

## Ancona Community Plan October 2010

### **Location and Landscape**

Ancona is a predominantly agricultural community located in the rolling foothills of the Strathbogie Ranges in north-east Victoria. Nearby townships include Bonnie Doon, Mansfield and Euroa (*see map*).

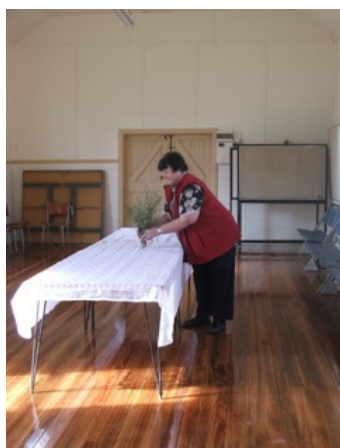
### **Demographics**

Ancona's population is estimated at between 100 and 200 people including full-time and part-time residents and a growing number of families. Many part-time residents own properties in Ancona which they visit on weekends and for holidays, some with a view to relocating on a more permanent basis in the future.

### **Community Facilities, Activities and Events**

The Ancona Hall is the hub of the community with regular activities and events held throughout the year. The Ancona Valley Landcare Group is the longest operating Landcare group in the district and is always looking for new members interested in the Ancona environment. Contact details for these groups are:

- Ancona Hall Committee: Dawn Kipping, ph: 5778 9555.
- Ancona Valley Landcare Group: Angela Tough, ph: 5778 9566.



*Dawn Kipping at the Hall*



*The Landcare BBQ*

### **Community Planning**

A community BBQ organised by the Ancona Hall Committee and Ancona Valley Landcare Group was held at the hall in June 2010. Over 56 adults and 27 children attended and enjoyed a tasty feast and the warmth of a bonfire.

People also had the opportunity to answer two questions about their community:

#### ***1. What do you and your family like about Ancona?***

Responses to this question were similar - it's quiet, it's pretty, a lovely environment, lots of trees and creeks, the people are nice, it's fun in both winter and summer, kids love it, there is lots to do - like motorbike riding.

## **2. What would make Ancona a better place to live?**

Responses were more varied - a fence around the hall, fill potholes on the roads and seal the road, a built-in BBQ facility, hall upgrades - like lighting and furniture, a playground for the kids and more community get-togethers.

Following this, a letter and survey were sent out and people prioritised the top projects for Ancona as follows:

1. Seal Ancona Road.
2. Upgrade the hall e.g. lighting, floor, furniture.
3. Build a permanent BBQ and shelter at the hall.
4. Organise more community get-togethers.

A hall upgrade is already being undertaken by the Hall Committee and this committee and the Landcare group are now working towards building a BBQ and shelter at the hall and organising more community get-togethers. Funding will be sought for the BBQ and shelter and a letter will be sent to the Council advising them of the community support for sealing the road. These actions will be undertaken by committee members from Landcare and the Hall Committee by the end of 2010/early 2011.

