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BOWEYA
TOWNSHIP PLAN

Please Note: This document is a draft version of the Township Plan. The information contained within has been collated from various sources and may be outdated. The Community Development Team from Benalla Rural City Council want to work together with the Boweya community to develop and update this document so that it accurately reflects the current plans and priorities of the town and its community members. Your feedback on this document will help shape consultations and the future of Boweya.

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Executive Summary

This document details a community led action plan that showcases a vision for the progressive development of Boweya. The document also outlines the plan to both maintain and enhance the future prosperity of the township through ongoing planning and development of the town and its community members, including infrastructure, maintenance, community inclusion & promotion and events to increase tourism.

Vision Statement:

To improve Boweya for residents to reside and work, visitors to stay, and for the future prosperity of Winton from a social, economic, recreational and environmental perspective; whilst maintaining the character intrinsic to the community.

To engender good-will, build partnerships between local groups and the residents of Boweya, and promote a spirit of co-operation. To ensure initiatives have a greater likelihood of being supported, by how they are perceived by the community and for volunteers to support projects.

Purpose of the Township Plan:

The Boweya Township Plan is based on the ideas, hopes and aspirations of the Boweya community together with the Benalla Rural City Council (BRCC). The Township Plan aspires to guide the future development of the town by developing a list of projects and priorities to inform council strategic planning and to support the community to apply for grants when funding is available.

The plan:

- Articulates the issues that are important to Boweya residents
- Provides a clear blueprint for the future development of the Boweya township and surrounding region
- Assists the Boweya community to attract local and state funding to help achieve identified priorities and projects
- Provides a coordinated approach for the social, cultural and economic development of the township and surrounding enterprises
- Aspires to promote Boweya as a tourism destination & as a great place to live

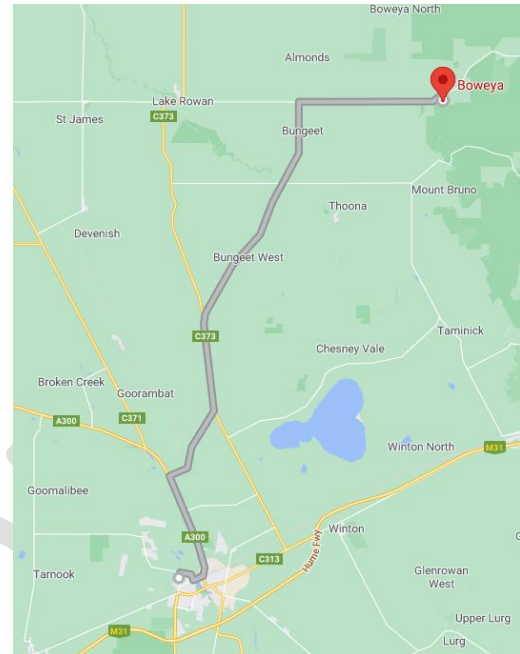
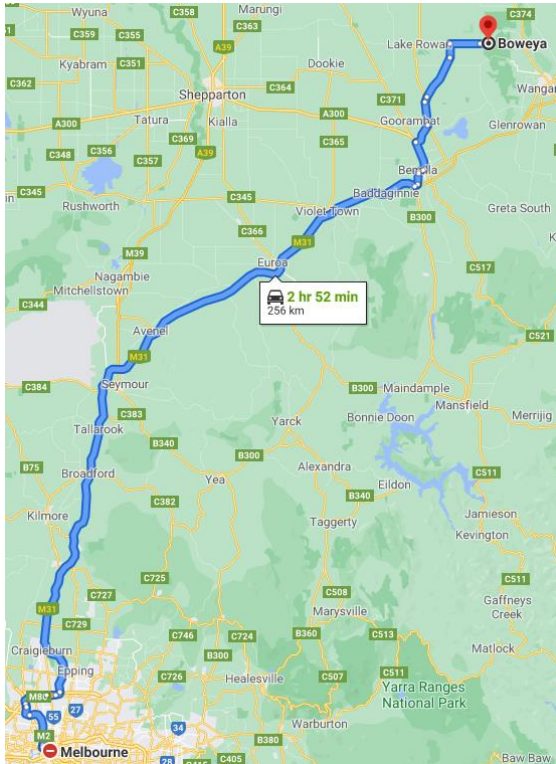
Alignment to BRCC Community Plan & Vision 2036

The Boweya Township Plan aligns with the BRCC Community Plan and Vision 2036 documents respectively as together they seek to provide a pathway to the development of individual towns and the rural area of Benalla as a whole.

The information in this document has been collated from a number of sources including the Benalla Rural City Council website, previous community consultations and grant applications, google and Facebook searches and various other council documents. Information may be updated, changed and further developed by the Boweya community to specifically reflect the communities' actions, plans and priorities.

Location

Boweya is a small rural town within the local government area of Benalla and is 45 kms northeast of the township. It is located approximately 256 kms northeast of Melbourne.



History of Boweya

The Boweya Community Centre is a one-room timber school building, opened in 1930, and decommissioned by the Education Department in 1982. The Benalla Rural City Council purchased it in 1986 for \$10,000. The Boweya Community contributed \$5,000 towards the purchase price over a 10-year period. The community centres importance to the community was never more evident that following the Boweya-Lake Rowan fire, which devastated the district in December 2014. The old building, located next the CFA shed, functioned as a community hub during the incident, and for the many and varied get-togethers over the recovery period.

Boweya Today

Boweya continues to be a small farming community on the north-western edge of the Warby Ranges. The Community Centre is maintained as a supportive network that is valuable for the community's health and wellbeing. The community encourages good attendance at community functions, creating opportunities for community connectedness.

According to the 2016 Census, Boweya and the surrounding district had a population of 43 with 21 males and 23 females. There are a total of 19 dwellings.

What makes Boweya Unique

Products & Services

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Community Groups

- CFA

Sport & Recreation

- Boweya Community Centre

Education

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Attractions

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Marketing & Promotion

- Boweya Facebook page (147 checked in)
https://m.facebook.com/profile.php?id=113279188689545&__tn__=-R
- The Boweya Bulletin (Started 2018)

Desired Town improvements:

- Upgrade hall facilities
- Increase community socialisation
- Relocation of park equipment (2017)
- Gravel issues car park (2017)

Past & Recent Funding Grants

Year	Project	Amount	Source	Group
2018	Upgrade of hall facilities	\$5000	CG	Boweya Community Centre
2018	Community Centre	\$500	CSP	Boweya Community Centre
2017	Strong Communities (DIRD)	\$18,125	CG	Boweya Community Centre
2014	LoS	\$2500	CG	Boweya Community Centre

Funding Source Legend **CG** = Community Grant **ME** = Major Event **CSP** = Community Sponsorship **YPG** = Youth Participation

Major Infrastructure Projects

Year	Project	BRCC Funding	State Gov Funding	Project Total

Boweya Projects & Priorities:

Priority - Time Line: **A** = SHORT TERM (1- 2 years) **B**= MEDIUM TERM (3-4 years) **C**= MED -LONG TERM (5-8 years) **D**= LONG TERM (9+ years)

ASSESTS & INFRASTRUCTURE

Priority	Project	Working Groups	Proposed Costs	Other Comments

CHARACTER & APPEARANCE

Priority	Project	Working Groups	Proposed Costs	Other Comments

CELEBRATIONS & EVENTS

Priority	Project	Working Groups	Proposed Costs	Other Comments

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Priority	Project	Working Groups	Proposed Costs	Other Comments

SOCIAL MEDIA, ADVERTISING & PROMOTION

Priority	Project	Working Groups	Proposed Costs	Other Comments

ONGOING ASSOCIATED PROJECTS

Priority	Project	Working Groups	Proposed Costs	Other Comments

LONG TERM GOALS & ASPIRATIONS

Priority	Project	Working Groups	Proposed Costs	Other Comments

Key Community Contacts

Name	Landline	Mobile	Email	Group	Title

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