



# *Nichols Point*

Nichols Point Community Plan 2025–2029



A close-up photograph of a Ruby Saltbush (Enchylaena tomentosa) branch. The plant has small, fleshy, green leaves and several bright red, round berries. The background is blurred, showing more of the same plant.

## *Acknowledgement of Country*

We acknowledge the First Peoples of the Millewa-Mallee, The Nyeri Nyeri, Latji Latji and Ngintait as the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the Country on which we are. We pay our respects to the Elders past and present of First Peoples of Millewa-Mallee and the ancient connection they hold with their Country.

Photo: Native bush tucker Ruby Saltbush (*Enchylaena tomentosa*)



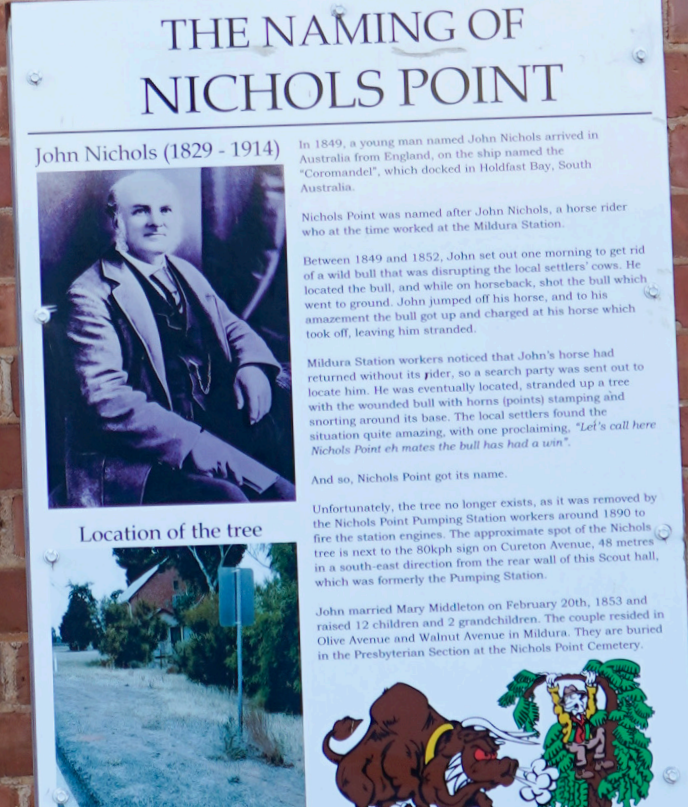


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# Humble Origins



## What's in a Name?

The tale of Nichols Points is one between a man, a bull, and a tree. A young man named John Henry Nichols sailed to Australia from England, finding work as an overseer, and meeting the love of his life, Mary, whom he married in 1853. John Henry was a diligent worker and one day while he was chasing some stray bulls on horseback, one of the bulls turned and charged at him. His horse panicked, throwing him off, but fortunately he landed just a few feet from a tree, which he quickly climbed to safety. He remained in the tree all afternoon and into the night to avoid the bull. The next morning, a search party found him still up in the tree. One of the searchers suggested naming the area Nichols Point, saying,

***“let's call here Nichols Point, eh mates; the bull has had a win.”*** The name stuck.

Following their deaths in March 1914 and December 1920, John Henry and Mary were buried in the Nichols Point Cemetery.

## Moving through the years

Kings Billabong and local history enthusiast Marjorie Donnellan says a permanent population of hermits and fishermen settled in the area more than a century ago.

But the first signs of modern settlement came in 1889 when pumping stations were built at Psyche Bend, Kings Billabong and Nichols Point as part of George and WB Chaffey's irrigation scheme of the region.

Two gorgeous little red brick homes stand side by side in Cooke Street Nichols Point and offer a glimpse into the area's early settlement days.

As the population of irrigators in Nichols Point increased, so did the need for services. A primary school was opened for 42 students in May 1892. Classes were initially held in a 'bough shelter' structure before the school moved into the Methodist Church in July of the same year. This site, on the corner of Fifth Street and Koorlong Avenue was used until 1907 when classes moved into a newly built brick building across the road. The Nichols Point post office opened in 1908.

***“For thousands of years the Murray River wetland and floodplains we now know as King's Billabong and Nichols Point were bountiful and reliable source of life for indigenous people, who knew the area as Yerre Yerre.”***





# What Our Community Looks Like

Nichols Point is a serene rural area primarily known for grape horticulture, a tradition fiercely protected by residents over the years. The community takes pride in preserving its rural character while embracing modern activities. Recently, there has been a notable increase in the number of residents and subdivision developments attracted to our rural lifestyle adding to the existing strong sense of community and a commitment to maintaining the balance between growth and preserving our unique heritage.

There are a number of places for congregation and community that are well established in Nichols Point. These businesses and community groups serve an integral role in keeping Nichols Point residents connected and shows the vibrant, healthy lifestyle enjoyed by all.

## Nichols Point Primary School

Primary aged children have been attending school in the Nichols Point area since 1892, with the current site being opened in September 2007. The school strives to provide an environment that is engaging, safe and inclusive with excellent facilities in both the classrooms and in the playground. The classrooms are welcoming and comfortable spaces to learn, with modern technology and facilities, fantastic play equipment and sporting facilities, quiet areas, veggie patches, a chicken coop and lots of shady seating for the students to enjoy. The school's commitment to a 'kid's first' culture, which prioritises students in all decision-making, planning, and outcomes, has solidified its positive reputation within the broader community, making it a school of choice.

## Nichols Point General Store

The Nichols Point General Store is the hub of the community, providing a variety of services to residents such as postal, giftware, groceries, catering, beverages, takeaway food, such as postal, giftware, groceries, catering, beverages and takeaway food. With strong ties to community, the store owners generously support sporting groups and community events, providing space for community information to be displayed and distributed.

## Nichols Point Recreation Reserve

Nichols Point Recreation Reserve (NPRR) is located off Fifth Street and is own by Council freehold, with Council being responsible for most maintenance tasks and minor operation being carried out by local clubs (e.g. cricket wicket preparation is carried out by the cricket club). The NPRR is the home to and used by the Nichols Point Cricket Club, Nichols Point Soccer Club and Sunraysia Rugby League.

The Nichols Point Community Hall is also located at the NPRR and is well utilised by the Mildura Theatre Company and is available for community hire. The newly completed sporting pavilion featuring club rooms, kiosk, storerooms, change rooms and toilets is due to be completed in early 2025.

*"I value the community spirit through connections at the local cricket club and school community"*

## Nichols Point Scout Activity Centre

In 1895, the Mildura Irrigation Trust was set up by the government to ensure fair and equitable access to irrigation. The building on the corner of Cureton and Karadoc Avenue was the last of three pumping stations built to irrigate the old Mildura Irrigation District. In the 1960's the old pump station was purchased by the Scout Association of Australia – Victoria/Sunraysia Branch and is known today as the Nichols Point Scouts Activity Centre. The Sunraysia Scout District Scouts use the Centre







Riverside Golf Course

for training, activity days, campfires, meeting and rehearsals for Sunraysia Gang Show. The facilities are also used by Electric Light Theatre, Girl Guides and Sunraysia Radio Group. This dynamic activity centre is well loved and maintained by the efforts of our Scouting volunteers.

### Sunraysia Equestrian Centre

The Sunraysia Equestrian Centre is located at 66 Racecourse Road, Nichols Point. This has been a hub for local equestrian clubs since 1986 when the pony club was relocated there from the old Aero Ovals precinct. At that time Mildura Rural City Council cleared areas to provide suitable riding surfaces, and later assisted with the location of a building for use as a clubroom. Since then, with the efforts of countless volunteers, the centre has continued to develop the facilities and has hosted many events which have attracted horse enthusiasts from across southern Australia.

As a result of the 2022 Murray River flood event, the Sunraysia Equestrian Centre grounds were subject to significant damage including the loss of buildings, infrastructure, and riding surfaces. The Sunraysia Equestrian Centre Board of Management continues to work in cooperation with Mildura Rural City Council to restore and improve the equestrian centre facilities for future generations.

### Riverside Golf Club

The Riverside Golf Club is located on the banks of the Murray River and boasts 18 grass greens and watered fairways set amongst majestic river red gum and box trees. Riverside is home to abundant native bird life, particularly waterbirds that nest in the natural billabongs adjacent to the Murray River itself. Golf enthusiasts can hire golf carts and equipment, take advantage of the licenced clubhouse and golf shop, or stay in one of the holiday houses overlooking the fairways.

The Nichols Point Tennis Club is also located at this site and welcomes anyone interested in having a game.



Nichols Point Scout Activity Centre







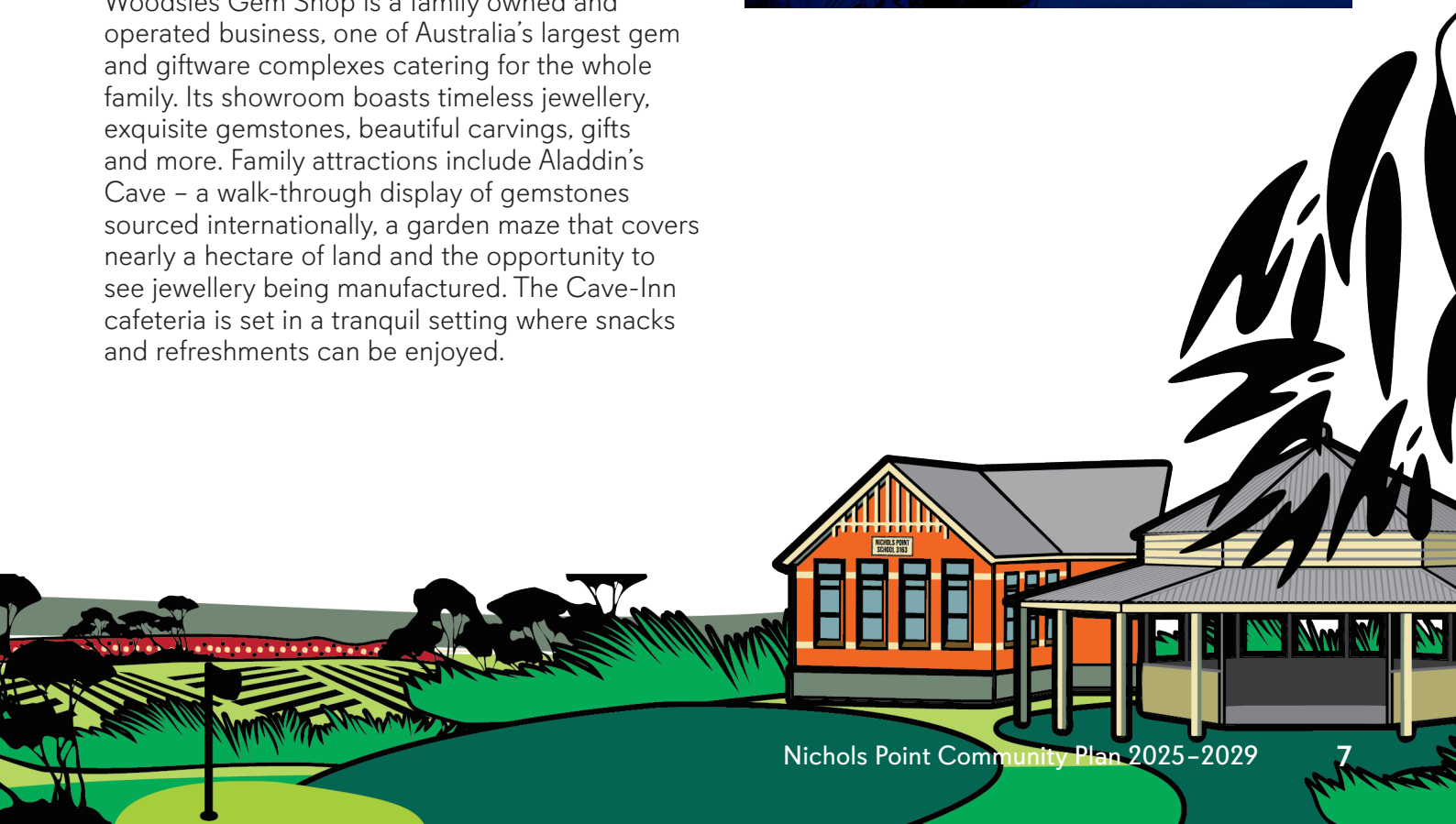
### Kings Billabong Park

The park is an ecological marvel and self-supporting ecosystem, of 20 square kilometres, that supports several wildlife species, including the endangered Broad-shelled turtle, and numerous waterbirds. Community members, visitors, and residents can engage in activities such as walking and cycling along the tracks, fishing from the platforms, canoeing, birdwatching, and camping. There are three trails to suit a variety of needs, a 200m loop, 3.5km loop and a 9.5km loop.



### Woodsies Gem Shop

Woodsies Gem Shop is a family owned and operated business, one of Australia's largest gem and giftware complexes catering for the whole family. Its showroom boasts timeless jewellery, exquisite gemstones, beautiful carvings, gifts and more. Family attractions include Aladdin's Cave – a walk-through display of gemstones sourced internationally, a garden maze that covers nearly a hectare of land and the opportunity to see jewellery being manufactured. The Cave-Inn cafeteria is set in a tranquil setting where snacks and refreshments can be enjoyed.





# Stories From Our Residents



Carol Henshilwood – Nichols Point resident

Living in Nichols Point for over 50 years has been a truly enriching experience for me. One of the standout features of this suburb is the strong sense of community, there is a friendly and welcoming atmosphere that makes it easy to connect with neighbours and form lasting friendships. Nichols Point is just a short drive to Mildura City.

The beautiful sunsets are another reason I love living here. Nichols Point is surrounded by lush open spaces and beautiful vineyards. Every day you are greeted by the soothing sounds of bird life. The open spaces provide ample opportunities for outdoor activities and relaxation contributing to a high quality of life.

Looking ahead I hope to see Nichols Point flourish while preserving its unique charm, ensuing that future generations can enjoy the same experience that makes living here so special.



Annalise, Brendan, Nate, Carol, Mackenzie and Carson

## What do you like about living in Nichols Point?

*"We like being close to the river and the billabong."*

*We like having nice neighbours".*

## What do you hope to see in the future for Nichols Point?

*"More and upgraded sporting facilities including less common sports (like hockey!) we'd also love to see more footpaths to ride our bikes or walk to school and friends' houses safely."*

*We love living in Nichols Point and being close to our school, it's a nice neighbourhood and we're close to our friends. We are close to the billabong to go exploring and there are big blocks to play on in a peaceful location. Kids can ride their bikes around the streets and see their school friends".*



# Achievements from the 2012 Nichols Point Plan



## 1. Safety and Transport

- Safety upgrades carried out at the intersection of Koorlong Avenue and Fifth Street
- Support of the Council's Track and Trails Strategy
- Trees planted along the bike tracks in the area by a community tree planning day
- Two cycling channel crossing bridges installed on Koorlong Avenue near Fifth Street
- Traffic island installed on Koorlong Avenue near Fifth Street
- Level crossings installed over the channel end of Fifth Street

## 2. Town/Street Pride

- Stage One and Stage Two of native tree corridor plantings completed
- Student tree planting day in the Nichols Point Recreation Reserve

## 3. Recreation and Leisure

- New community playground opened December 2015
- Establishment of the Nichols Point Pavilion Reference Group
- Collaboration between the Nichols Point Cricket Club and Nichols Point Primary School resulted in the creation of a community area at the Nichols Point Recreation Reserve including play equipment, picnic area and new cricket training nets
- Funding secured for the Nichols Point Recreation Reserve Redevelopment Project

## 4. Nature

- Funding received from Parks Victoria for seating, extended parking area and new toilets at Kings Billabong
- Community night walk tours conducted to promote responsible use of walking tracks

## 5. Promote Nichols Point

- 'An Oral History of Kings Billabong' book launched in collaboration with Mallee Catchment Management Authority
- Nichols Point Incorporated supported the Psyche Bend Historical Reserve Committee to seek funding for the maintenance of erosion and foundations
- Development of the Nichols Point Community Facebook page

## 6. Robust Community Connectedness

- Nichols Point Incorporated reestablished
- Landcare community day held
- Support given for the compilation and launch of the Kings Billabong Plant Guide
- Nichols Point Community Facebook page administration passed to Nichols Point Incorporated
- Mildura Rural City Council purchased the old Nichols Point Primary School site in 2017
- The Nichols Point Rotunda was included in the Victorian Heritage Register in June 2016
- Concept design for the use of the old Nichols Point School site finalised, including a new kindergarten





A photograph of the Nichols Point School building, a red brick structure with a gabled roof and a sign that reads 'NICHOLS POINT SCHOOL 3163'. A modern shelter shed is visible in the foreground on the right. The title 'Stories of Achievement in Advocacy' is overlaid in large white text.

# Stories of Achievement in Advocacy

## ***Saving our Heritage - The Rotunda Project***

The successful Heritage listing of the Rotunda at the Old Nichols Point Primary School site was a proud moment for residents advocating for its protection.

The History of the old Nichols Point School and Rotunda has been significantly researched in an attempt to register the location with Heritage Victoria.

***Following requests to the Mildura Board of Advice from local parents, a school for forty-two students was established in 1892 in the Methodist Church at the irrigated farmland settlement of Nichols Point, east of Mildura. In 1906 the red brick Nichols Point State School was opened on the corner of Fifth and Koorlong Avenues.***

***In the early twentieth century, a campaign led by the Victorian Education Department was underway to update school buildings and grounds, including through the provision of shelter sheds. Shelter sheds were seen as an important part of school life, providing shelter from the elements and an additional, well ventilated, covered space to provide school***

***children with fresh air. In 1911 funds were sought for its completion and the verandah was added. Designed by Alexander Thomson, Shire Engineer from 1899-1919, the play pavilion, or shelter shed was described by Frank Tate, Director of Education 1902-1928, as 'the best I have seen in an Australian school', as recorded in the 1973 publication Vision and Realisation: A Centenary History of State Education in Victoria.***

***During a Department of Education visit to schools in the north of Victoria, possibly in 1913, it was reported that: 'the Ministerial party was delighted at the external surroundings of the Nichols Point school. Lawns, a rotunda, gorgeous flowers of tropical hues, grape vines, heavy with the tempting fruit; all make this school a temple of aesthetic usefulness.' [The Mildura Cultivator, 23 April 1913, p 9]. The pavilion was described as 'spacious and ornamental' in The Mildura Cultivator, 31 October 1914 and in that year the school won third prize in the school ground competition for its garden laid out in what was described as the 'architectural' style.***

***Following increased residential development at Nichols Point during the 1980's and 1990's, a new school was built in 2006 on an adjacent site on Koorlong Avenue, and the original school building was vacated.***







Remaining in the ownership of the Victorian State Government, the old Nichols Point School and shelter shed/rotunda lay dormant on the site for close to 10 years. In early 2015, upon hearing that the Victorian Education Department intended to demolish both the old Nichols Point Primary School and Rotunda, a group of Nichols Point residents began their fight to save both locations. Already heritage listed at a local government level, the sites were not protected from State Government intervention. Community meetings, led by resident Mandy Gowty, gave opportunity for residents and parents of former students to voice their opinions and lobby for Victorian State heritage listing on the site.

In mid-2015, the lobby group requested the land and buildings be purchased by the Mildura Rural City Council from the State Government which would give local residents more scope to preserve the heritage.

By October 2015, after consultations with council and other stakeholders, the Department of Education and Training advised the old school building and rotunda would not be demolished. While the original application to Heritage Victoria in 2015 requesting that the former Nichols Point Primary School and Rotunda buildings was denied,

further investigation and assessment on the Rotunda would result in the shelter shed being granted inclusion in the Victorian Heritage List in June 2016.

Fast forward to 2022 and the old school site and rotunda is now owned by Mildura Rural City Council. The school building is protected by a local government heritage listing, and the Rotunda protected by inclusion on the State Heritage List. The shelter shed has had a makeover and was officially opened Saturday March 22, 2025. The site overall will house a new kindergarten and Early Years Hub, with funding secured from the Victorian Government and works to commence in 2025.

This long, hard fought battle has resulted in a positive outcome for the protection of heritage and history in Nichols Point. Spearheaded by Mandy Gowty, Jason Modica, Evette Turlan and other local residents, this advocacy also resulted in the formal establishment of Nichols Point Inc, a community-led committee that continues the fight for progress, advocacy and preservation of history in the Nichols Point community.







# *The Need for Modern and Inclusive Spaces – The Pavilion Project*

The Nichols Point Recreation Reserve serves as the main hub for community to come together. Whether that is for soccer training with the Nichols Point Soccer Club over the winter, or at training and competition days with the Nichols Point Cricket Club during the warm summer days.

Alongside these sporting groups, the Reserve has been a space for community to gather after the significant floods of 2023 and continues to be a place of fun for kids in the area – utilising the lush green oval and playground before and after school and over the weekends.

Our hope is that the new Sporting Pavilion will continue to support this coming together of community which is such an important aspect of living in Nichols Point.

The installation of the new Nichols Point Sporting Pavilion and ongoing management from the Nichols Point Pavilion Management Group (made up of community and sporting group representatives) in 2025 has been warmly welcomed by residents and interested parties in Nichols Point.

Female sporting members utilising the Nichols Point Recreation Reserve have been spending their time pre- and post-game changing into their uniforms in the small public toilets on site. The existing club rooms

have not had the space or capacity to accommodate both male and female participants during soccer, rugby or cricket training and matches.

Members of the Nichols Point Cricket Club, Nichols Point Soccer Club, Football Federation Sunraysia, Sunraysia Cricket Association, Sunraysia Rugby League and Nichols Point Incorporated decided it was timely to lobby for change at the Reserve. During a consultative process in 2013, Mildura Rural City Council developed a concept plan for the facility and a reference group formed.

Members of the sporting groups along with Nichols Point Primary School and other community members worked with the then Victorian State MP Ali Cupper and Mildura Rural City Council, to put forward plans for a new, upgraded facility on site and, in May 2022, were successful in securing the full \$1.75 million dollars to fund the upgrade.

This \$2,030,164.00 project was funded through a partnership between the Victorian Government (Local Sport Infrastructure Fund), Mildura Rural City Council, Developer Contribution Plan Allocation, Nichols Point Community Groups and Cricket Victoria.





The Nichols Point Community Pavilion is a purpose-built multi use facility that will not only provide adequate change room facilities for all members of the sporting groups, it will also offer umpire's change rooms, medical room, an office, a function space, toilets, kitchen/kiosk, bar facilities, and storage sheds.

This project shows another fantastic example of community coming together, identifying a need, and advocating for change.

## Looking to the Future



Nichols Point Inc is a volunteer community group and progress association that advocates for the preservation of history and the continued and new establishment of services in the Nichols Point area. Our aim is to support local sporting and recreational groups, individual residents and businesses in any way they might need our advocacy support. Nichols Point Inc has lobbied local and state governments for funding, being successful in receiving grants to build the Sporting Pavilion at the Nichols Point Recreation Reserve and in granting Heritage Listing to the School Rotunda on the old Nichols Point Primary School site.

This community plan will serve as a roadmap for development not only of infrastructure but also community engagement over the next four years. Our community's values and aspirations to build a connected, future-forward looking community are set out in this plan and we have high hopes and expectations that over the coming four years, we can continue this positive momentum of opportunity in Nichols Point.

By 2029, our vision of Nichols Point includes a strong, vibrant, and connected community that comes together many times throughout the year at the Pavilion, the Kindergarten, the School and new places of interest.

Special events throughout the year will be celebrated by residents – Christmas cheer and congregation will show up in many forms during the holiday period.

Children will have access to new and exciting spaces where they can congregate outside of school, using safe and accessible paths to get to and from home.

Continuing preservation of our important history will remain steadfast and ongoing advocacy for community groups and others will remain central to our work.

We will continue to highlight and celebrate small and medium size businesses that are proud to operate in our community. Residential development will push us further in seeking infrastructure and new business opportunities to enhance business and services for our residents to make life a little less stressful and a bit more fun!

Representing the wider community, the Committee of Nichols Point Incorporated endorse the Nichols Point Community Plan 2025 – 2029.

*“My children are the fifth generation to look after our farm and attend Nichols Point Primary School. I feel a strong connection and responsibility to look after the land for the next generation”*





# New South Wales



Murray River

Mildura  
Racecourse

Riverside  
Golf Course

Nichols Point  
Cemetery

Nichols Point  
Scout Hall

Nichols Point  
Primary School

Nichols Point  
Rec Reserve

Woodies  
Gem Shop

Sunraysia  
Equestrian  
Centre

Bruces  
Bend

Kings  
Billabong

Victoria





# Nichols Point Community Planning

## What is Community Planning?

Community planning is a process that involves the active participation of residents, Council and other stakeholders in the development and management of their local area. It aims to balance economic, social, and environmental needs to create sustainable, resilient, and vibrant communities. The goal is to identify and implement actions within a plan that enhance the quality of life for community members. This process typically involves several key elements.

## Assessment and Research

This involves gathering data on the community's needs, resources, demographics, and existing conditions.

The lovely, peaceful hamlet of Nichols Point is located a short six kilometres from the Mildura city centre and includes water fronts of the Murray River and Kings Billabong. The area is a mixture of natural bushland and waterways, horticulture, residential and recreation spaces.



Population  
**1723**



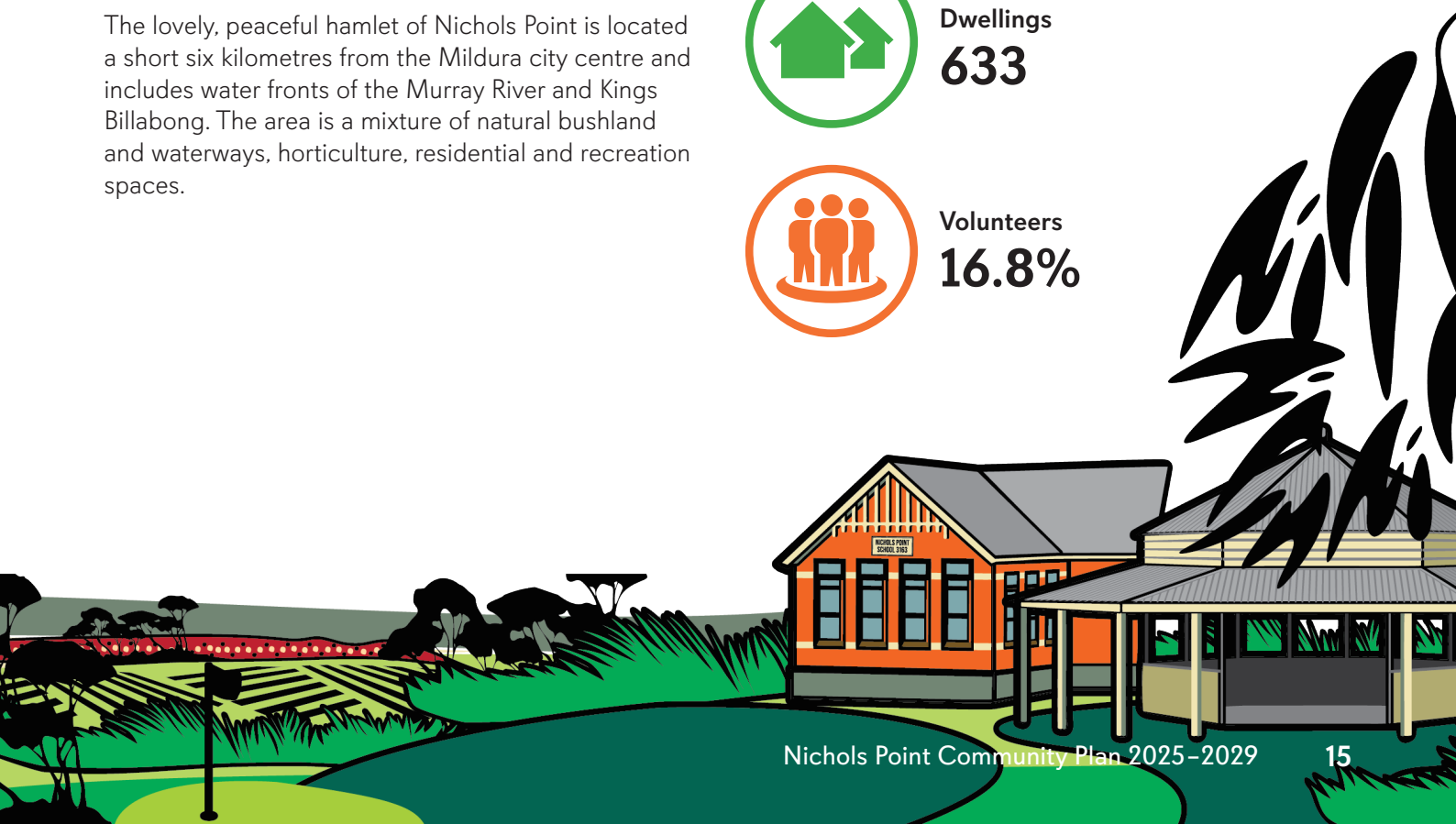
Medium Income  
**\$2,087** (weekly)



Dwellings  
**633**



Volunteers  
**16.8%**







### Public Engagement

Engaging the community and stakeholders was central to the development of this plan and will be key to achieving the identified outcomes. Mildura Rural City Council supported Nichols Point Incorporated by conducting extensive consultations through online and hard copy surveys, community drop-in sessions, workshops, and through Council's online platform, Your Say. Over 100 responses were collected, which informed the priorities and identified projects that form the 2025 -2029 Community Plan.

Giving the young people of Nichols Point a voice and opportunity to provide an idea of what a future community looks like for them was a key initiative that aimed to empower and engage the youth in shaping their environment. By involving them in the planning process, Nichols Point Incorporated sought to create a space that reflects their needs and aspirations, fostering a sense of ownership and responsibility among the

younger generation. This approach not only ensures that the future community is vibrant and inclusive but also helps in building leadership skills and civic awareness among the youth of Nichols Point.



### Our Vision

To nurture and preserve our serene and welcoming community where residents enjoy a high quality of life, natural beauty, and a strong sense of belonging. We envision a place where sustainable growth respects our heritage, fosters local businesses, and ensures a safe and peaceful environment for families to thrive and future generations to cherish.

### Mission

Our mission is to engage and empower our community members to collaboratively create and implement a comprehensive community plan that enhances the quality of life, preserves our unique rural character, and fosters sustainable growth. We are committed to transparent decision-making, inclusive participation, and proactive initiatives that address the needs and aspirations of all residents, ensuring a vibrant and resilient future for our town.

### Values

We are dedicated to enhancing the well-being, safety and tranquility of the Nichols Point community while advocating for long-term resilience and sustainable growth of our town.







# Recreation

**Objective:** Foster a healthier, more engaged and vibrant community

## Actions

Support the upgrade of existing, and/or of new playground builds e.g. shade sails, swings, nature play

Establish a community area e.g. picnic area, BBQ, playground, park benches

Support local sporting clubs to improve existing facilities e.g. new cricket nets, horse complex upgrades

Investigate locations for new recreation facilities e.g. skatepark, basketball court, pump track, dog park

Investigate and support the upgrade and extension of walking and cycling paths to connect Nichols Point to Mildura

Facilitate community access to a broad range of local recreation and leisure activities

Assess requirements for infrastructure upgrades to recreation facilities e.g. female change rooms/toilets

Redevelopment of the rotunda site for community use

## Next Steps

- Seek Council support for creating new facilities and investigate funding opportunities

- Identify potential sites
- Investigate partnership opportunities
- Investigate funding opportunities

- Determine improvements required
- Seek Council support for improvements
- Investigate funding opportunities

- Seek Council support to investigate opportunities for public open spaces

- Secure Council support to create, improve and upgrade paths

- Investigate activity options
- Identify appropriate locations
- Identify funding opportunities

- Investigate opportunities for upgrades
- Establish partnerships
- Identify funding opportunities

- Seek Council support to undertake a risk assessment and undertake any remedial works required





# Advocacy

Objective: Lead meaningful change and improved outcomes for our community

## Actions

Support the establishment of a kindergarten

Support the establishment of an Integrated Early Years Hub, including Maternal and Child Health Services

Create a community area at the old Nichols Point School site

Work together to advocate for public transport options and for the installation of bus shop shelters

Development and improvement to riverfront and boat ramp facilities

Advocate for community to be consulted in town planning to ensure a safe and accessible town

Advocate for the continuous capacity building of committee members

## Next Steps

- Work with Council through the planning, funding and implementation stages

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- Establish partnerships
- Explore opportunities for community use
- Investigate funding opportunities'

- Consult with Public Transport Victoria on bus routes during their next review
- Conduct a safety and accessibility audit

- Undertake improvements and maintain the riverfront reserve

- Collaborate with and support Council on initiatives and projects to enhance our community

- Investigate training opportunities for committee members
- Investigate funding opportunities





# ***Town Development and Enhancement***

**Objective:** Lead a more vibrant, inclusive, and sustainable community

## **Actions**

Investigate extension of existing footpaths connecting Nichols Point to Mildura

Campaign for infrastructure to meet population growth e.g. increased parking, drainage, street lighting, sewerage

Examine a viable business model to encourage commercial business diversity e.g. café, restaurant, shopping precinct

## **Next Steps**

- Secure Council support to extend and install new footpaths
- Investigate funding opportunities

- Secure Council support to install infrastructure to keep up with population growth
- Establish partnerships
- Investigate funding opportunities

- Investigate opportunity for creating a business plan for Nichols Point growth
- Establish a community working group to discuss ideas, methods and to work with Council on funding opportunities





# Community Connection

**Objective:** Build strong connections, fostering a sense of belonging and unity among residents

## Actions

Encourage and support local community and family events e.g. outdoor cinema, community BBQ, live entertainment

Explore and support youth engagement activities and programs

Utilise assets to provide social connection and learning opportunities e.g. cooking, art and craft classes

Create an identity and branding for Nichols Point Inc

Establish digital and hardcopy platforms to notify the community of events and important news

Inspire the community to work together to clean up, fix up and conserve the environment

Encourage participation in Nichols Point Inc

## Next Steps

- Investigate opportunities for the community to connect
- Provide avenues for the community to provide ideas for events

- Investigate opportunities for youth activities and events
- Improve accessibility for youth events

- Investigate community appetite for activities
- Encourage community to become involved
- Investigate funding opportunities

- Develop a logo and branding to be used for promoting Nichols Point

- Seek funding for website development
- Obtain quotes from service providers
- Develop content

- Educate the community on the Snap, Send, Solve app
- Engage residents to generate ideas and projects

- Advertise meetings via social media etc to encourage attendance
- Provide an avenue for residents to raise concerns, provide feedback and submit ideas





# *Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability*

**Objective:** Promote a healthier and more resilient environment for future generations

## **Actions**

Encourage sustainable practices such as supporting green building

Investigate actions to protect and enhance green spaces

Establish and support community gardens to promote local food and sustainable agriculture

Install signage at the Recreation Reserve  
e.g. Please keep the area clean

Emergency Preparedness Training

Support use and conservation of Kings Billabong and along the river

## **Next Steps**

- Encourage the use of eco-friendly materials and sustainable practices in new construction and renovations

- Organise tree planting events
- Encourage residents to become involved in conservation efforts
- Investigate options for street beautification

- Seek Council support for creating a community garden in a public space
- Establish partnerships
- Investigate funding opportunities

- Investigate options to have signage installed at the Recreation Reserve

- Seek training opportunities for community members
- Advocate for Nichols Point Inc to be a source of information for the community
- Review local emergency services

- Investigate options to support community to use and protect natural spaces





## ***Community Marketing and Tourism Development***

**Objective:** Promote the local economy and create a vibrant, welcoming environment for residents and visitors alike

### **Actions**

Enhance signage to clearly identify tourist attractions and highlight points of interest

Support and promote new and existing tourism businesses and attractions

Investigate the possibility of a second viewing area for Kings Billabong

### **Next Steps**

- Work with Council and local businesses to provide clear, attractive signage to provide information about local attractions and amenities

- Investigate funding opportunities for promotion
- Create high quality content
- Establish partnerships to cross-promote attractions

- Investigate possible locations for a second viewing area
- Support Parks Victoria where possible
- Investigate funding opportunities



Community Groups	Contact
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Nichols Point Pointers Cricket Club	admin@nicholspointcc.org
Nichols Point Football (soccer) Club	admin@nicholspointsc.com.au
Nichols Point Tennis Club	brucey.d@bigpond.com
Sunraysia Rugby League	nrlvic@nrl.com.au
Sunraysia Equestrian Centre	secbom.secretary@gmail.com
Sunraysia District Scouts	dc.sunraysia@scoutsvictoria.com.au

Community Assets and Services	Land Manger	Landowner	Contact	Booking required
Nichols Point Recreation Reserve	Mildura Rural City Council	Mildura Rural City Council	Nichols Point Recreation Reserve (mildura.vic.gov.au)	Yes
Nichols Point Cemetery	Mildura Cemetery Trust	Mildura Rural City Council	Cemeteries in our region www.mildura.vic.gov.au	N/A
Nichols Point Hall	Mildura Rural City Council	Mildura Rural City Council	milduratheatre@gmail.com	Yes
Nichols Point Pavilion	Nichols Point Pavilion Management Inc	Mildura Rural City Council	admin@nppavilion.com.au www.nppavilion.com.au	Yes
Kings Billabong - Billabong Walks Carpark	Parks Victoria	Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action	Billabong Walks Carpark (Kings Billabong Park) www.parks.vic.gov.au	N/A



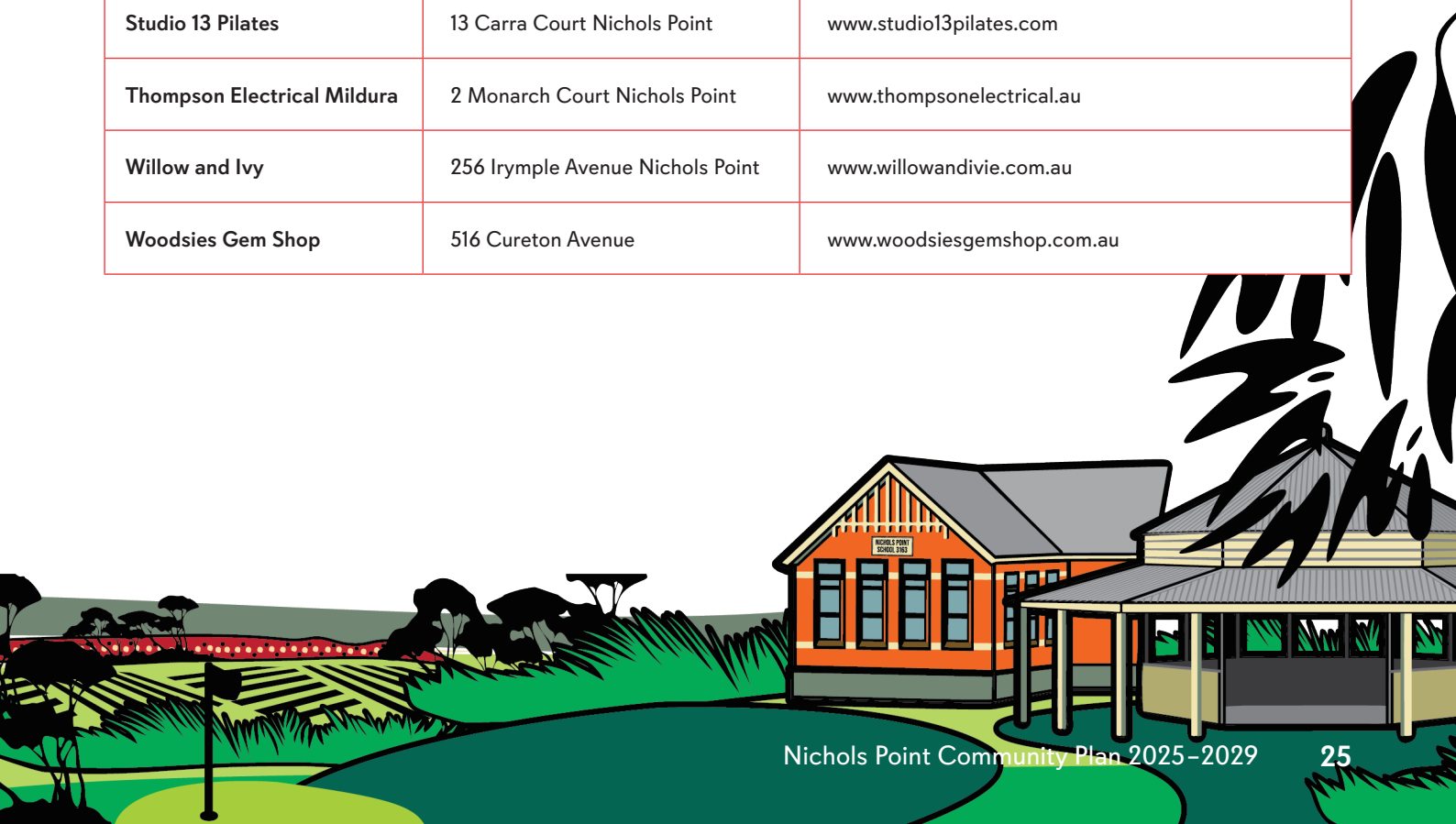


Community Assets and Services	Land Manger	Landowner	Contact	Booking required
Kings Billabong – Billabong Camping Area	Parks Victoria	Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action	Billabong Camping Area <a href="http://www.parks.vic.gov.au">www.parks.vic.gov.au</a>	No
Bruces Bend Camping Area	Parks Victoria	Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action	Bruce's Bend Camping Area <a href="http://www.parks.vic.gov.au">www.parks.vic.gov.au</a>	No
Bruces Bend Boat Ramp	Parks Victoria	Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action	Bruce's Bend Boat Ramp <a href="http://www.parks.vic.gov.au">www.parks.vic.gov.au</a>	No
Butlers Bend Camping Area	Parks Victoria	Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action	Butlers Bend Camping Area <a href="http://www.parks.vic.gov.au">www.parks.vic.gov.au</a>	No
Green Point Camping Area	Parks Victoria	Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action	Green Point Camping Area <a href="http://www.parks.vic.gov.au">www.parks.vic.gov.au</a>	No
Marina Point Camping Area	Parks Victoria	Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action	Marina Point Camping Area <a href="http://www.parks.vic.gov.au">www.parks.vic.gov.au</a>	No
Trentham Camping Area	Parks Victoria	Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action	Trentham Camping Area <a href="http://www.parks.vic.gov.au">www.parks.vic.gov.au</a>	No
Nichols Point Primary School	Victorian Department of Education	Nichols Point Primary School	Nichols Point Primary School <a href="http://www.nicholspointps.com">www.nicholspointps.com</a>	N/A





Business Services	Address	Contact
Bruce's Bend Marina	Bruce's Bend Nichols Point	<a href="http://www.brucesbendmarina.com.au">www.brucesbendmarina.com.au</a>
FamBam Family Law and Separation Mentoring	721 Cureton Avenue Nichols Point	<a href="http://www.fambamlaw.com.au">www.fambamlaw.com.au</a>
Jim's MMA Health and Fitness	9 Forrester Court Nichols Point	<a href="http://www.jimsmma.com.au">www.jimsmma.com.au</a>
Justin Allen Roofing and Plumbing	146 Fifth Street Nichols Point	<a href="http://www.justinallanroofingandplumbing.com.au">www.justinallanroofingandplumbing.com.au</a>
JAAG Professional Builders Pty Ltd	Pate Street Nichols Point	<a href="http://www.jaag.com.au">www.jaag.com.au</a>
Lever's Concept Constructions	6 Adelong Court Nichols Point	<a href="http://www.leversconceptconstructions.com.au">www.leversconceptconstructions.com.au</a>
Mildura Property and Garden Maintenance	18 Morpung Avenue Nichols Point	0421 356 331
Mildura Racing Club	Racecourse Road Nichols Point	<a href="http://www.country.racing.com/mildura">www.country.racing.com/mildura</a>
Mildura School of Driving	8 Cooke Street Nichols Point	0419 271 300
MTF Developments	Billabong Road Nichols Point	<a href="http://www.mtfdevelopments.com.au">www.mtfdevelopments.com.au</a>
Nest Mildura - Pilates	2 Monarch Court Nichols Point	<a href="http://www.nestmildura.com.au">www.nestmildura.com.au</a>
Nichols Point General Store	174 Fifth Street Nichols Point	(03) 5023 3255
Riverside Golf Club	131 Park Street Nichols Point	<a href="http://www.riversidegolfclub.net">www.riversidegolfclub.net</a>
Studio 13 Pilates	13 Carra Court Nichols Point	<a href="http://www.studio13pilates.com">www.studio13pilates.com</a>
Thompson Electrical Mildura	2 Monarch Court Nichols Point	<a href="http://www.thompsonselectrical.au">www.thompsonselectrical.au</a>
Willow and Ivy	256 Irymple Avenue Nichols Point	<a href="http://www.willowandivie.com.au">www.willowandivie.com.au</a>
Woodsies Gem Shop	516 Cureton Avenue	<a href="http://www.woodsiesgemshop.com.au">www.woodsiesgemshop.com.au</a>





# Appendix 1 - Plan Development and Implementation

This plan outlines the strategies, actions and policies which will assist in achieving our community's goals and will involve collaboration among community groups, Council and private sector partners.

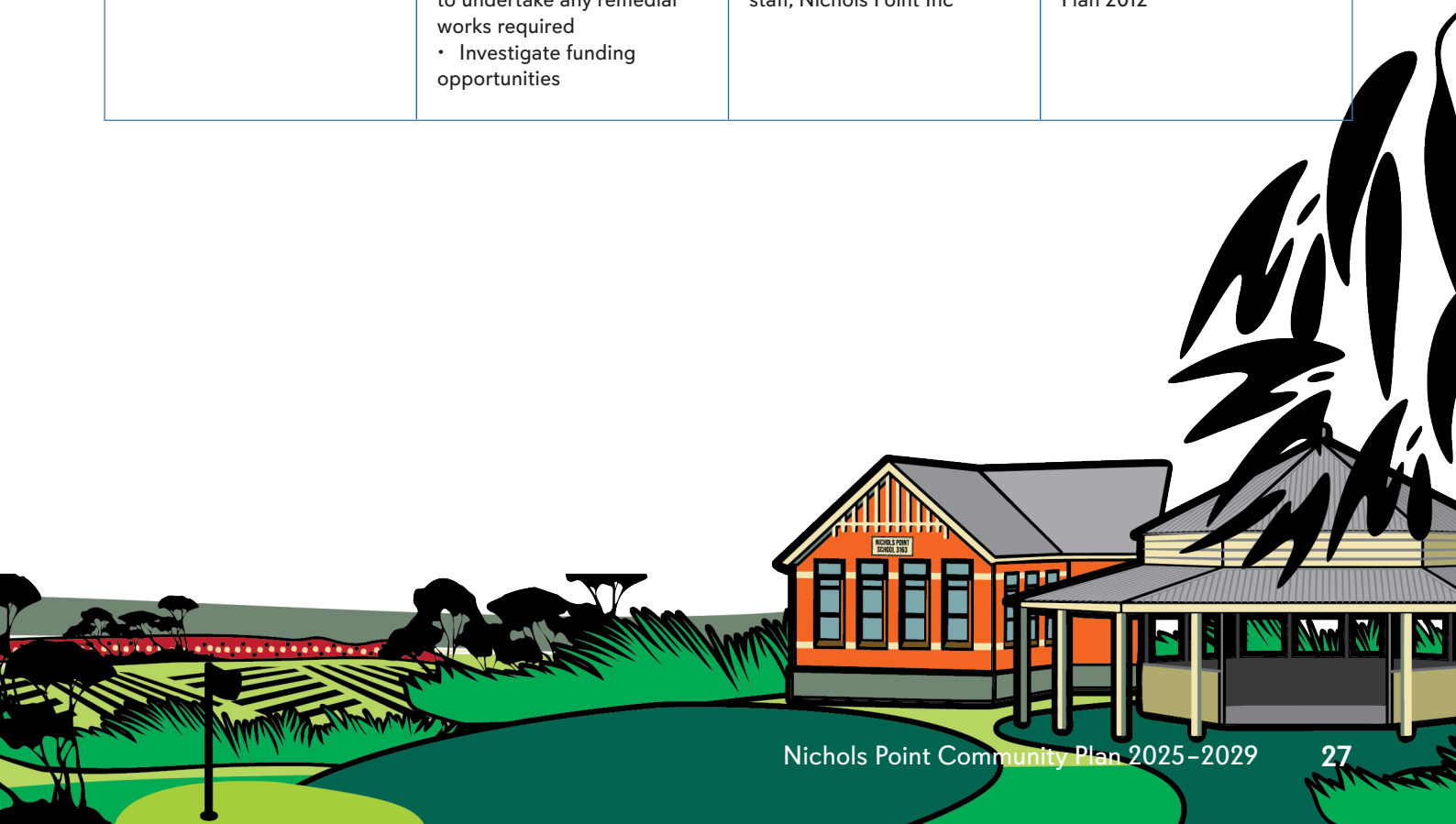
Recreation			
Objective: Foster a healthier, more engaged, and vibrant community			
Actions	Next Steps	Partners	Links
Support the upgrade of existing, and/or of new playground builds e.g. shade sails, swings, nature play	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seek Council support for creating new playground facilities suitable for a wide range of ages.</li> <li>• Establish partnerships with appropriate services to investigate public community risk and grants</li> </ul>	Council Recreation Development staff, Community Development staff, Community Care Staff, Parks and Gardens staff, Road Safety Officer, Nichols Point Inc, residents, sporting groups, internal and external stakeholders, State and Federal funding bodies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council Recreation Strategy 2021 – 2031</li> <li>• Council Youth Engagement Strategy 2024 – 2029</li> <li>• Council Community Vision 2021 – 2040</li> <li>• Mildura Public Open Space Strategy 2021</li> <li>• Nichols Point Recreation Reserve Master Plan 2020</li> <li>• Council Playground Strategy 2021 – 2026</li> <li>• Council Disability Action Plan 2024</li> </ul>
Establish a community area e.g. picnic area, BBQ, playground, park benches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify potential sites for creating public spaces</li> <li>• Investigate partnership opportunities</li> <li>• Investigate funding opportunities</li> </ul>	Council Recreation Development staff, Community Development staff, Community Care Staff, Infrastructure and Assets staff, Nichols Point Inc, residents, internal and external stakeholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council Recreation Strategy 2021 – 2031</li> <li>• Council Youth Engagement Strategy 2024 – 2029</li> <li>• Council Community Vision 2021 – 2040</li> <li>• Council Public Open Space Strategy 2021</li> <li>• Council Disability Action Plan 2024</li> </ul>
Support local sporting clubs to improve existing facilities e.g. new cricket nets, scoreboards and lighting, horse complex upgrades, pavilion furniture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seek Council support for facility improvement</li> <li>• Determine improvements required</li> <li>• Investigate funding opportunities</li> </ul>	Council Recreation Development Staff, Community Development Staff, Infrastructure and Assets staff, Nichols Point Inc, sporting groups, Local, State and Federal funding bodies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nichols Point Recreation Reserve Master Plan 2020</li> <li>• Council Recreation Strategy 2021 – 2031</li> <li>• Council Community Vision 2021 - 2040</li> </ul>
Investigate locations for new recreation facilities e.g. skatepark, basketball court, netball court, pump track, dog park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seek Council support to investigate opportunities for public open spaces</li> </ul>	Council Recreation Development staff, Community Development staff, Community Care staff, Strategic Planning staff, Nichols Point Inc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council Public Open Space Strategy 2021</li> <li>• Council Youth Engagement Strategy 2024 – 2029</li> <li>• Council Community Vision 2021 – 2040</li> <li>• Community Health and Wellbeing Plan 2021-2025</li> </ul>



## Recreation

**Objective: Foster a healthier, more engaged, and vibrant community**

Actions	Next Steps	Partners	Links
Investigate and support the upgrade and extension of walking and cycling paths to connect Nichols Point to Mildura and the river	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Secure Council support to create, improve, and upgrade local walking and cycling paths, connecting to surrounding towns</li> </ul>	Council Infrastructure and Assets staff, Sport and Recreation Victoria, Walks Victoria, State and Federal funding bodies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mildura Tracks and Trails Strategy</li> <li>Mildura East Growth Area Framework.</li> <li>Council Road Safety Strategy 2023 -2030</li> </ul>
Facilitate community access to a broad range of local recreation and leisure activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigate community appetite for activities and identify activities of choice</li> <li>Identify appropriate locations to host activities and organising committee</li> <li>Identify funding opportunities</li> </ul>	Council Recreation Development staff, Facilities Services staff, Events staff, Nichols Point Inc, residents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council Recreation Strategy 2021 -2031</li> <li>Council Youth Engagement Strategy 2024 - 2029</li> </ul>
Assess upgrade requirements for recreation facilities e.g. facilities for tennis club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigate opportunities to upgrade recreation facilities throughout the Nichols Point area</li> <li>Establish partnerships with appropriate services to investigate public community risk</li> </ul>	Council Recreation Development staff, Facility Services staff, Community Development staff, Nichols Point Inc, sporting clubs, community members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council Recreation Strategy 2021 - 2031</li> <li>Council Community Vision 2021 - 2040</li> <li>Council Disability Action Plan 2024</li> </ul>
Redevelopment of the rotunda site for community use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seek Council support to undertake a risk assessment and identify risk mediation actions</li> <li>Seek Council support to undertake any remedial works required</li> <li>Investigate funding opportunities</li> </ul>	Council Recreation Development staff, Community Care staff, Facilities Services staff, Community Development staff, Nichols Point Inc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council Community Vision 2021 - 2040</li> <li>Council Recreation Strategy 2021 - 2040</li> <li>Nichols Point Community Plan 2012</li> </ul>



## Advocacy

**Objective: Lead meaningful change and improved outcomes for our community**

Actions	Next Steps	Partners	Links
Support the establishment of a kindergarten	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with Council through the planning, funding and implementation stages</li> </ul>	Council Healthy Communities Department, Infrastructure and Assets staff, Department of Education, Nichols Point Inc, State and Federal funding bodies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council Community Health and Wellbeing Plan 2021-2025</li> <li>• Council Plan 2021-2025</li> <li>• Council Community Vision 2021-2040</li> <li>• Municipal Early Years Plan 2020-2025</li> <li>• Council Early Years Infrastructure Plan</li> <li>• Kindergarten Infrastructure and Service Plan (KISP)</li> </ul>
Support the establishment of an Integrated Early Years Hub, including Maternal and Child Health Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with Council through the planning, funding and implementation stages</li> </ul>	Council Healthy Communities Department, Infrastructure and Asset staff, Nichols Point Inc, State and Federal funding bodies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council Community Health Wellbeing Plan 2021 – 2025</li> <li>• Council Plan 2021 – 2025</li> <li>• Council Community Vision 2021 – 2040</li> <li>• Municipal Early Years Plan 2020 – 2025</li> <li>• Council Early Years Infrastructure Plan</li> </ul>
Create a community area at the old Nichols Point school site	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explore opportunities for community use of the old Nichols Point School site</li> <li>• Establish partnerships with appropriate services to investigate community risk</li> <li>• Investigate funding opportunities</li> </ul>	Council Recreation Development Branch, Community Development staff, Occupational Health and Safety staff, Nichols Point Inc, residents, internal and external stakeholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council Community Vision 2021-2040</li> <li>• Council Public Open Space Strategy 2021</li> <li>• Council Recreation Strategy 2021-2031</li> </ul>
Work together to advocate for public transport options and for the installation of bus stop shelters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consult with Public Transport Victoria on bus routes during their next review</li> <li>• Conduct a safety and accessibility audit of bus shelters throughout the Nichols Point area</li> </ul>	Public Transport Victoria, Mildura Bus Lines, Regional Roads Victoria, Nichols Point Inc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council Plan 2021-2025</li> <li>• Council Community Vision 2021-2040</li> </ul>

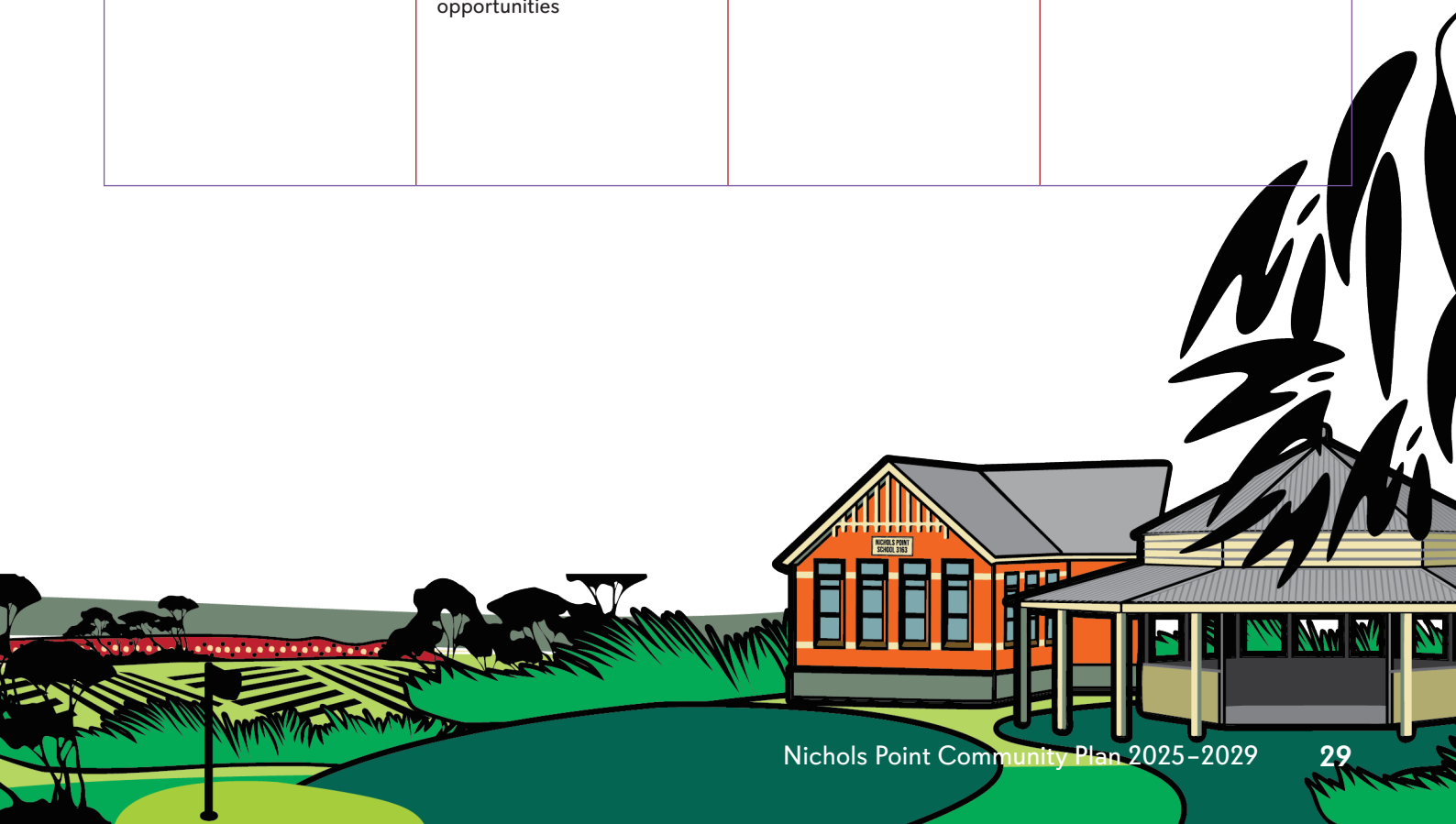




## Advocacy

**Objective: Lead meaningful change and improved outcomes for our community**

Actions	Next Steps	Partners	Links
Development and improvement to riverfront and boat ramp facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Undertake improvements and maintain the riverfront reserve and boat ramps e.g. fishing ramp/pontoon at Bruces Bend</li> </ul>	Council Recreation Development staff, Parks and Gardens staff, NSW Crown land, Natural Resources Access Regulator, NSW Department of Primary Industries, Transport for NSW, Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action, Parks Victoria, First People of the Millewa Mallee Aboriginal Corporation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council Community Vision 2021-2040</li> <li>Water for Victoria Water Plan</li> <li>Mallee Regional Catchment Strategy 2022 - 2028</li> </ul>
Advocate for community to be consulted in town planning to ensure a safe and accessible town	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collaborate with and support the Council on initiatives and projects to enhance our community</li> </ul>	Council staff, State and Federal funding bodies, Disability Inclusion Advisory Committee, Regulatory bodies, First People of the Millewa Mallee, Nichols Point Inc, residents, internal and external stakeholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council Community Vision 2021- 2040</li> </ul>
Advocate for continuous improvement of committee members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigate training opportunities to increase the skill set of sitting committee members</li> <li>Investigate funding opportunities</li> </ul>	Council Community Development staff, training organisations, other community advisory groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Victorian Volunteering Strategy 2022 - 2027</li> </ul>



## Town Development and Enhancement

**Objective: Lead a more vibrant, inclusive, and sustainable community**

Actions	Next Steps	Partners	Links
Investigate extension of existing and installation of new footpaths connecting Nichols Point to Mildura	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Secure Council support to extend and install new footpaths</li> <li>• Investigate funding opportunities</li> </ul>	Council Infrastructure and Assets staff, Strategic Planning staff, Regional Roads Victoria, Nichols Point Inc, residents, State and Federal grants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council Plan 2021-2025</li> <li>• Council Asset Plan 2022-2031</li> <li>• Council Community Vision 2021-2040</li> <li>• Mildura East Growth Area Framework</li> </ul>
Campaign for infrastructure to meet population growth e.g. increased parking, drainage, street lighting, sewerage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Secure Council support to install infrastructure to keep up with population growth</li> <li>• Establish partnerships with appropriate services to investigate community risk</li> <li>• Investigate funding opportunities</li> </ul>	Council Infrastructure and Assets staff, Strategic Planning staff, Public Transport Victoria, Regional Roads Victoria, Lower Murray Water, Nichols Point Inc, residents, internal and external stakeholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council Community Vision 2021 – 2040</li> <li>• Council Plan 2021 – 2025</li> <li>• Mildura East Growth Area Framework</li> <li>• Council Asset Plan 2022 – 2031</li> </ul>
Examine a viable business model to encourage commercial business diversity e.g. café, restaurant, takeaway, shopping precinct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Investigate opportunity for creating a business plan for Nichols Point growth</li> <li>• Establish a community working group to discuss ideas, methods, and to work with Council on funding opportunities</li> </ul>	Council Community Development staff, Nichols Point Inc, residents, internal and external stakeholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council Plan 2021 – 2025</li> <li>• Council Community Vision 2021 – 2040</li> <li>• Council Visitor Service Strategy 2021 – 2025</li> </ul>





## Community Connection

**Objective: Build strong connections, fostering a sense of belonging and unity among residents**

Actions	Next Steps	Partners	Links
Encourage and support local community and family events e.g. outdoor cinema, community BBQs, picnics, family sport days, Nichols Point community market, live entertainment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigate opportunities for the community to connect</li> <li>Provide feedback opportunities for the community to gather ideas for events</li> <li>Investigate funding opportunities</li> </ul>	Council Community Development staff, Events staff, Recreation Development staff, Facility Services staff, Nichols Point Inc, residents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council Plan 2021 – 2025</li> <li>Council Community Vision 2021 – 2040</li> <li>Council Events Strategy 2025</li> </ul>
Explore and support youth engagement activities or programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigate opportunities for youth activities and events</li> <li>Improve accessibility for youth events</li> <li>Investigate funding opportunities</li> </ul>	Council Youth Engagement Services staff, Community Development staff, Sunraysia Community Health Service, Mallee Accommodation and Support Program, Nichols Point Inc, sporting clubs, residents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council Recreation Strategy 2021 -2031</li> <li>Council Playground Strategy 2021 – 2026</li> <li>Council Plan 2021 – 2025</li> <li>Council Youth Engagement Strategy 2024 – 2029</li> <li>Council Community Health and Wellbeing Plan 2021 - 2025</li> </ul>
Utilise assets to provide social connection and learning opportunities e.g. cooking classes, art and craft sessions, fishing competitions, education programs and guest speakers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigate community appetite for activities</li> <li>Encourage community to be involved in sourcing, planning and hosting activities</li> <li>Investigate funding opportunities</li> </ul>	Council Recreation Development staff, Council Youth Engagement Services staff, Facility Services staff, Community Development staff, Nichols Point Inc, sporting clubs, residents, local entertainers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council Youth Engagement Strategy 2024 – 2029</li> <li>Council Community Vision 2021 – 2040</li> <li>Council Community Health and Wellbeing Plan 2021 - 2025</li> </ul>
Create an identity and branding for Nichols Point Inc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop a logo and branding to be used for promoting Nichols Point</li> </ul>	Community Development staff, Nichols Point Inc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council Community Vision 2021 - 2040</li> </ul>

## Community Connection

**Objective: Build strong connections, fostering a sense of belonging and unity among residents**

Actions	Next Steps	Partners	Links
Establish digital and hardcopy platforms to notify the community of events and important news	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seek funding for website development</li> <li>• Obtain quotes from service providers</li> <li>• Produce high quality content including photographs, videos, blog posts, articles and social media tiles highlighting key attractions, activities and news</li> <li>• Undertake training if needed</li> <li>• Investigate funding opportunities</li> </ul>	Community Development staff, Nichols Point Inc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council Community Vision 2021 – 2040</li> <li>• Victorian Volunteering Strategy 2022 - 2027</li> </ul>
Inspire the community to work together to clean up, fix up and conserve the environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Educate the community on the use of Snap, Send, Solve for reporting issues such as illegal dumping, overgrown trees, broken sprinklers etc.</li> <li>• Engage residents to generate ideas and projects to enhance the towns appearance, empowering them to act</li> </ul>	Council Parks and Gardens staff, Nichols Point Inc, residents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council Community Vision 2021 – 2040</li> <li>• Council Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy 2022 – 2026</li> <li>• Council Litter and Illegal Dumping Strategy 2020 - 2025</li> </ul>
Encourage participation in Nichols Point Inc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advertise meetings via social media and through sporting clubs to encourage attendance at meetings</li> <li>• Provide an avenue for residents to raise concerns, provide feedback or submit ideas</li> </ul>	Council Community Development staff, Nichols Point Inc, sporting clubs, residents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council Community Vision 2021 – 2040</li> <li>• Victorian Volunteering Strategy 2022 - 2027</li> </ul>





## Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability

**Objective: Promote a healthier and more resilient environment for current and future generations**

Actions	Next Steps	Partners	Links
Encourage sustainable practices such as supporting green building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Encourage the use of eco-friendly materials and sustainable practices in new construction and renovations</li> </ul>	Council Environmental Sustainability staff, Climate Emergency Community Advisory Group, Sunraysia Sustainability Network, Nichols Point Inc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council Community Response Plan 2023 – 2028</li> <li>Council Community Vision 2021 – 2040</li> </ul>
Investigate actions to protect and enhance green spaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organise tree planting events and ensure proper maintenance of existing trees</li> <li>Encourage residents to become involved in conservation efforts such as clean up days</li> <li>Investigate options for street beautification through native plants and rain gardens</li> </ul>	Council Environmental Sustainability staff, Parks and Gardens staff, Greening Mildura, Nichols Point Inc, residents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council Community Vision 2021 – 2040</li> <li>Council Urban Tree Strategy 2021 – 2026</li> <li>Council Native Vegetation and Pest Management Plan 2024 – 2028</li> <li>Council Environmental Engagement Action Plan 2024 – 2028</li> </ul>
Establish and support community gardens to promote local food and sustainable agriculture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seek Council support for creating public spaces</li> <li>Establish partnerships with appropriate services to investigate public community risk</li> <li>Investigate funding opportunities</li> </ul>	Council Environmental Sustainability staff, Parks and Gardens staff, Community Development staff, Nichols Point Inc, residents, internal and external stakeholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council Community Vision 2021 – 2040</li> <li>Council Environmental Action Plan 2024 – 2028</li> </ul>
Install signage at the Recreation Reserve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigate options to have signage installed at the Recreation Reserve to remind users to keep the area clean e.g. clean up dog droppings</li> </ul>	Council Recreation Development staff, Facility Services staff, Community Development staff, Nichols Point Inc, sporting clubs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy 2022 – 2026</li> <li>Council Community Vision 2021 – 2040</li> </ul>
Emergency preparedness training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seek training opportunities for community members</li> <li>Advocate to be a information source for residents</li> <li>Review local emergency services and how information is provided</li> </ul>	Council Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee, emergency services, Lower Murray Water, Mallee Catchment Management Authority, Environmental Protection Agency, Nichols Point Inc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council Municipal Emergency Management Plan 2021</li> <li>Council Municipal Relief and Recovery Plan</li> <li>Council Community Vision 2021 – 2040</li> <li>Victorian State Emergency Management Plan</li> <li>Local Government Act 2020</li> </ul>
Support use and conservation of Kings Billabong and along the river	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigate options to support community use and protection of natural spaces</li> </ul>	Council Parks and Gardens staff, Parks Victoria, Mallee Catchment Management Authority, First People of the Millewa Mallee, Nichols Point Inc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council Community Vision 2021 – 2040</li> <li>Council Environmental Action Plan 2024 – 2028</li> <li>Water for Victoria Water Plan</li> <li>Mallee Regional Catchment Strategy 2022 – 2028</li> </ul>

## Community Marketing and Tourism Development

**Objective: Promote the local economy and create a vibrant, welcoming environment for residents and visitors alike**

Actions	Next Steps	Partners	Links
Enhance signage to clearly identify tourist attractions and highlight points of interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with Council and local businesses to provide clear, attractive signage to provide information about local attractions and amenities</li> </ul>	Council Strategic Planning, Council Economic Development and Tourism staff, Community Development staff, Regional Roads Victoria, Nichols Point Inc, tourist and business operators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council Tourism Signage Audit Review and Strategy 2022</li> <li>• Council Community Vision 2021 - 2040</li> </ul>
Support and promote new and existing tourism businesses and attractions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Investigate funding opportunities for promotion across various platforms including, social media, website, local media</li> <li>• Create high quality virtual tours, videos, photographs and online content to visually promote Nichols Point</li> <li>• Partner with Council and local businesses to cross-promote attractions</li> <li>• Investigate funding opportunities</li> </ul>	Council Events staff, Economic Development and Tourism staff, Community Development staff, Nichols Point Inc, residents, industry experts, internal and external stakeholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council Community Vision 2021 - 2040</li> <li>• Council Visitor Servicing Strategy 2021 - 2025</li> </ul>
Investigate the possibility of a second viewing area for Kings Billabong	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify possible locations for the second viewing area</li> <li>• Support Parks Victoria where able</li> <li>• Investigate funding opportunities</li> </ul>	Council Parks and Gardens staff, Parks Victoria, Mallee Catchment Management Authority, First People of the Millewa Mallee, Regional Roads Victoria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council Community Vision 2021 - 2040</li> <li>• Council Environmental Action Plan 2024 - 2028</li> <li>• Water for Victoria Water Plan</li> <li>• Mallee Regional Catchment Strategy 2022 - 2028</li> </ul>





## Appendix Two - Nichols Point Community Data 2024

All data is referring to the 2021 ABS Census, unless otherwise stated. For the purposes of this data the localities are defined by the boundaries as shown below.

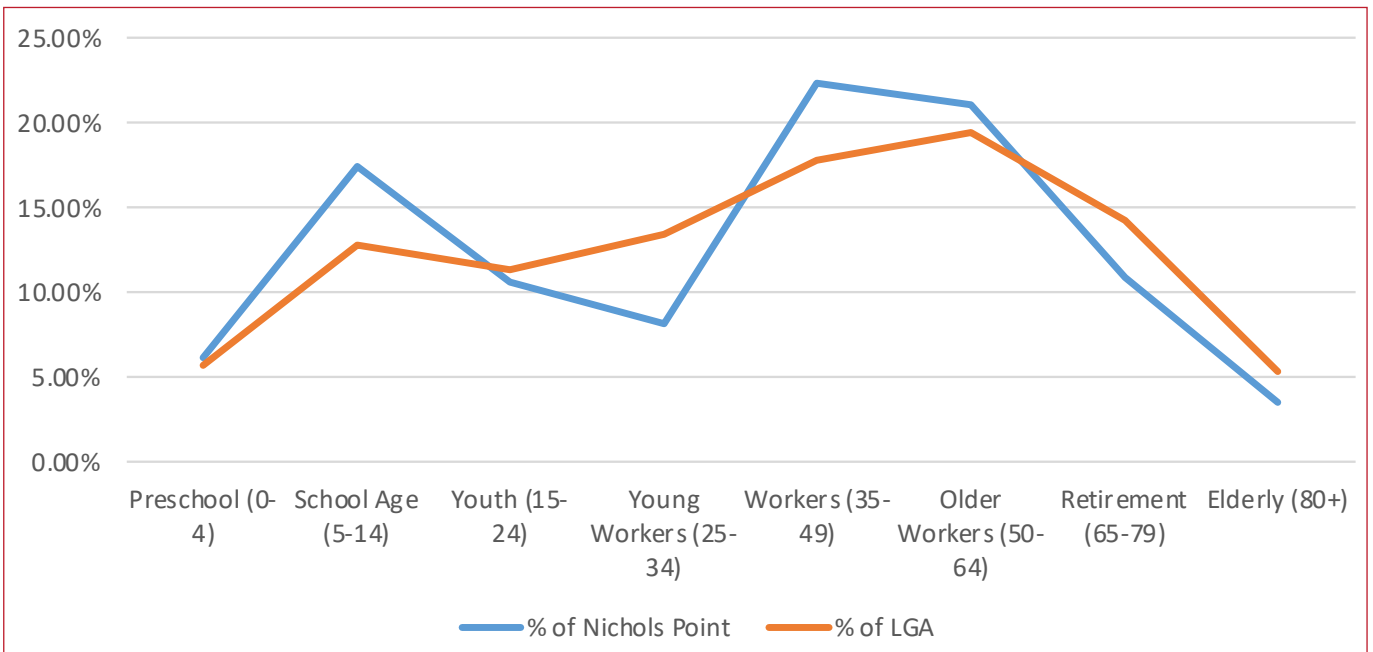
Land Size			
Localities	Area (ha)	% of LGA	Persons / ha
Nichols Point	2,405	0.11%	0.72
Total (Mildura LGA)	2,208,192	100.00%	0.03

Population										
	2021					2016			Change from 2016 to 2021	
	Persons	% of LGA	Persons / ha	Males	Females	Persons	% of LGA	Persons / ha	Persons	% Change
Nichols Point	1723	3.02%	0.72	859	869	1548	1.53%	0.20	175	+11.3%



## Life Stages (Age)

Life Stage	Number of People	% of Locality	Change (2016 to 2021) Persons	Change (2016 to 2021) %
Pre-school (0-4)	106	6.15%	8	+8.16%
School Age (5-14)	300	17.41%	36	+13.64%
Youth (15-24)	183	10.62%	-14	-7.11%
Young Workers (25-34)	140	8.13%	13	+10.24%
Workers (50-64)	384	22.29%	51	+15.32%
Older Workers (50-64)	362	21.01%	36	+11.04%
Retirement (65-79)	187	10.85%	14	8.09%
Elderly (80+)	61	3.54%	31	103.33%
<b>Total</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>11.30%</b>



**Note of Interest:** The life stage of Elderly (80+) has seen a dramatic increase, more than doubling since the last census period. The percentage change to the total population has seen a significant increase (11.3%) compared to the LGA increase of 5.74%.





## Cultural Diversity

	People	% of Locality	Mildura LGA	%	Victoria	%
Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander	27	1.57%	2,619	4.6%	65,646	1%
Country of Birth						
Australia	1527	88.62%	44,464	78%	4,228,667	65%
Other top responses:						
England	38	2.21%				
Italy	15	0.87%				
Malaysia	14	0.81%				
South Africa	12	0.7%				

**Note of Interest:** Nichols Point has an indigenous population below the Mildura LGA average and is more in line with the Victorian average of 1%. Ethnic diversity is low in Nichols Point with over 88% of the population being born in Australia.

## Household Composition

	People	% of Locality	Mildura LGA	%	Victoria	%
Family households	460	80.7%	14,414	67.7%	1,676,129	70.1%
Single (or lone) person households	105	18.4%	6,177	29%	619,542	25.9%
Group households	5	0.9%	689	3.2%	94,559	4%

**Average number of children per family**     2

**Note of Interest:** The number of group households and single person households are considerably under the LGA and State average. This is possibly because of the higher ratio of school age children and workers (35-49) indicating a more family oriented community.

## Dwellings

	Nichols Point	Mildura LGA	Victoria
Dwellings	633		
Average number of bedrooms per dwelling	3.5	3.1	3.1
Average number of people per household	2.9	2.4	2.5

## Employment

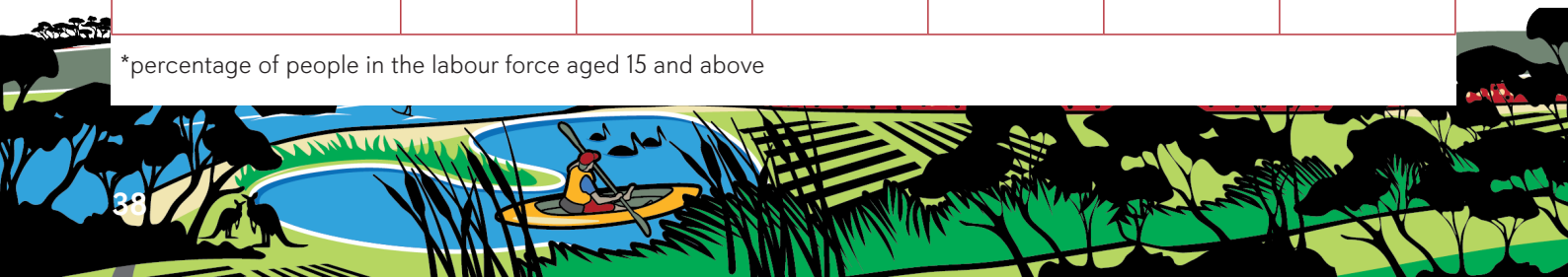
### Workforce participation & Volunteering

	People	% of Locality*	Mildura LGA	%	Victoria	%
Worked full-time	555	60.1%	14,908	56.3%	1,871,278	56.2%
Worked part-time	255	27.6%	8,280	31.3%	1,076,741	32.3%
Away from work	86	9.3%	1,916	7.2%	214,876	6.5%
Unemployed	23	2.5%	1,375	5.2%	167,667	5%
Volunteer work (through an organisation or group)	113	16.8%	6,347	13.7%	712,003	13.3%

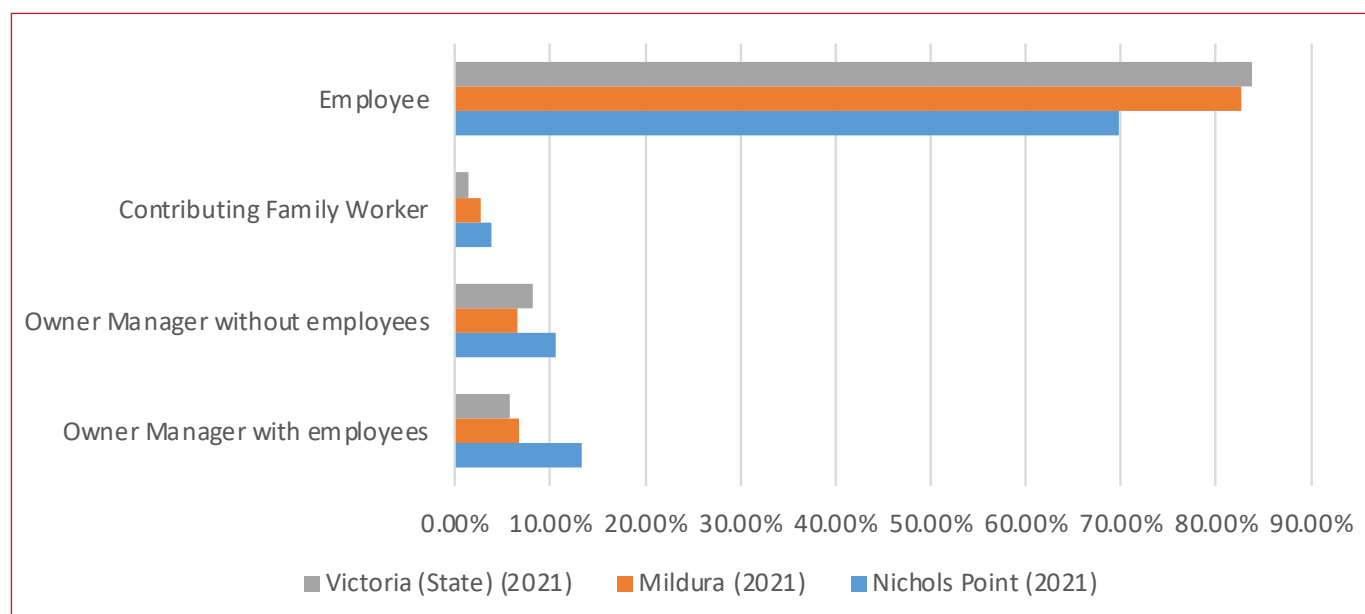
## Employment Type (self employed)

	People	% of Locality*	Mildura LGA	%	Victoria	%
Owner Manager with employees	119	13.3%	1,679	6.69%	184,188	5.82%
Owner Manager without employees	94	10.51%	1,634	6.51%	260,815	8.25%
Contributing family worker	35	3.91%	661	2.63%	43,505	1.38%
Employee	624	69.72%	20,752	82.68%	2,650,972	83.81%

\*percentage of people in the labour force aged 15 and above

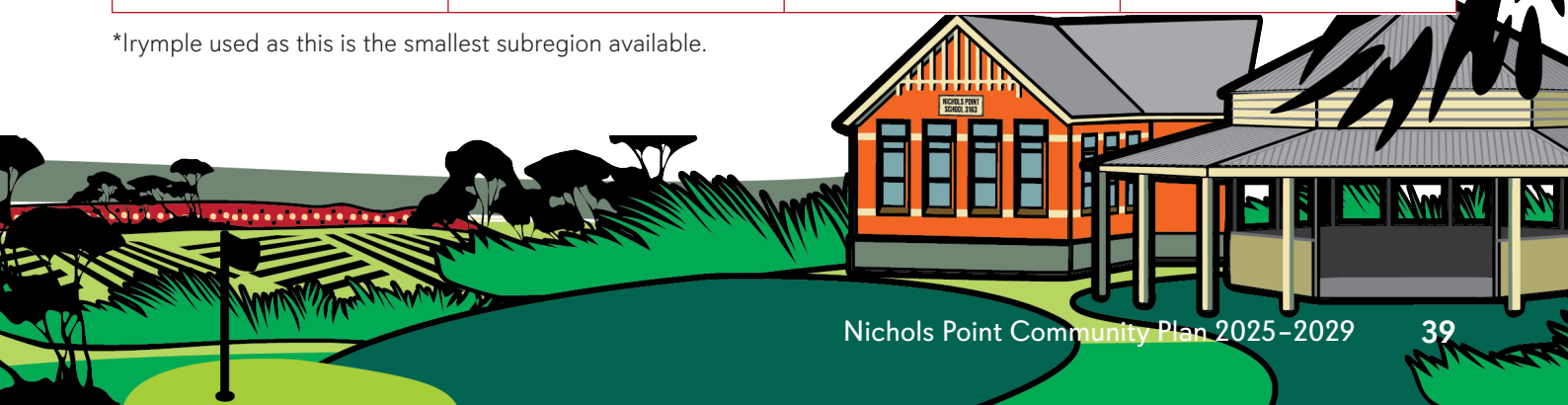


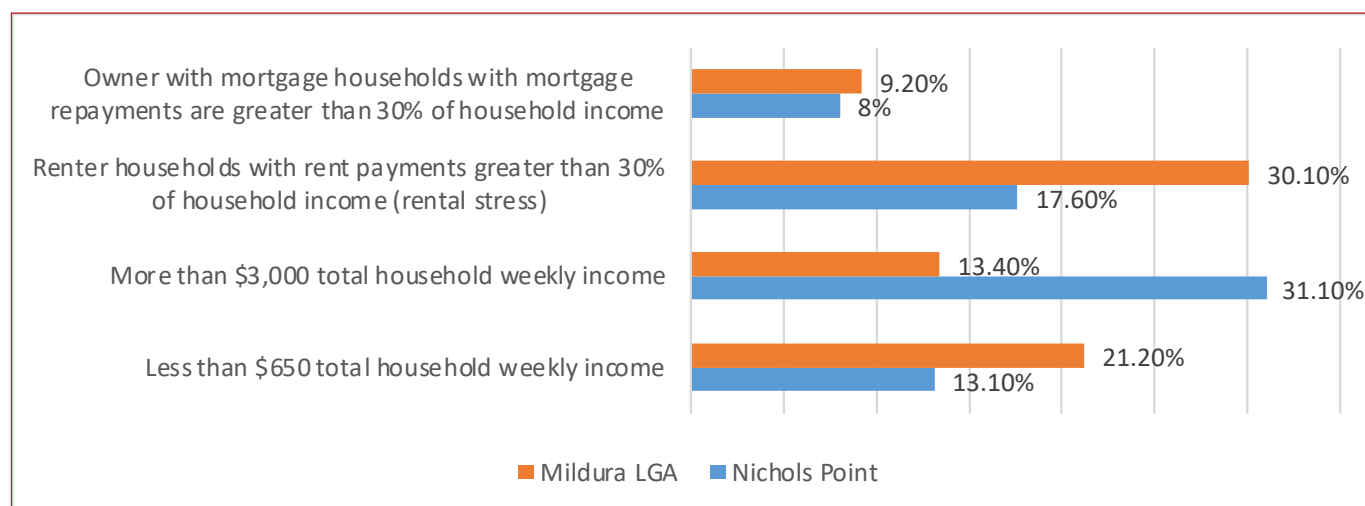
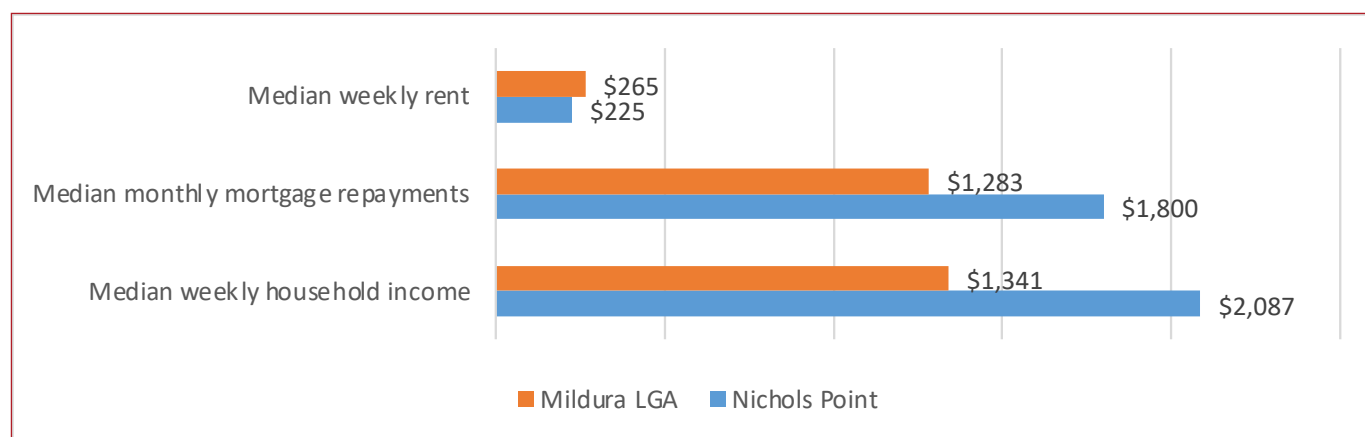




Household Income and Wealth						
	Nichols Point		Mildura LGA		Victoria	
Median weekly household income	\$2,087		\$1,341		\$1,759	
Median monthly mortgage repayments	\$1,800		\$1,283		\$1,859	
Median weekly rent	\$225		\$265		\$370	
Less than \$650 total household weekly income	13.1%		21.2%		16.4%	
More than \$3,000 total household weekly income	31.1%		13.4%		24.2%	
Renter households with rent payments greater than 30% of household income (rental stress)	2021 Census	2023 REMPLAN Irymple *	2021 Census	2023 REMPLAN	2021 Census	2023 REMPLAN
	27%	38.1	30.1%	44.3%	30.9%	35%
Owner with mortgage households with mortgage repayments are greater than 30% of household income	9.6%		9.2%		15.5%	

\*Irymple used as this is the smallest subregion available.





**Notes of Interest:** Due to the sensitive nature and small population numbers only a percentage (rather than actual figure) is available for the townships.

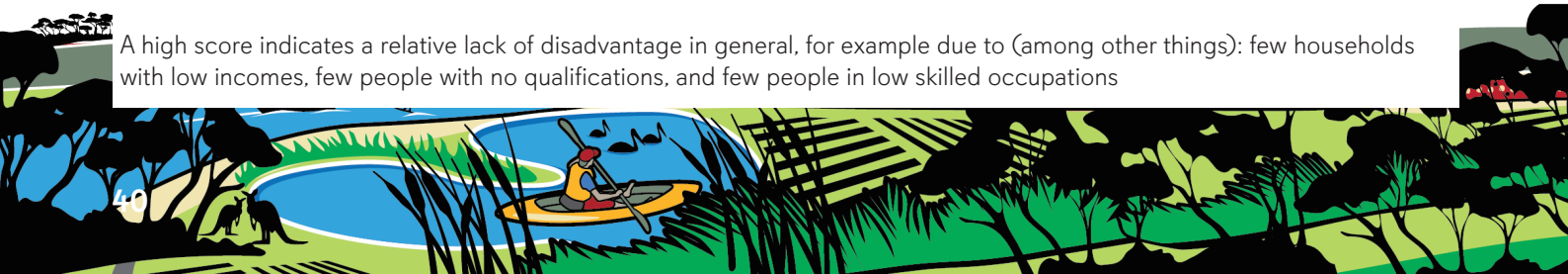
It should be noted that these figures are from the 2021 census. Due to the substantial growth of the housing market and a tight rental market in Australia, including regional Victoria, these figures should be used as guide rather than current figures. For example, the median rent for houses in 2023 is estimated at \$420 per for the Mildura LGA, compared to \$265 in 2021.

Health and Wellbeing SEIFA Disadvantage score			
SEIFA Disadvantage*			
Localities	Score	National Rank	Victorian Rank
Nichols Point	1,067	11,997 / 14,462	2284/2823
Mildura LGA	940	133 / 547	Equal 5/80

\*Socio Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA) is a suite of indexes that have been created by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) from social and economic Census information.

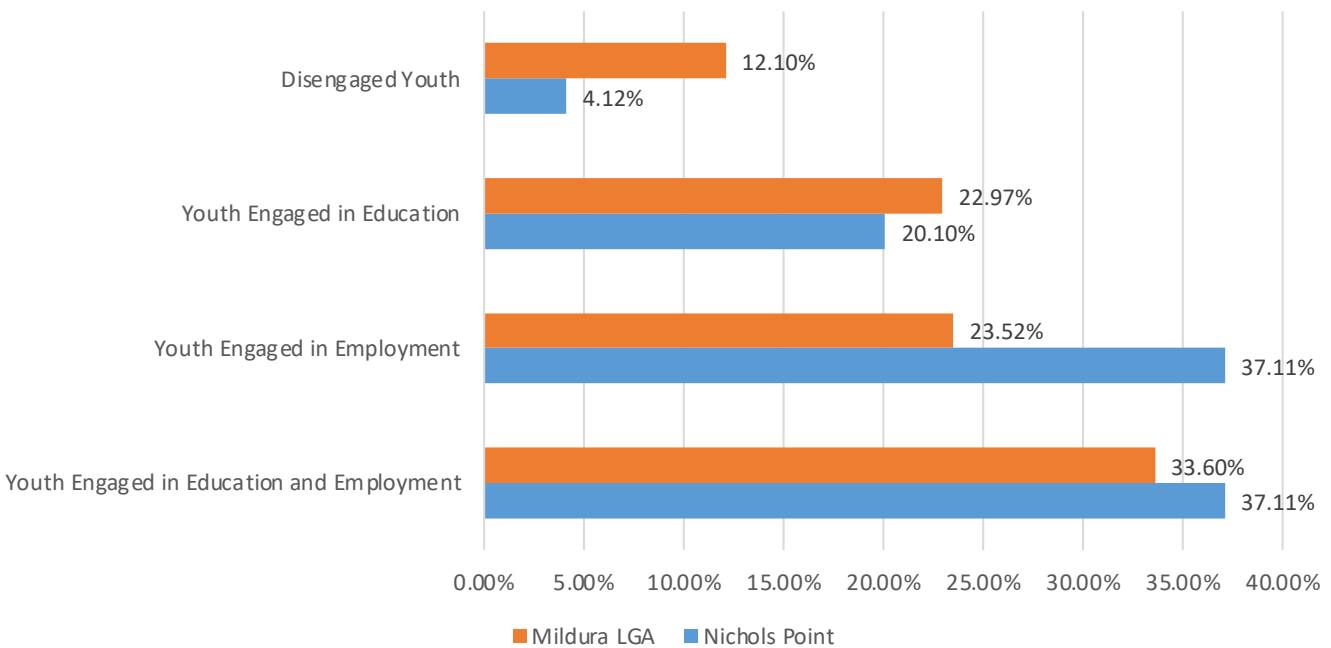
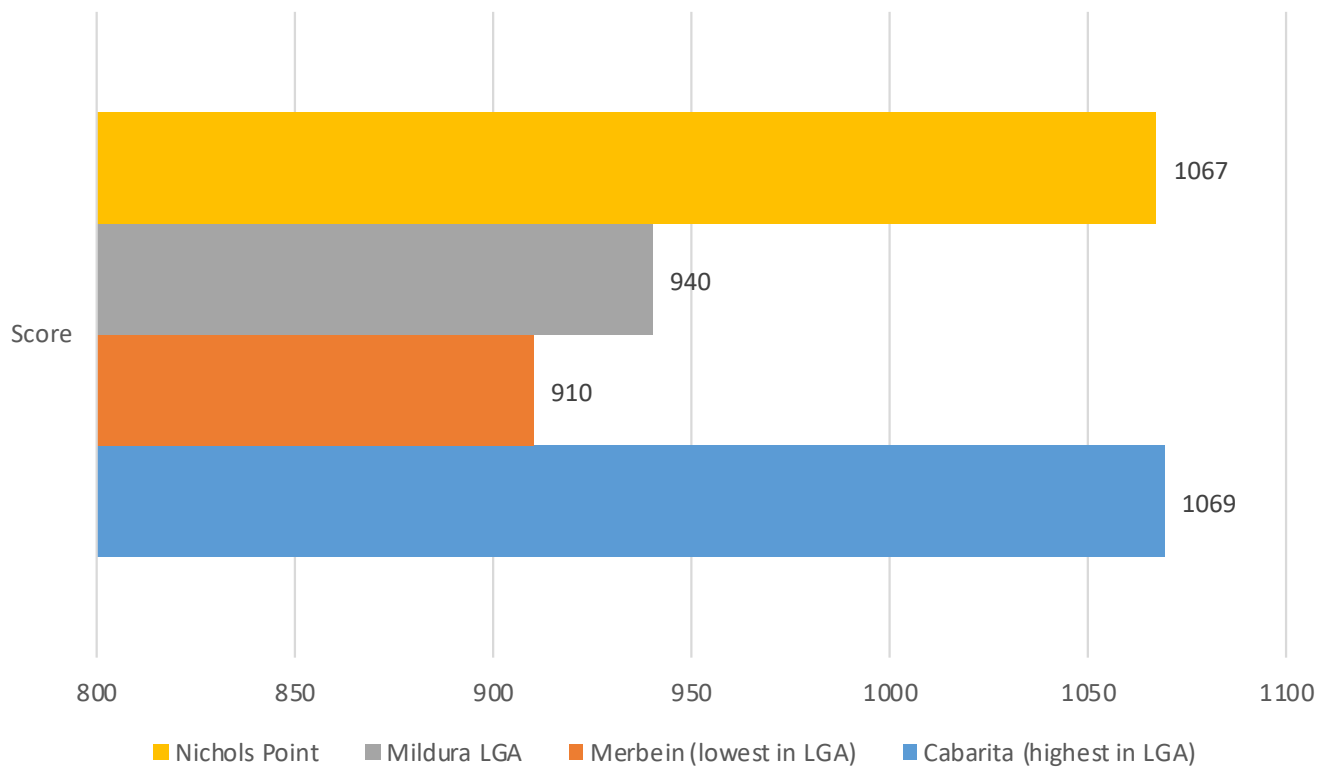
A low score indicates relatively greater disadvantage, for example due to (among other things): many households with low income, many people with no qualifications, or many people in low skilled occupations.

A high score indicates a relative lack of disadvantage in general, for example due to (among other things): few households with low incomes, few people with no qualifications, and few people in low skilled occupations





## Youth Engagement



\*Disengaged youth identifies persons aged 15 – 24 who are either 'unemployed' or 'not in the labour force' and not enrolled in education.

## Main industries of employment

	2021		2016		Change from 2016 to 2021	
Industry	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Construction	98	10.93%	84	11.49%	14	16.67%
Education and Training	97	10.81%	76	10.4%	21	27.63%
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	94	10.48%	59	8.07%	35	59.32%
Health Care and Social Assistance	93	10.37%	87	11.9%	6	6.9%
Retail Trade	85	9.48%	96	13.13%	-11	-11.46%

**Notes of Interest:** The largest component of the 'Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing' industry is Grape Growing, however this smaller industry sector experienced the largest drop from the previous census. This was counteracted by a larger growth in the Other Agriculture and Fishing Support Services. The largest subcategory influencing Education and Training was the growth in the School Education employment closely followed by the growth in Adult Education

## Climate Long-Term Averages

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual	Years
<b>Temperature</b>														
Mean maximum temperature (°C)	32.6	31.8	28.6	23.7	19.1	16.0	15.5	17.4	20.7	24.2	27.7	30.4	24.0	78 1946 2024
Mean minimum temperature (°C)	16.9	16.5	13.9	10.2	7.4	5.2	4.4	5.2	7.4	9.9	12.6	15.0	10.4	78 1946 2024
<b>Rainfall</b>														
Mean rainfall (mm)	23.2	20.5	18.9	19.6	25.1	22.6	24.6	25.3	26.5	29.3	26.3	24.3	286.2	77 1946 2024
Mean number of days of rain ≥ 1 mm	2.5	2.0	2.4	2.8	4.0	4.6	5.0	5.2	4.3	4.4	3.7	2.7	43.6	77 1946 2024

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**Sources:** 2021 Nichols Point, Census All persons QuickStats | Australian Bureau of Statistics ([abs.gov.au](https://abs.gov.au))

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