Advance Heathcote Incorporated

2017 Annual General Meeting

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Report on the 2014-2017 Community Plan Projects:

Total Projects in the 3 year Plan = 89

- 52 or 58% completed/established & operational
- 27 or 30% partial completion/in progress
- 6 or 7% ongoing at the end of the Plan
- 4 or 5% not feasible/interest &/or funding

2014-2017 Heathcote Community Plan Achievements

- **Theme One: Arts, Culture, History & Events**
  - Collaboration and partnerships with wide range of community groups – funding & new events
  - Improved profile of Heathcote & Region as a tourist destination/new events/reasons to come to Heathcote; adopted the Heathcote "LOGO"
  - Completed Phase One renewal works at the RSL Hall facilities
  - Upgrade of power in Barrack Reserve Park for markets & events
  - Participation in Rural Communities Committee and contribution to numerous CoGB policy development/issues forums

2014-2017 Heathcote Community Plan Achievements

- **Theme Two: Built & Natural Environment**
  - Completed the Feasibility Study for the Heathcote Riding & Walking Spur Trails and secured $150k towards the project; liaison with Campaspe Shire to join above Trail with the Murchison Trail
  - Two local walking & cycling trails completed: Pink Cliffs and The Valley of the Liquid Ambers Trails
  - Street Beautification Project - High Street Flower Basket launched in 2016 but difficult to sustain
  - Establishment of the Heathcote Landcare Group, focus on the McIvor Creek clean-up area in township

2014-2017 Heathcote Community Plan Achievements

- **Theme Three: Education, Training & Employment**
  - The Feasibility Study for Child Care in Heathcote (funded by Mandalay Resources) resulting in the development of Long Day Child Care Service & Early Years specialist services/After School Care Program
  - After school program and a Supported Playgroup in our Primary Schools
  - Community House continues to offer training & educational courses; assessment of needs and sourcing ongoing training
  - Volunteer training and support services
  - Development of the Community Garden

2014-2017 Heathcote Community Plan Achievements

- **Theme Four: Health & Wellbeing**
  - Establishment of the annual Heathcote Community Games and annual O'Keefe Rail Trail Marathon in 2015, now known as The O'Keefe Challenge
  - Ongoing exploration of community programs and services for young people – lack of funding the issue
  - Improved local mental health & wellbeing though the development of the Heathcote Healthy Workplace Cluster; HALT Breakfast for Tradies; Casserole Club; presentations at the primary schools; Mental Health First Aide Training & Mental Health Information Days; Big Blue Bus visit; Carpe Diem play
  - Increased mental health, counselling and other specialist services offered locally
  - Establishment of Heathcote Capacity Builders now auspiced by the Community House
  - Increased 20 Home Care Packages

2014-2017 Heathcote Community Plan Achievements

- **Theme Four: Health & Wellbeing**
  - Completed the $3m Heathcote Health Primary Care Centre development and $750,000 refurbishment of Aged Care facilities
  - Improved awareness of health promotion and prevention strategies in the monthly Heathcote Health Matters (McIvor Times)
  - Ongoing advocacy for improved public transport access for Heathcote
  - Dementia Village funding - $150,000 for Stage 1 Feasibility Study
  - Advocacy with Coliban Water to improve local water quality
  - Ongoing community engagement/advocacy for Heathcote's health and wellbeing with a wide range of government and regional service providers to meet the diverse needs of Heathcote residents

2014-2017 Heathcote Community Plan Achievements

- **Theme Five: Infra-Structure & Economic Development**
  - Advocacy to commence the Heathcote Township Plan in 2017
  - Streetscape – corner garden beds; 4 flag poles replaced in High Street to promote local events
  - Completion of Barrack Reserve Stadium Re-Development in October 2017
  - VIC public toilets allocation of $300,000 to be upgraded-competed by 30th June 2018
  - Completion of Natural Gas by TAS Gas
  - Coiliban Water sewerage roll-out running to schedule
  - Town & District signage study completed – awaiting funding
  - Chauncey Street pedestrian safety at Lyall Bridge – Council allocated $40,000 to undertake footbridge design plan/costings

Resourcing the 2014-2017 Heathcote Community Plan & other Community Projects

$7,478,258

Development of 2017-2021 Community Plan

- AHInc initiated a community consultation with 22 Community Groups
- Over 250 people contributed ideas into next Plan
- Utilised the 2016 Census data to inform community needs/projects
- 100 people attended two public Forums to inform and develop the 2017-2021 Community Plan
- Outcome, an exciting and comprehensive Heathcote & District Community Plan that will be launched in early 2018