



Background

In 2006 a group of concerned and motivated community members gathered to talk about the future of the old Maindample School site. Over-grown and uncared for, the site was a fire hazard and an under-utilised community asset. This project and a general desire to enhance the township led to the resurrection of the Maindample Progress Association.

In 2010 Council came to the party and since then locals have worked hard to clean up the site - so that we could begin to picture what it might one day be! Plans for the park have been drafted and feedback was collected at a 'Community BBQ' in November 2010. Ideas for other improvements around Maindample were also noted and included in a community planning survey that was posted to 'Dample ratepayers in February 2011.

Based on the survey results and a few other considerations (like feasibility and where people's passions lay), the Maindample Progress Association came up with this Community Plan.

What next?

The fun bit! Community members and the Progress Association will get started on the projects. Mansfield Shire Council is committed to helping us where appropriate; and the community plan will be reviewed every two to three years to make sure it still reflects our goals... So please make sure to give us your feedback as this is a living document!

Want to get involved?

We need lots of helpers and no matter what your passions or skills we're bound to find a way for you to get involved! Check out the community newsletter, the noticeboard or search for 'Maindample Progress' Facebook. Otherwise, call Mansfield Shire Council's community development team on 5775 8555.



Advocacy

These issues are of great importance to Maindample. However, our community's ability to *directly* address them is limited. Hence we seek support and help from relevant agencies.

Traffic management and safety

Near misses along the Maroondah Highway are a daily occurrence in Maindample. The construction of turning lanes into Railway St and the pub site are vital and would greatly reduce the chance of future fatalities. A reduction in the speed limit through town would also significantly improve safety in Maindample.

Road and drainage improvements

Although we love the 'country feel' of our town, we see adequate drainage and surface treatments on local roads as an essential service.

This plan is available in alternate formats by phoning Mansfield Shire Council on 5775 8555.

Maindample

Family friendly and safe

2011 - 2016



Maindample now

Family-friendly, safe and relaxed. Ours is a community in which kids can roam freely and people love and appreciate our rural background.

Our people

We're quite a mix. Young, old, singles, families, new-to-town and born-in-town. We like to think we're welcoming, friendly, family-focused and proud of our town.

Our environment

Surrounded by rolling hills, paddocks and stunning views - we live in a beautiful part of the world. Our picturesque environment is one of our most highly prized assets.

Our built assets

The CFA station, the 'new loo' in the Community Park, and the Rail Trail... And we're working hard to increase the list!

Local happenings and groups

Maindample Progress Association and the Maindample CFA are the two biggest groups in town. Informal social gatherings are held at the Bridge Inn Hotel site and there are regular walks and rides along the Rail Trail plus trips to the nearby scenic Paps.

Local businesses

Maindample is home to various professional service providers, tradespeople and agriculturalists. The Maindample Motel also offers accommodation.

Local news

Keep an eye out for the up-coming community newsletter and the community noticeboard at the Maindample Park

Maindample's future

The following projects are our community's priorities for the next five years.

Community Park

Goal: Create a community park for the use and enjoyment of residents and visitors.

Why: At present, there are no maintained public reserves or gardens in Maindample. Indeed there is no community meeting place at all! The Community Park will provide families, residents and visitors with a safe outdoor place to gather, play, exercise and celebrate. It will be the beginnings of our 'community heart'.

Children's recreational facilities

Goal: Construct a playground and rebound wall within the Maindample Community Park.

Why: There are many young families in Maindample, however there are no public recreation facilities in the town. Construction of a playground and rebound wall will make our community more welcoming for families and provide our younger residents with a place to participate in safe recreation.



Community Hub or Hall

Goal: Build a community heart in Maindample!

Why: We're a friendly and active community... with no physical heart or hub! Construction of a community hall will create opportunities for regular community gatherings, fundraisers, fitness classes, hobby groups and other activities in a safe, non-threatening environment. Although the project is about constructing a building - it will enable us to strengthen connections in our community.

Staying in the loop

Goal: Create a series of inclusive communication tools to keep Maindample people and groups in the loop. This will include a community newsletter, Facebook page and noticeboard.

Why: To get more people involved in and aware of activities and happenings in Maindample; to celebrate what's great about our patch; to profile the characters in town; and to build connections. The newsletter can be used by all local groups.

Preserving & celebrating our history

Goal: Continue to preserve, display and share Maindample's history.

Why: Substantial work has been undertaken to capture Maindample's history and further work to promote our past will ensure both visitors and residents can celebrate it. A number of historic sites such as the Old Railway Goods Shed are also in need of preservation.

Traffic management

Goal: Raise the profile of our community's concerns regarding traffic management and safety.

Why: High speed traffic along the Maroondah Highway poses a serious safety risk to Maindample residents. Speed limits and the absence of turning lanes into key residential areas are of particular concern. While our capacity to directly address these problems are somewhat limited, we are able to lobby and advocate for change from other agencies.