

Completed projects

Recreation Reserve improvements
Waste management
Community communication

Projects underway

Community buildings
Townscape improvements & community connectivity
Water use & management
Healthy creeks & waterways
Local business promotion
Traffic safety & flow
Preserving Merton's history
Community planning



Projects to start

Planning policy
Tennis courts

Achieved so far

At the recreation reserve:
BBQ, Outdoor lighting, new picnic tables and seating,
removal of dead pine tree at entrance

Townscape improvements:
\$140,000 funding received for shared pathway
construction and township plantings and
improvements.

Recycling:
Township and rural properties now receive a
recycling service from the Shire which has led to the
removal of the recycling depot within the township,
thereby improving its visual amenity.

History grant received

What next

The MCP Plan is a living document that
needs to be monitored and reviewed annually.

The document will change from year
to year – so community feedback and
enthusiasm will ensure different actions are
incorporated into the document and new
exciting projects developed and completed.

The inaugural Merton Community Plan
committee has been operating for 2 years
now and it is time to incorporate some new
members so current projects and actions can
be reviewed and new projects and priorities
identified.

MCP has lost some of their original
members (Graeme Kipping, Sue Morphett,
Michaela Van Wyndem) and they are thanked
for all their work in initiating the MCP Plan.

Bernie Cummins has also left the MCP
group and is very much missed and thanked
for all his work.

Anyone interested in being part of this
exciting community initiative and in need of
further information about MCP, please contact
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MCP

merton community planning

2009 – 2011

The Plan

It all started

May- June 2009

- Mansfield Shire convened two Community workshops at which Merton residents and landowners considered what was good about living in Merton, what needed changing and what they would like Merton to be like in 10 years' time.
- Out of these 2 workshops the beginnings of a vision for the community and a list of suggested projects was developed.
- After the workshops the Merton Community Planning committee was formed. Their task was to look at all the suggestions from the workshops and organise them into a community plan for Merton.
- In developing the Plan four themes were identified. For each of which a goal and action plans were formed.
- A draft Merton Community Plan 2009 – 2015 was put out for community review and feedback in March 2010.
- The final Merton Community Plan 2009-2015 was completed and launched in December 2010.



Themes of Merton Community Plan:
their priority goals and projects.

Built Environment

Goals:

- Improve the outdoor facilities available to residents and visitors at the Merton Recreation Reserve
- Identify the community's desired course of action for the future use, preservation and/or renovation of the Memorial Hall and the Recreation Pavilion
- Improve the liveability and visitor appeal of Merton via improvements to the townscape and construction of pathways linking key locations.
- Gauge interest in reovation of the old tennis courts, incorporating conversion to a multi-use sporting facility, if sufficient support was identified.

Projects:

- Recreation Reserve Improvements
- Community Buildings
- Townscape improvements and connectivity
- Tennis courts

Natural Environment

Goals:

- Improve understanding and implementation of good water management practices throughout the Merton community.
- Improve recycling services in Merton.
- Ensure environmental flows in Merton Creek and its tributaries.
- Facilitate the Merton community's involvement in future development of local planning guidelines pertaining to our area.

Projects:

- Water use and management
- Recycling
- Healthy Creeks and waterways
- Planning policy

Economic Development and Tourism

Goals:

- Support local businesses and services through the creation of promotional opportunities.

Project:

- Local business promotion

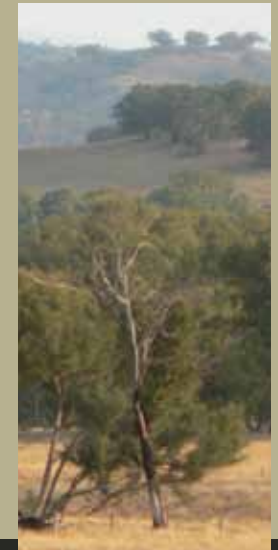
Community Character & Social Networks

Goals:

- Increase the safety of residents and visitors by implementing changes to traffic and pedestrian flow in Merton.
- Preserve our history for present and future generations.
- Improve communication, collaboration and planning between individuals and existing groups in Merton.
- Create and review a community-owned vision for Merton via an inclusive process of community engagement.

Projects:

- Traffic safety and flow
- Preserving Merton history
- Community communication
- Community planning



Where we are at now

A number of the projects in the Action Plan have been completed, some are underway and still others are awaiting take up by those with an interest in seeing them completed.