



Daisy Hill COMMUNITY PLAN 2030

OUR COMMUNITY PLAN

The Daisy Hill Community Plan 2030 sets out the community's vision for the next six 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 November 2022 and was completed in December 2023.

Residents in and around Daisy Hill were invited to share their input into the planning process in a number of ways:

- An online survey
- A hard copy survey (dropped to residents mailboxes)
- Two community workshops; and
- Draft plan feedback processes

The Daisy Hill 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 support from Daisy Hill Community Centre and Central Goldfields Shire Council.



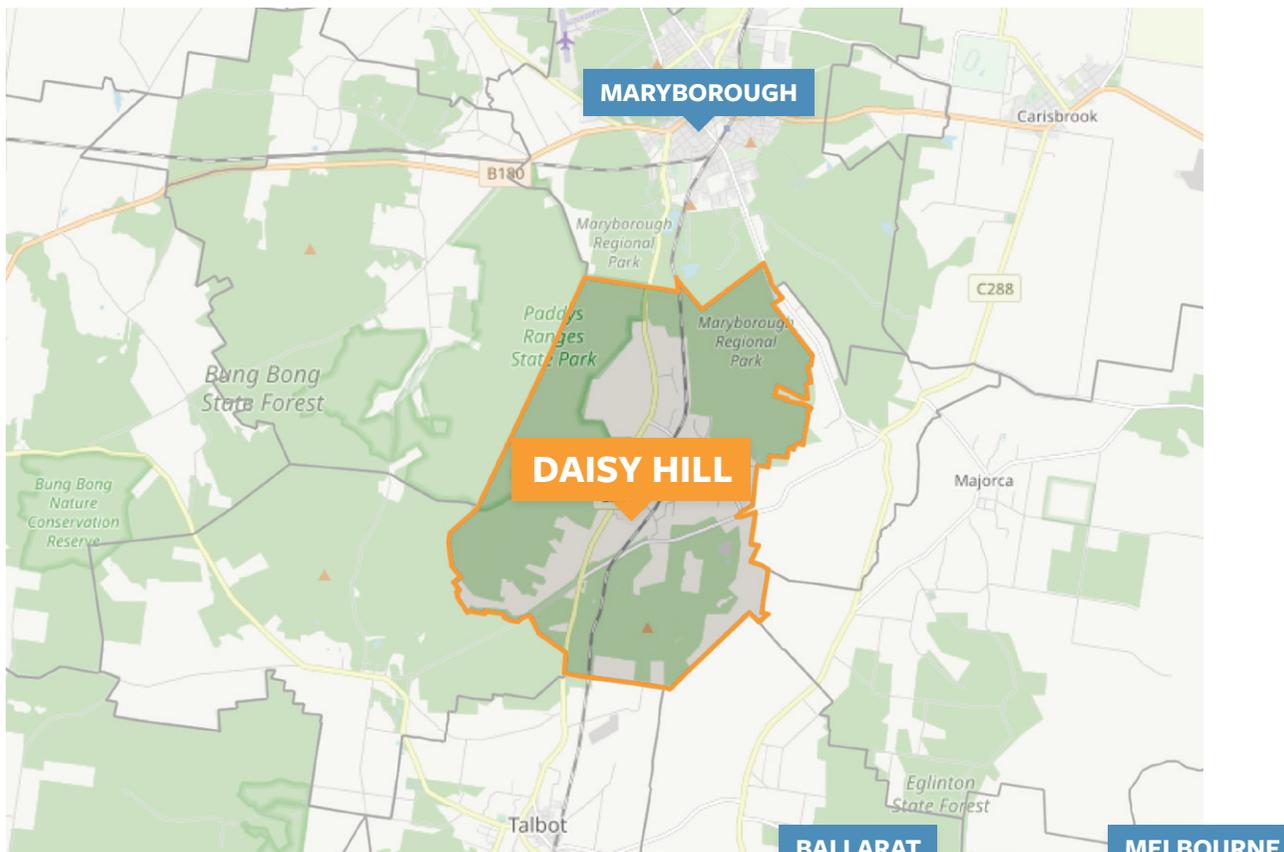
OUR *VISION*

IN 2030 DAISY HILL WILL HAVE:

- A closely connected community
- Safe and well-maintained roads
- Good access to key services for all ages
- A child and family friendly community
- Fast internet and strong mobile phone service
- Regular access to community/public transportation
- Resilience and preparedness for extreme weather events
- Strong community leaders and plentiful volunteers
- Positive partnerships and communication with Council; and
- A vibrant and well-maintained Community Centre as the central hub for engaging residents of all ages



OUR Town



Source: ABS Census Quickstats 2021

60 kilometres

164 kilometres

Daisy Hill is located 6 kilometres from Maryborough, 60 kilometres from Ballarat and 164 kilometres north west from Melbourne.

Daisy Hill began as a mining settlement after the discovery of gold in 1853. In 1985 a devastating bushfire destroyed most of Daisy Hill's homes and farms. The Community Centre was built and opened on the 10th anniversary of the bushfire.

Today, Daisy Hill has 194 private dwellings, a vibrant Community Centre, and a playground and tennis courts.

CENSUS *snapshot*



Population: 398

- 50.8% male
- 49.2% female
- 1.3% Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people (Victoria 1%)



Age

- Median age in Daisy Hill: **53 years** (Victoria 38 years)
- Children aged 0-14 years made up **13.8%** of the population (Victoria 18%)
- **29.5%** of the population are aged 65 years and over (Victoria 16.8%)



Country of birth (top responses)

- **75.4%** of residents were born in Australia (Victoria 65%)
- **6.3%** were born in England
- **1.5%** were born in Serbia
- **1.3%** were born in the Philippines
- **0.8%** were born in New Zealand and Germany



Dwellings

- **16.6%** of dwellings were unoccupied (Victoria 11.1%)
- Median rent: **\$230/week** (Victoria: \$370)



Households

- **46.4%** were family households with children (Victoria 60.7%)
- **53.6%** were couple family without children (Victoria 37.6%)
- **14.3%** were one parent families (Victoria 15.2%)
- **28.7%** (107 people) were living in lone person households (Victoria 25.9%)
- **0%** of households had no car

CENSUS snapshot



Health

- **46.7%** had no long-term health condition(s) (Victoria 61%)
- **20.1%** had one health condition* (Victoria 18.8%)
- **11.1%** had two health conditions* (Victoria 5.7%)
- **6.8%** had three or more health conditions* (Victoria 2.9%)
- **12.8%** had a mental health condition (including depression or anxiety) (Victoria 8.8%)

* Selected long-term health conditions include arthritis, asthma, cancer (including remission), dementia (including Alzheimer's), diabetes (excluding gestational diabetes), heart disease (including heart attack or angina), kidney disease, lung condition (including COPD or emphysema), mental health condition (including depression or anxiety) and stroke. Other long-term health conditions are not included in this count.



Employment

- **42.6%** worked full-time (Victoria 56.2%)
- **39.6%** worked part-time (Victoria 32.3%)
- **5.3%** were unemployed (Victoria 5%)
- **12.4%** were away from work* (Victoria 6.5%)

* Counts employed people who reported 0 hours of work the week before the Census or did not state their hours of work.



Income

- **25.2%** of households had a weekly household income of less than \$650 (Victoria 16.4%)
- **9.8%** of households had a weekly income of more than \$3000 (Victoria 24.2%)

Source: ABS Census Quickstats 2021

IN DAISY HILL WE *love...*

We have a great community centre that we can come to.

A feeling of being in the country close to a town.

Neighbours look out for each other.

We are close to Maryborough.

- The people
- The peace and quiet
- The location
- The natural environment
- The Community Centre
- The wildlife
- The sense of community
- The weather

Key ISSUES / CHALLENGES

Lack of transport services is an issue, not just for ageing people.

Bush fires are an ever present threat in summer.

The internet is very poor.

It is hard to see vehicles (blind spots).

Speed limits need to drop.

- Bush fires/emergency preparedness
- Road maintenance
- Internet/phone service
- Flooding/water drainage
- Lack of transport
- Rubbish collection
- Road safety
- Maintaining community assets
(e.g. Community Centre, Tennis Courts)
- Lack of mail delivery
- Lack of sewerage
- Lack of bike/walking tracks
- Local Government red tape
- Rates affordability
- Gutter maintenance

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 community connections, activity and involvement

1. Continue to hold regular community events/activities/programs that strengthen social connections between residents.
2. Explore the viability of a gardening group to maintain the gardens at the Community Centre.
3. Develop connections with the Maryborough Men's Shed including opportunities for skills workshops that are inclusive of women e.g. using tools.
4. Establish contact with Maryborough East Community House and other providers of community programs and; offer the Community Centre as an accessible meeting place for a range of programs to benefit the community.
5. Develop a local community produce swap.
6. Strengthen the offerings of children/family friendly activities/events and programs at the Community Centre.
7. Explore communication platform options for Daisy Hill community members to better connect and share information with each other.

our COMMUNITY

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS AND KEY ACTIONS

A healthy, safe and serviced community

1. Explore options to extend the services, activities and opportunities delivered through the Community Centre e.g. through partnerships or Neighbourhood House or philanthropic funding.
2. Advocate for a road speed reduction in Daisy Hill.
3. Advocate for a 'school bus stopping' sign along Dehnerts road.
4. Advocate for a weekly rubbish collection and a yearly hard rubbish collection service.

Accessible and regular community transportation

1. Advocate for the community bus to come to Daisy Hill once a week.
2. Seek support from Martha Haylett MP Member for Ripon for reactivation of the V/line bus stop at Daisy Hill.
3. Encourage discussion and community engagement around fundraising for a community medical car to provide residents with transport to medical appointments.

our ECONOMY

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS AND KEY ACTIONS

Population stability

1. Promote the liveability of Daisy Hill.
2. Advocate for equitable resourcing of outlying towns.
3. Advocate for easier and more efficient processes where 'red tape' can be cut.

Reliable telecommunication/internet networks

1. Continue advocacy for a mobile tower through the Connecting Victoria program to address mobile blackspot areas.
2. Advocate for improved internet services for Daisy Hill.

OUR ENVIRONMENT (Built & Natural)

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS AND KEY ACTIONS

Safe, accessible and well-maintained community infrastructure

1. Maintain and improve roads ensuring they are safe and adequate to meet the needs of the community.
2. Maintain key community assets such as the Community Centre and tennis courts, ensuring they are accessible and used regularly.
3. Identify suitable dog park locations and seek funding to develop.
4. Seek funding opportunities to develop a local walking/bike path.
5. Seek funding to install seating/picnic table inside the playground at the Community Centre.
6. Work with Council and community to identify and clean up untidy properties and spaces.

Emergency preparedness and risk mitigation

1. Build community resilience and strategic response and mitigation to reduce the vulnerability of communities in extreme weather events (fire, flood and heat).
2. Partner with key stakeholders to offer community education on emergency risks and how community members can prepare.
3. Develop community strategies for how to communicate during emergencies given poor internet/mobile service.
4. Explore funding opportunities to install a mobile service booster/tower at the Community Centre ensuring communication access during emergency events.
5. Advocate to the CFA for a 'fire danger' rating sign at Daisy Hill.
6. Advocate to Council for earlier community notice of free green waste events.

OUR ENVIRONMENT (Built & Natural)

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS AND KEY ACTIONS

Protect, manage and improve natural environment

1. Maintain trees and control weeds and grasses on roadsides and on Council, crown and private land.
2. Develop a weed management plan for Daisy Hill.
3. Advocate to Regional Roads Victoria to address tree concerns on the highway to Maryborough which are close to the road and potentially unsafe and in danger of collapse onto passing cars.
4. Work to create a safer waste and recycling collection for residents on the Ballarat Maryborough Road to avoid potential hazardous road crossings with bins.

Develop the community centre as a hub for community life and activity within Daisy Hill

1. Install external access to the accessible toilet at the Community Centre so community members and visitors can use at any time.
2. Install a dishwasher in the Community Centre kitchen to facilitate easier catering by different groups.
3. Monitor any increase in community demand for the Community Centre and assess the need for extended capacity for the centre through a considered business case process.

our LEADERSHIP

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS AND KEY ACTIONS

Enhanced advocacy, leadership and communication

1. Council and community to actively connect, communicate and partner to advocate for and deliver the Daisy Hill Community Plan and its activities and projects.
2. Invite Ward Councillor representation/involvement in key activities, projects and events.
3. Increase community awareness of grant funding opportunities and build volunteer capacity through grant training.

Enhanced community leadership and involvement

1. Recognise, support and build the capacity of volunteers/community leaders and actively encourage the involvement of new volunteers.
2. Engage and involve residents in community plan activities and projects so their voices can guide matters that are important to them.
3. Actively lead the implementation of the Daisy Hill Community Plan.

PUTTING OUR PLAN INTO *action*



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

Central Goldfields Shire Council will offer guidance, advice, advocacy and support wherever possible. Relevant key stakeholders/project partners and other government departments will be invited to work together with the Daisy Hill community on shared priorities.

Yearly progress updates on community priorities and activities will be provided to the wider community.

GETTING INVOLVED

If you would like to get involved in making Daisy Hill an even better place to live contact –

Bill Robinson of the Daisy Hill Community Centre
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or your Paddy Ranges Ward Councillor, **Chris Meddows-Taylor**
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