

# Advocacy

The following issues are of significant importance to our community. However, our capacity to lead and implement change with regard to these items is limited. As such we seek support, assistance and advocacy from relevant agencies.



## Road improvements

The condition and maintenance of local roads including drainage and surface treatments is an ongoing safety concern.

Some ratepayers have shown support for the sealing of Old Tolmie Road. Construction of a two-way bridge on Old Tolmie Road has also been suggested.

## Telecommunications

Reliable mobile phone, broadband and digital television coverage are a high priority for the Tolmie community. Ongoing support from local, state and federal government will be essential in efforts to realise this goal.

## Planning guidelines

Maintaining an appropriate balance between continued development and preservation of Tolmie's stunning rural amenity is of vital importance to our community. Opportunities to contribute to reviews of the local Planning Scheme would be highly valued.

## Roadside management & weed control

Clear and up-to-date information on who is responsible, what assistance is available and how to access it; plus adequate enforcement of existing laws.

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

# Background

In September 2010 Tolmie community members got together to begin 'community planning'. Community planning is future planning. It's a process that brings people together to identify what we love about our community, what we want to preserve and what we want to improve. This plan is a summary of our vision and plans for Tolmie.

Participants at the first planning workshop voted on a list of priority projects; and some volunteered to help bring the projects to life. To confirm the workshop outcomes, a survey was created based on the ideas raised at the meeting.

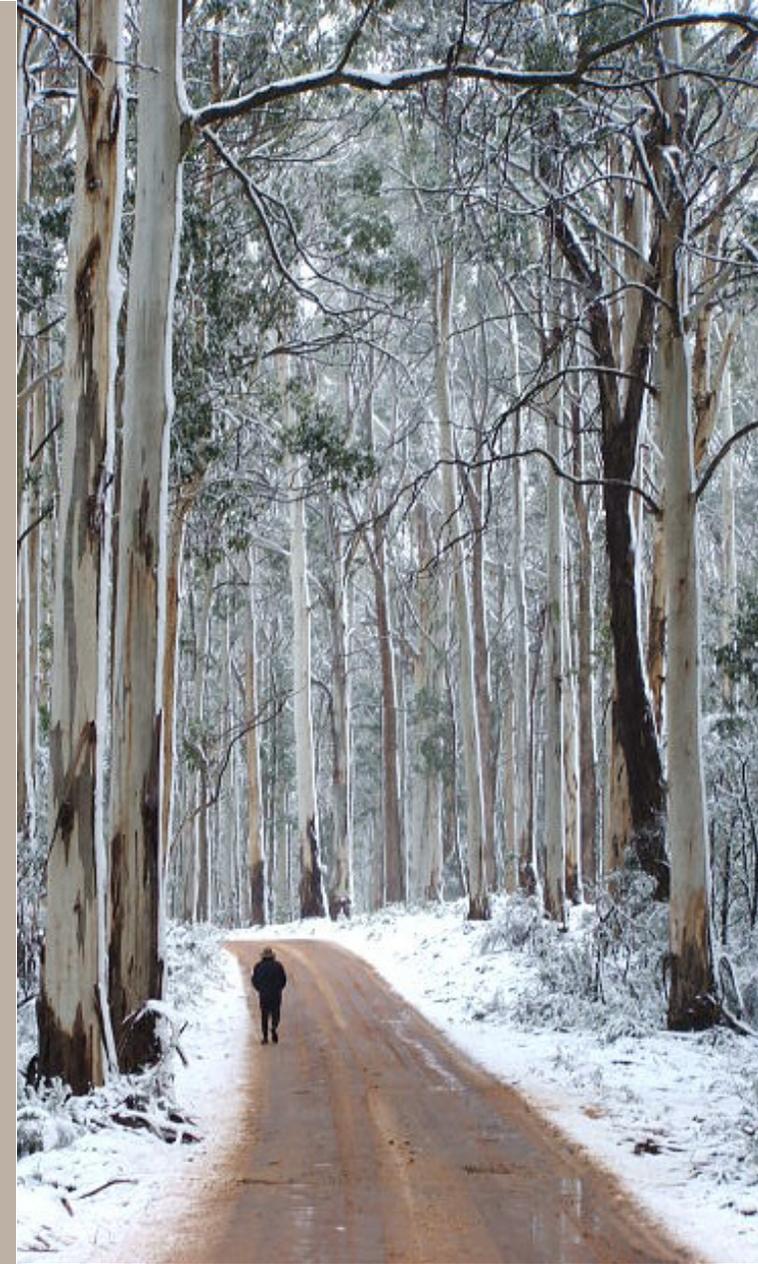
Drawing on the workshop and survey results, community members decided which projects would be included in this plan. Each project group then created a detailed action plan. These plans can be downloaded from [www.tolmietimes.com](http://www.tolmietimes.com).

## What next?

Community members will work with Council and other agencies to bring our plan to life. Council will help groups where appropriate; and the community will review the plan every two to three years to make sure it still reflects our priorities.

## Want to get involved?

We'd love to hear from you! Visit [www.tolmietimes.com](http://www.tolmietimes.com) to find contact details for local project coordinators. Or call Mansfield Shire Council's community development team on 5775 8555.



# Tolmie

## Today & tomorrow

2011 - 2018

# Tolmie today

Tolmie is a community-spirited, historical and friendly place. We're an active community that values its relaxed lifestyle.

## Our people

Committed, passionate and proud of our place!! We have a great mix of 'old' and 'new' community members with different backgrounds, skills and interests.

## Our environment

The native bush surrounds and shapes our community. Open spaces, clean air, rolling hills, creeks and stunning views are central to our identity and day-to-day life in Tolmie.

## Our built assets

To name a few: the Tolmie Mechanics Institute (Tolmie Hall), Tolmie CFA Station, Tolmie Sports Ground and buildings, Uniting Church, Catholic Church, tennis courts, playground and standpipe.

## Local happenings and groups

From the 125 year-old Tolmie Sports Day to the Ladies' Lunch there's something for everyone... Tolmie Farmers' Markets, Tolmie CFA, Casserole nights, UFO at the Hall (Unfinished Objects), community choir, tennis club, TREC (equestrian club), Tolmie Tavern social club and more!

## Local businesses

Tolmie is home to many small businesses including local food producers, tradesman, craftspeople, health and wellbeing specialists and a variety of professional service providers.



## Local news

For all the latest & to find a local business, check out the *Tolmie Times*.

# Our Future

Our community has identified the following initiatives and goals, to be completed in the next 10 years.

## Project **Bridle and walking trails**

**Goal:** To establish two sustainable bridle and walking trails in the Tolmie area.

**Why:** The trails will improve the livability of our community by linking existing resident and visitor facilities (such as the Tolmie Sports Ground and local businesses). This will increase the use of existing facilities, improve safety, create more opportunities for active recreation and benefit local businesses along the trails.

## Project **Sustaining our Environment**

**Goal:** Contribute to the preservation of Tolmie's natural environment via the provision of weed control information and assistance for landholders; and the creation / distribution of indigenous plant species lists.

**Why:** The beauty and health of the bushland in and around Tolmie is central to our community's identity. We see the preservation of our natural environment as a high priority and are dismayed at the growing number of weeds on both private and crown land (including roadside reserves).

## Project **Preserving Tolmie's history**

**Goal:** Record and preserve Tolmie's history for future generations. This may include collecting and displaying memorabilia, recording oral histories and installing historic signage.

**Why:** Tolmie has a vibrant 130 year history and many who live here today are passionate to understand all they can about its past. Much information lies with the generation born in the early 1900s. Information they recall about Tolmie from its earliest days should be gathered while we still have access to it.

## Project **Tolmie Tearooms (old school house)**

**Goal:** Preserve and renovate the historic 'Tolmie tearooms' (old Toomboolup School House) to create a multi-use centre for use and enjoyment of community groups and members.

**Why:** The Tolmie Tearooms are a valued community asset but have fallen into disrepair. Renovation will preserve an important historic asset; increase the sustainability of the Tolmie Sports Association; provide a centre suitable for various uses such as catering, training and visiting health services, thereby increasing services and activities available to residents.

## Project **Keep the Tolmie Sports going**

**Goal:** Keep the Tolmie Sports going on a sustainable basis.

**Why:** The 125 year-old Tolmie Sports are a valued part of life in Tolmie. The Sports creates connections in our community, raise our community's profile and contribute to the sustainability of other community groups in Mansfield Shire.

## Project **Community Transport**

**Goal:** Increase transport options between Tolmie and Mansfield for residents of all ages and abilities. This may include public transport and/or community-based transport options.

**Why:** Many essential items and services must be purchased in Mansfield. As such, regular and accessible transport between Tolmie and Mansfield is an important factor in the health, independence and happiness of residents. Community-based (e.g. car pooling) or public transport options (e.g. bus) will also have environmental benefits which are of importance to the Tolmie community.

**These projects are listed in no particular order. For more information and timelines see the 'project action plans' at [www.tolmietimes.com](http://www.tolmietimes.com)**