



SANDY POINT COMMUNITY PLAN 2017

What is a Community Plan?

A Community Plan is a list of projects and initiatives that people in a community have identified as important. Having a Community Plan gives a community some strong advantages:

- It identifies and communicates to the community the preferred future for the community
- It indicates clearly to potential future funding bodies that the community has come together to identify the projects that are important to them
- It illustrates to South Gippsland Shire Council the cohesion of community projects and potential partnerships on activities

The Sandy Point community was invited to be part of the initial community planning process in 2014 with a variety of opportunities to have their say, and there were many ideas put forward which were collated into the Community Plan. The plan has been updated several times, most recently at a community meeting in July 2017.

Who is responsible for the Plan?

The Community Plan is owned by all of the community in Sandy Point. The Sandy Point Community Group 'holds' the plan and helps to coordinate plan reviews and updates and share information. For any project to develop and grow it needs people to champion it, to advocate and to drive it!

The success of any Community Plan largely depends on support and participation from within its community. The more engagement and participation from the community the more the plan will broadly represent the aspirations and vision of the wider community. Those projects that have greater support are often the projects that are more easily achieved.

This document

This document represents a review of the Sandy Point Community Plan that was first compiled in 2014 and has been updated several times since. Since 2014, various community groups and community members have been working on these projects to bring them to completion. Projects are listed below in ONGOING and COMPLETED projects. Priority projects will be identified based on the results of a community survey. The key areas are:

1. **Community facilities:** amenities and recreational facilities
2. **Recreation:** shared walking, riding and bike trails
3. **Environment and wildlife:** foreshore management, wildlife protection, dog control
4. **Planning and services:** wastewater, waste management, telecommunications
5. **Roads and community safety:** roads and traffic, safety facilities
6. **Communication and awareness:** informational signage, web-based information
7. **Events:** community events, markets, functions

ONGOING PROJECTS

Project	Details	Champion
1. Community Facilities		
1.1 Landscaping of area around toilets opposite shop	New toilets built - now working on landscaping. Community to work on a plan for the site including for eg picnic tables and chairs, shade trees etc. Maybe also a bus shelter for high school students and a covered BBQ area.	SPCG
1.2 Beach shower	Need another shower near the shop beach access track. Investigate hot showers at new toilet block.	
1.3 Beach wheelchair	An available all terrain wheelchair to be acquired by summer for use by those people living with a disability and those unable to walk across to the beach.	SPCG
1.4 Community use of old transfer station site on Sandy Point Rd	SPCG became aware of a Council proposal to sell the site. SPCG request Council to retain this site and are looking for ideas for community use of this site - e.g community garden, solar energy site, skate park, multi-use - what's your idea?	
1.5 Boardriders facilities	Clubhouse / storage facility for boardriders	Boardriders
2. Recreation		
2.1 Waratah Way Shared Trail	A 4.5km shared, off-road trail project along the (back) pastured side of the foreshore reserve between Ned Neales Lookout and Waratah Bay. Needs to be included in the council's Paths and Trails Strategy to ensure progress.	Cath Giles (SPCG)
2.2 Roy Henderson Trail	Using the hill between Ennisvale and Ryan's Rise to access to the start of the Roy Henderson track is dangerous and needs attention.	
2.3 Track rest points	Some seating available - need more	
2.4 Skate park	Skate park has been investigated previously – location and cost were issues. Is this still something the community would like to see on the plan?	
3. Environment and wildlife		
3.1 Dog control	Times when people may take their dogs onto beaches and use of the designated off leash area at Ned Neale's needs enforcement in season - early/mid/late to ensure adherence to the rules. Require improved signage and information to visitors and online.	
3.2 Rabbit control	Community to consider rabbit control options	
3.3 Wildlife	Koala health issues – koala count and koala projects to be run in 2017. Grant submitted for koala projects. Need a solution for treating sick animals. Hooded plover grant received for signage and information. Protection of eroding dune system at the main beach access – realignment of the track, wind break and due revegetation to commence in 2017.	Foreshore SPCG

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4. Planning and services		
4.1 Telecommunication	General service improvement, with new Telstra Tower, NBN planned for end July 2017. However, improvements in mobile phone coverage hasn't extended beyond Acacia St. Internet and phone hit and miss. The issue to be pursued with Telstra.	SPCG
4.2 Wastewater	Long term planning for wastewater treatment, information on alternative treatment options, better coordination between wastewater and bore permits to minimise planning issues. Informing public of treatment options when applying for permit.	SPCG – (Ray, Caitlin, Rick)
4.3 Transport	Transport to/from Sandy Point, link to V-Line buses, use of community cars etc. A trial was undertaken, but most people have cars, hence no great need identified - but can be reviewed if demand is there.	
4.4 Rubbish collection	Alternatives to hard rubbish collection need investigating eg 'local buy, sell swap', hard rubbish bins on reserves or community planned and promoted kerbside days eg to coincide with an event?	
4.5 Rubbish awareness	Foreshore Committee has regular clean-up working bees; beach area rubbish mostly under control. Need to maintain ongoing awareness.	Foreshore
5. Roads and community safety		
5.1 Road safety plan	Includes traffic management, speed control, signage, traffic calming, shared roadway, extension of footpaths – planning for the whole township with consideration for all users. Consider safe cycling / pedestrian paths around Sandy Point and out of Sandy Point. Need vegetation trimmed more than once a year!	
5.2 Inlet Rd grading	Needs to be regularly graded and maintained; liaison with Foreshore Committee and Council.	Foreshore
5.3 Community defibrillator	Defibs already available at the Hall and the Surf Lifesaving Club - need a publicly accessible one outside store with monitoring security also in place. Ongoing community CPR and Defib training now provided through Surf Lifesaving Club.	TP Taylor, WBSLSC, SPCG
6. Communication and awareness		
6.1 Town signage	Need for an information board (including maps and information), somewhere centrally placed. Install interpretive, historical and tourism signage for the town. Roy Henderson Track in use already but needs public education campaign via more signage and in newsletter.	
6.2 Youth	Lack of representation of young people's aspirations in the plan. Liaise with youth and identify their projects for Sandy Point.	
6.3 Community communication	How best to communicate with residents and non-residents. Need for a multi-strand communications plan allowing Sandy Point community to choose their preferred method of receiving information.	

SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED PROJECTS – at August 2017

Category	Project	Champion	Details
Recreation	Basketball half court		Successfully completed - and well supported and used
	Boulevard / Beach Parade Playgrounds		Increased play equipment and upgraded
Facilities	Toilet Block near start of beach track	SPCG and Foreshore	New toilets with change rooms and shower completed.
	Beach shower	Foreshore	Replaced with better showerhead and push button system
	T.P. Taylor Hall	TP Taylor	Landscaping of T. P. Taylor Reserve complete, exceeded expectations
Events	Foodie's Market	SPCG	Successful events held in 2016 & 2017, positive feedback means that this is now a regular event



SANDY POINT COMMUNITY GROUPS

Each of these community groups work very hard within their own areas – but all welcome new participation, all need ongoing support, all aim to grow and thrive – and all provide an important asset to the Sandy Point community.

If you would like to join any of the groups listed below, please visit www.sandypoint.vic.au

Group	Details
Sandy Point Community Group	This group provides strong advocacy in support of improved facilities, infrastructure and recreational facilities and runs community and social events.
T.P.Taylor Reserve Committee of Management	This committee is responsible for the management of the Community Centre and the surrounding reserve and the tennis courts. TP Taylor Reserve C of M is a Special Committee under the governance of South Gippsland Shire Council.
Sandy Point Foreshore Committee of Management	This committee is appointed by the State Minister and works in collaboration with DELWP (Department of Environment, Land, Water & Planning) to manage the foreshore.
Waratah Bay Surf Life Saving Club	Waratah Beach Surf Life Saving Club (WBSLSC) has a significant club house on the foreshore, opposite the shopping centre. It provides a patrolled beach service.
South Coast Boardriders Club	This club is for surfers of any age and skill level. The club holds events and activities along the south coast, especially at Sandy Point and on Waratah Bay.
Sandy Point Music Club	The Sandy Point Music Club organises regular events at the Community Centre. The plan is to encompass different styles of music to cater for different ages and groups with the main focus on having social and fun evenings.
Sandy Point Community Men's Shed	Sandy Point Community Men's Shed is in the process of formation and is now an accredited member of the Australian Men's Shed Association (AMSA). Applications for membership are now being taken.

If you would like to support any of the activities, please contact us at info@sandypoint.vic.au