Day
- MRCC Parks Services
Long 1-5 Years

Investigate and implement land clean up programs e.g:
Vacant land upkeep
Horticultural properties clean up

Investigate opportunities to assist in Landcare cleanup and up keep programs for Merbein.

Yelta Landcare
Merbein Development Association and various other Merbein community groups

Long 1-5 Years

Investigate and implement future safety of storm water outlets

Investigate opportunities to improve the safety of storm water outlets.

Lower Murray Water
MRCC
Merbein community groups
safety & access

Improve safety and access in the Merbein Community

1-2 Years

**Objective**
Investigate existing footpaths & establish safe access areas e.g:
Renewal and maintenance of footpaths, curbing and gutters i.e.
Chaffey, Box, Game and O’Bryan Streets

**Action**
Secure Council support for the renewal and maintenance of existing footpaths.
Seek Council support for the identification of new footpaths to be established.

**Partners**
Merbein Development Association
Various other Merbein Community Groups
Vic Roads

2-3 Years

**Objective**
Improve lighting throughout Merbein e.g:
More lighting at Kenny Park
Improve lights for parks, roads & the main street

**Action**
Secure Council support to investigate the need for improved lighting through public areas such as parks and public spaces.
Seek funding to install additional lighting where identified.

**Partners**
Merbein Development Association.
Various other Merbein community groups
VicRoads

**2-3 Years**

Investigate the safety and accessibility of bus shelters e.g:
- Covered weather proof shelters
- Improve bus times and routes
- Safer shelters such as lighting, location and maintenance.

Conduct a safety and accessibility audit of bus shelters throughout the Merbein Community.

Include readability of timetables for children, elderly, etc.

Consult with Public Transport Victoria on bus routes during their next review.

Public Transport Victoria
Mildura Bus Lines
VicRoads
MRCC Council Plan 2013-2017 2.6
Transport
Work with various stakeholders in the Merbein community.
Merbein Development Association

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**Long 1-5 Years**

Support pipeline of channel along Channel Road

Support Lower Murray Water to implement the pipeline of the channel along Channel Road as a priority

Lower Murray Water
Murray Darling Basin
Friends of Merbein Common
Yelta Landcare
Merbein Development Association
Merbein District Historical Society

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**2-3 Years**

Investigate and implement bike track links e.g:
- Linking township to Merbein common
- Game Street to P-10 College

Identify and prioritise required bike tracks to link existing tracks to town assets.

Support Council to secure funding to implement bike track links in Merbein as a priority.

MRCC Council Plan 2013-2017 2.4
Infrastructure, Assets and Facilities
MRCC Road Management Plan
Friends of Merbein Common
Yelta Landcare
MRCC Tracks and Trail Strategy
endorsement of the community plan

The revised Community Plan was placed on public display for 28 days for the Merbein community to identify and include any changes required. Following this the Community Plan was presented to the Mildura Rural City Council on the 11th December, 2014 for endorsement.

Endorsement of the Merbein Community Plan 2014 - 2019 is essential as it emphasizes to Council the key areas that are important to the Merbein community and means that Council agrees to support the community in achieving the objectives identified. This endorsement also means that the community has access to Council funding to progress the Community Plan projects.

implementation

Implementation of the Community Plan will be achieved by Merbein Development Association Inc. together with all partners and sub-committees of key areas as outlined in relevant themes. All sub-committees will consist of a Chairman, Deputy Chairman and other members and volunteers who will put forward decisions for resolution.

Merbein Development Association Inc. will be the principal administrator driving the implementation of the objectives within this Community Plan. However, this relies heavily upon the resources of other partners, therefore, Merbein Development Association Inc. or any partners involved cannot be held liable for factors outside of its control including funding limitations.
alteration to the community plan

The residents of Merbein are the responsible body for the community plan, amendments and alteration to priorities. Any alteration to the community plan requires a public meeting process.

This public process ensures all community groups have an opportunity to propose any changes at any time and to authorise any alterations to priorities as a result of changes to community interests or circumstances.

The community plan will be located for viewing at the Merbein Community Library.
Copies of the community plan can be obtained by contacting
The Secretary
Merbein Development Association Inc.
PO Box 750
Merbein Vic 3505

risk management

It is in the best interest of the Administrator, Community Groups and sub-committees to be conscious of the risks involved in the implementation of actions within the Community Plan.

Risks are events, situations or circumstances which lead to negative consequences for your business.

A good risk management plan with appropriate risk management strategies can minimise costly and stressful problems, and may also reduce insurance claims and premiums.
Local Government
Mildura Rural City Council
Sunraysia Modernization Project
Lower Murray Water

Federal and State Government
Department of Environment & Primary Industries
Parks Victoria
VicRoads

Community Groups
Merbein Development Association Inc.
Rotary Club of Merbein Inc.
Lions Club of Merbein Inc.
Merbein District Historical Society
Merbein Progressive Group
Yelta Landcare
Friends of Merbein Common
Merbein Probus
CWA Day & Night Branch
Merbein Vanilla Slice Inc.

Other Community Groups
Bingarra Committee
Mildura West Inc.
Chaffey Aged Care
Cabarita Inc.

Schools
Merbein P-10 College Junior campus
Merbein P-10 College Senior campus
Merbein Kindergarten
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Primary School

Churches
Merbein Uniting Church
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart
Merbein Fellowship Church
Anglican Catholic Church
Birdwoodton
St John Anglican Church

Sporting Clubs
Merbein Football/Netball Club
Merbein Junior Football Club
Merbein South Cricket Club
Mildura City Soccer Club
Saints Baseball Club
Merbein Bowling Club
Merbein Golf Club
Merbein Swimming Club
Kenny Park Tennis Club

Potential stakeholders working together in the commitment to achieving the development of the Merbein Community Plan 2014 - 2019 are listed to the left.
appendix

grant/funding opportunities

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