# 2023 Lismore Community Plan: The Survey and Request for Response



**The Survey.** Thank you to all who responded to the 2023 Lismore Community Plan survey. There were three questions and 60 replies. Responses to the first question: *What do you value in Lismore?* are represented in the above word graphic. The ideas presented to the second question: *What possible changes or projects or activities would benefit the community?* are summarised and grouped on the following 4 pages. The final Question: *What is a newspaper headline about Lismore you would like to see in 5 years' time?* gave a range of imaginative headlines outlining the community's wishes for a future Lismore, with the desire for a thriving community coming through strongly. In brief: innovation in sustainability, arts and agriculture is driving progress in Lismore, supporting growth of jobs, small businesses and families.

**Responding to the Survey**: The projects identified in the survey have been summarized and grouped around 12 key areas of interest. Community members can vote to prioritise these projects: at a public meeting (22<sup>nd</sup> May 3-7pm at the Lismore Rec Reserve Social Rooms), by circling your top 6 priority projects on this sheet, or on-line (go to the Lismore website). If you wish to contribute further to any project, then reply at the end of this document.

**Reporting**: The outcomes will be presented back to the community. Past community plans are on the Lismore website. These have been used to demonstrate community support to gain funding, influence the range of community activities, the building of the footbridge over Brown's Waterholes and encouraging others (including the Pharmacy), to settle in Lismore.

**Plan of Action**: Encouraging people to bring out their best ideas and to share and discuss them is an important first step in any community plan. What happens next is equally important, and that is the task of turning an extensive 'wish list' into a meaningful plan of action. Some matters of great importance to local people are not readily amenable to influence by local people, but other ideas are well within the community's capacity to influence. Even though some things are decisions for Commonwealth, State or Local governments, it is important that the community's aspirations can be made known through this exercise. However, community members can take positive action on many issues so:

Are you particularly interested in any project? If you wish to contribute further, please note which projects you are interested in, leave your name & contact on the form and we'll be in touch! This form can be delivered to the Lismore PO or Health Centre or The Blue Yabby Café until Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June

OR complete the online survey at: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WBJ3DSD

# 2023 Lismore Community Plan: Key Areas and projects: Please select 6

### 1. BUSINESS AND EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT KEY AREA

Developing work opportunities

**Business attraction** 

Concessional business development pathways scheme

Activate/ repurpose empty housing and infrastructure

Temporary accommodation workspaces for artists

Town promotion

Audit what we have and make the best use of assets

Roundtable discussion; how to maintain retail premises and services

Attract qualified people and support them

Small food business to join Great Ocean Road food trail

Reinvigoration of business centre

Encourage more industry to town to increase employment

Encourage an EV charging station (s)

Develop lake Tooliorook as an income source for town

A stronger online presence – current and modern

Develop incentive schemes to set up businesses with strong tourism offering

More shops and businesses

More good food outlets selling great food

Bigger supermarket, bakery, pizza shop, hardware etc.

Bank, public radio station, butchers, a veggie co-op

We need a range of café options, better publicity for existing cafes

Toilet maintenance, interior refurbishment, additional cleaning

#### 2. HOUSING DEVELOPMENT KEY AREA

Housing construction

Township sewer infrastructure

Infrastructure services

Occupancy/vacancy arrangements

Viable housing options

## 3. PUBLIC AND COMMUNITY TRANSPORT (AND ROADS) KEY AREA

Transport for work

Transport to Geelong, Ballarat, Warrnambool and Melbourne at least once a day

Twice daily bus/ transport to Ballarat

Twice weekly bus to Camperdown

Restored taxi service

A volunteer/ helpers' transport service

Reopen the Lismore train station

Advocate for improved roads

Trucks go slower, no exhaust brakes

More footpaths in local streets

### 4. TOURISM DEVELOPMENT KEY AREA

Make town welcoming to residents and visitors

Town promotion. Promote the town and Cemetery walk

Complete Lismore Heritage trail posts, town visitor trail

Large promotional signs in high traffic areas

Promote Lismore as the Capital/ Home of 'something' and create festival around this

Highlight Lismore's contribution to agriculture and its importance to the community and the world

Put up information sign boards about great place around town and local agriculture

Town entrances, improved signage, rationalise signage, community not Council

Entrance sign/ artwork at each end of town

Brown signs promoting town features/ attractions

Develop a reason for tourists to stop

Keep the town alive through tourism

Bring back locals – maybe a monthly market or local cookbook

More picnic tables at Browns Waterholes with large 'picnic area' sign

A welcoming place for visitors and part-time residents

Shire to actively promote our small communities

Embrace and support two existing small great Annual Events

**Lismore Show** 

A very dog-friendly town for visitors

Off-lead dog run near shops for travellers

### 5. SELF-HELP AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT KEY AREA

Community driven vision and projects

Community connection projects

Community participation projects

Diversity of community projects – time and scope

Free library (cupboard)

Projects with economic, social and/or environmental benefits

A community office

**Revitalise Lismore Progress** 

Encourage everyone to volunteer on one committee

Co-ordinate groups, dates and planning to make events more impactful

More CFA involvement

Complete existing projects

### 6. RECREATION DEVELOPMENT KEY AREA

Support and adapt recreational infrastructure assets

Strengthen community connectedness

Community appreciation and participation project

More community involvement and support of bowls

Regular scheduled and advertised leisure, recreational and cultural events

Mini Golf or something similar, outdoor gym equipment

Walking and riding pathways and corridors, Bike trail

Track to Lake Tooliorook, Lismore Derrinallum trail

Renovate walking tracks, repair footbridge

Walking tracks along old golf course

Revamp and extend Browns Waterholes area

Longer pool hours, heated pool, covered pool, extended season

### 7. AGRICULTURE KEY AREA

Training in agriculture

Introductory farm practices courses for new owners on local working farms

Highlight Lismore's contribution to agriculture and its importance to the community and the world

Put up information sign boards about great place around town and local agriculture Agricultural machinery supply and services

### 8. SUPPORTING CREATIVITY AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT KEY AREA

Temporary accommodation workspaces for artists

An art gallery (on an art trail)

Art projects, Art community events, More 'I Love Lismore' competitions

Occasional community arts events, Musical evenings, Guest speakers

Huge themed weekend (with Derrinallum)

Encourage the annual machinery display or similar

Local food and growers market

Annual preserve share day to bring locals together

Seasonal produce, plant and seed sharing regimen

Gathering trail

### 9. ENVIRONMENT KEY AREA

Bio-links and corridors protected/ established

Electrifying the town

Improved water quality in Lake Tooliorook

Improve the sand traps for town water run-off to creek. Fix storm water

More landscaping along the creek

More trees, more landscaping, particularly Lake Tooliorook

Tree-planting, native gardens. More gardens, maybe a garden open day

Replace the desert ash trees in Grey Street

Trees in heriot Street shopping precinct

A landscape plan for the town and environment

Develop a social centre 'town square'

Shopping centre needs a vista and shade

More shade. More intimate spaces

Beautiful central garden opposite the Blue Yabby

Appreciation of original grasslands vegetation

A central island in the town to make it more beautiful

A community boiler from renewable energy for heating in town

Stop duck shooting

### 10. DEMOGRAPHIC KEY AREA: Young people and families

Try to get young people involved in all activities

More activities for kids closer to home

Skate park for children, a BMX track at Recreation Reserve

Upgrade Lismore playground, ensure equipment is safe

Afterschool care for both Lismore PS and Derrinallum College

Day-care needed, more availability in Lismore and Derrinallum

Community family activity area (eg. mini-golf, pickle ball)

Activities to engage whole of community

### 11. DEMOGRAPHIC KEY AREA: Older people

A buddy system for old people to go shopping and outings More help with transport for elderly

Improved wheelchair disability access

Easier access to some businesses and public facilities

A mowing service and meals on wheels
A gardening service for disabled and elderly, Help with gardens
An aged care facility with at least 7 to 10 beds
House maintenance
Senior Citizens flats, Elderly care facility
Make Lismore a destination for elderly country people

### 12. HEALTH AND MEDICAL SERVICES KEY AREA

More doctors. Increased GPs days

Medical centre to be open more days
Increase GP services at Community Health Centre

Possibly more than one doctors visit a week, dental service
Hospital being fully operational. Possibly re-open the hospital
Ambulance stationed in Lismore

Community medical transport to Ballarat specialists

Maintain secure and consistent health care and aged care support
Mental health, wellbeing activities and awareness promoted

Suggestions or comments
I wish to contribute further to
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Leave completed forms at the Lismore PO, Lismore Health Centre, or Blue Yabby Café by 13<sup>th</sup> June
Thanks

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