



TIMOR & DISTRICT
OUR COMMUNITY
2030



OUR COMMUNITY PLAN

The Timor & District Community Plan 2030 sets out the community's vision for the next ten years.

Developed and owned by the community, the plan captures the community's voice for what is most important for them.

Community planning commenced in October 2019 and was completed in April 2020.

Residents in and around Timor and district were invited to share their input into the planning process in a variety of ways:

- an online survey
- community postcards
- a drop in session
- a focus group
- a community workshop; and
- draft plan feedback processes.

The Timor & District Community Plan is a community owned plan that captures community aspirations across a broad range of areas (not just local government).

This project was delivered with funding from the Australian Government through the Building Better Regions Fund.



OUR VISION

In 2030 Timor & district will have:

- ✓ strong community connections
- ✓ a stable population
- ✓ well maintained and safe community facilities
- ✓ tourist activity
- ✓ reliable and affordable internet and mobile phone service
- ✓ good access to health and wellbeing services
- ✓ volunteers of all ages
- ✓ strong connections and communication with Council; and
- ✓ community pride.

OUR TOWN

Timor is located 11 kilometres north of Maryborough and 179 kilometres west of Melbourne.

Timor and district has its own Primary School, Community Halls (Bowenvale Hall and Wareek Hall), Cemetery, Tennis Courts, Playground and public toilets.

Our History

Timor was settled in the Victorian gold rush by prospectors. The town was first known as “Cox Town” after the butcher who has earlier constructed a bridge across Bet Bet Creek and built the nearby “Bridge Inn”, until it was surveyed under the name “Timor”. The general store, established in 1852, and the school was established in 1863.

The Grand Duke mine and Timor jail are significant historical sites in Timor and District.



“We need more community based events designed to bring all residents together.”

“Improve access to health care services.”

CENSUS SNAPSHOT

The information provided below is for the Census defined area of Timor (see map). An additional area of ‘Timor West’ is also available on Census which is an additional population of 24 people (this has not been included below).



POPULATION: 58

- Male: 48.3%
- Female: 51.7%



AGE

- Median age in Timor: 54 years (Victoria 37 years)



DWELLINGS

- 13.8.1% of dwellings were unoccupied (Victoria 11.7%)



HOUSEHOLDS

- Average of 2.1 people per dwelling
- Average of 2.2 cars per dwelling



EMPLOYMENT

- Due to small population, no information was available



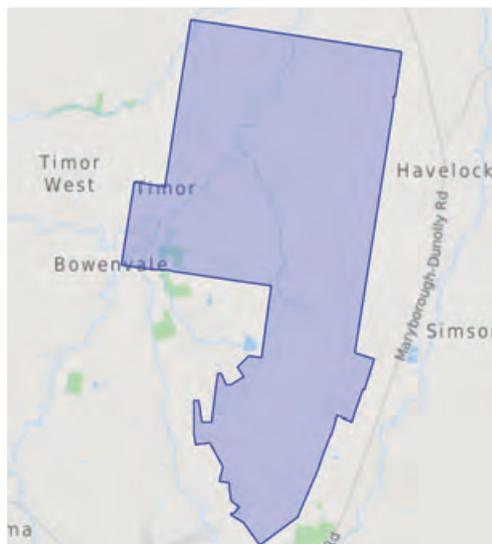
INCOME

- In Timor the average weekly household income was \$1041



INTERNET

- Due to small population, no information was available



IN TIMOR & DISTRICT WE LOVE...

- The friendly/nice people
- Community support
- Safe community
- Good facilities
- Country town atmosphere
- The Community Halls (Timor and Wareek)
- History and heritage
- Bush/farming environment
- CFA/volunteering
- Nearby access to shopping and services

KEY ISSUES / CHALLENGES

- Population decline
- Retaining youth
- Poor internet/mobile phone services
- Road upkeep
- Lack of employment opportunities
- Lack of confidence in Council governance
- Having family friendly and accessible facilities in local shopping centre and at key places
- Access to health care services
- Access to good quality potable water



OUR KEY PRIORITIES

- 1 OUR COMMUNITY
- 2 OUR ECONOMY
- 3 OUR ENVIRONMENT
(BUILT & NATURAL)
- 4 OUR LEADERSHIP

OUR COMMUNITY

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS AND KEY ACTIONS:

STRONG SOCIAL CONNECTIONS AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

1. Plan regular community activities and events that provide opportunities for social connections in Timor and district e.g. social tennis, community BBQ's.
2. Explore ways to retain and involve young people in Timor & district.
3. Advocate for family friendly, accessible facilities in local shopping centres and key facilities in Maryborough e.g. the shopping centre, library and hospital.

A HEALTHY, SAFE AND ACTIVE COMMUNITY

1. Improve access to GP and health and wellbeing services for Timor and district residents.
2. Work together with health service providers to increase visiting health and community service activities for residents (especially for ageing residents).
3. Explore ways to improve access to transportation for residents, including creative community models.
4. Advocate for an after-hours GP clinic in Maryborough.
5. Offer regular health and wellbeing activities at the Wareek and Timor community halls.

“Improve access to health care services.”

OUR ECONOMY

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS AND KEY ACTIONS:

INCREASED TOURIST ACTIVITY

1. Promote and protect the heritage and history of Timor and district e.g. Timor Jail, Grand Duke Mine.
2. Promote and increase history/heritage tourism in Timor and district and across the Central Goldfields Shire.

RELIABLE TELECOMMUNICATION NETWORKS

1. Improve internet and mobile phone service connectivity in Timor & district.

POPULATION STABILITY/GROWTH

1. Promote the liveability of Timor and district.
2. Work together with Council to lessen red tape e.g. for planning and permit processes.
3. Support the Timor Primary School so that it can continue to have stable enrolments.

VIBRANT ECONOMY

1. Explore new industry opportunities that could offer employment opportunities in and around Central Goldfields Shire.
2. Investigate renewable energy project opportunities for Timor and district.

“Invest in securing job opportunities in our shire or transport so it can attract commuters.”

OUR ENVIRONMENT

(NATURAL & BUILT)

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS AND KEY ACTIONS:

SAFE, ACCESSIBLE AND WELL-MAINTAINED COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

1. Seek funding to update the public toilet facility in Timor.
2. Seek funding to paint the Wareek Community Hall.
3. Seek funding to install air conditioning in the Timor/Bowenvale Hall.
4. Explore opportunities for making the Wareek and Timor/Bowenvale Community Halls more financially sustainable.
5. Maintain and improve community halls; a vital and treasured community asset.
6. Maintain community infrastructure/facilities e.g. tennis courts, playground, toilets.
7. Advocate/seek funding to bitumen priority local roads.
8. Address the dangerous intersection on the Mt Hooghly and Norwood Roads.
9. Improve road access to the Grand Duke Mine, so that visitors can safely access this historically significant site.
10. Seek funding for fencing, shade and equipment improvements to the Timor playground.
11. Plan for cycle friendly roads in Central Goldfields.

ACCESS TO WATER

1. Access water to fill the Timor Reservoir and maintain the catchment.
2. Reinstate the water stand in Timor so community can access water locally.

INCREASED TOWN PRIDE

1. Enforce local laws and explore community solutions to maintain the attractiveness/amenity of Timor and district.

“Bitumen the Bet
Bet Creak Road, it
wreck all our cars.”

OUR LEADERSHIP

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS AND KEY ACTIONS:

ADVOCACY, LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNICATION

1. Actively connect with Council's 'champion' for Timor to ensure leadership and support from Council with the Timor & District Community Plan and its identified community projects.
2. Actively lead the implementation of the Timor & District Community Plan.
3. Provide equitable resourcing to all communities within the Central Goldfields Shire Council.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND VOLUNTEERING

1. Recognise and support volunteers and actively encourage the involvement of new volunteers.
2. Examine and trial ways to increase youth volunteering in the community.

“We need less talk
and more action from
community leaders.”

PUTTING OUR PLAN INTO ACTION

Implementation of the Timor Community Plan will be led by the local community.

Central Goldfields Shire Council's 'Champion' for Timor & district will attend meetings and offer guidance, advice and support wherever possible.

Relevant key stakeholders/project partners will be invited to work with the Timor community on shared priorities.

An action plan template has been developed to assist with project planning and regular review of community priorities.

Getting involved

If you would like to get involved in making Timor & District an even better place to live in 2030 contact:

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