



Junortoun Community Action Group

Report to the community 2018

Includes financial statements for the financial year ending 30 June 2018

Junortoun Community Action Group Inc.

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About the Junortoun Community Action Group Inc.

Statement of purpose

- To improve the community of Junortoun, Victoria by developing activities and initiatives in accordance with the wishes of those who live and work in Junortoun.
- To achieve a friendly, safe and peaceful, semi-rural environment, with a sense of community and a focus on families.

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The Junortoun Community Action Group acknowledges the Dja Dja Wurrung people as the traditional custodians of Junortoun and surrounding areas.

Chairperson's report

Robert Jamieson

This has been a busy year. A number of initiatives from previous years have come to fruition and a number of new proposals are in the course of development. The executive team has continued regular monthly meetings, 7.00pm at the Farmer's Arms on the first Thursday of the month. Our thanks are extended to Rob Charlton and his staff for their hospitality. We would like to recruit more members. Just turn up at the meeting time and you will be welcomed to the business of JCAG.

You are no doubt aware that the population of Junortoun continues to increase apace. One of the notable things about these people is their digital connections with JCAG. No doubt this is partly due to the quality work of our Secretary, Kevin de Vries, who manages to record and participate in most of our business.

For an "old bloke" like me the digital link doesn't replace face to face communications between people in our community. Throughout the year we have many occasions where this is possible, starting with our welcome to the new year with our local CFA team on Australia day, and throughout the year to the "Welcome to Summer" at the beginning of December. Last weekend we collaborated with our local Dja Dja Wurrung community, the original people of what was to become Junortoun, the NCCMA (North Central Catchment Authority) and the City of Greater Bendigo at the Knul-Doorong woodland which is adjacent to the O'Keefe Trail to develop our understanding of their culture and role as custodians of the land over many thousands of years. We are hoping that this will become an annual event. On the 1st September our annual Community Market was a very successful event. It didn't rain and the advertising attracted many stall holders and buyers.

We have been very active through the year maintaining productive relationships with various organisations which have an impact on life in Junortoun. One of the most important is VicRoads, the Mclvor highway has an impact on the local quality of life, and this year the speed limit from just past the APCO service station to Cashens Road was adjusted to 80km per hour. We remain in close contact with VicRoads to monitor the plans to make significant changes to the highway to cope with the increasing volume of traffic. We should also applaud the development of the bus service made by Public Transport Victoria through Junortoun to Axedale and Heathcote and recognise the work of our local member, Jacinta Allan. In achieving this outcome.

Our relationship with the City of Greater Bendigo is very positive. We are in regular contact with our local councillors, Margaret O'Rourke (the Mayor), Yvonne Wrigglesworth and George Flack. The JCAG executive recently had a very useful meeting with all our councillors, and a number of council staff and I think it is accurate to say that they all went away with a positive view of development in Junortoun and recognition of the role of JCAG representing the interests of the local population.

Some months ago we were approached by DELPW (Department of Environment Land Planning and Water) about the future management and development of the former Binks Road Quarry, now known as the Honeyeater Reserve. Negotiations should move to a conclusion in the near future now that the NBN tower on the site has been constructed. Our plan is to form a sub-group of the Executive to manage the site and have asked Colin Smith to lead that group. A number of people from the community have indicated an interest in the project which will probably be very demanding. Through the year we have maintained our links with SDCE (Strathfieldsaye District Community Enterprise)

Throughout the year we contribute to activities such as the "O'Keefe Marathon" where our sausages are the prime source of sustenance for those people who are supporting runners. We also will provide for voters in the state election on the 24th November.

The Baptist Church has been very supportive in providing rooms for many of our meetings. We also have an active relationship with the Catherine McCauley College which is going through a very significant development phase, and the Principal, Brian Turner keeps us up to date with the process. Some time ago we discussed the future of the Manning Reserve, on the corner of Atlas Rd and the Mclvor Highway. The reserve appeared to be suffering neglect and we initially proposed that we should use it to identify the local fauna. Tom Devlin, the leader of our Sense of Community team was assisted by Ben Goonan from the Bendigo Field Naturalists in cataloguing the fauna on the site and since then the CoGB has become involved in the project. We decided that the opportunity to outline the history of the area was also an attractive prospect and in this we have been assisted by Wendy Barry a longstanding resident of the area. At present we await a response from the Council before we construct the signage which provides this information for those interested.

One of the important victories of the year is the completion of the cycling-walking bushland path between Junortoun and Strathfieldsaye. The project has been on the books for about ten years initiated by Denis Johansen a member of SDCE and in recent times Kevin de Vries and JCAG have aided his effort. Kevin also recently completed a very thorough survey of the potential changes that could be made to enhance the opportunities for cycling and walking in the district with potential improvements in physical fitness and this has been submitted to the council in response to a call for submissions. Kevin also submitted an application to the "Pick-my-Project" to the CoGB which reinforces these developments in walking/cycling opportunities.

JCAG remains committed to enhancing the community life of Junortoun and always welcomes new participants and new ideas.

Report from the Sense of Community Action Group

Tom Devlin

The activities conducted in the past 12 months have included:

- Fundraising sausage sizzle-conducted in July 2017 at Coles Mclvor Road.
- National Tree Day planting-held in July 2017 in conjunction with Longlea and District Landcare and Friends of the Bendigo-Kilmore Rail Trail.
- Community Market-held at the Bendigo Baptist Church Carpark in September 2017.
- Welcome to Summer BBQ-held again at the Mclvor Forest Estate playground in the first week of December.
- Australia Day Ceremony and Breakfast 2018-again with the support of the Junortoun Fire Brigade, this event continues to be well supported by all sections of the Junortoun community.
- Assistance provided to the running of the O'Keefe Marathon in April 2018, with breakfast served at the Bendigo Baptist Church and assistance provided with marshalling and car parking.

All of the above would not have been possible without the assistance of the City of Greater Bendigo (COGB), Kiwanis, the Bendigo Baptist Church and the Junortoun Fire Brigade.

The dedication and excellent work carried out by the Sense of Community team is also acknowledged with special mention of Denise Johns, Glenys Rahill, Johnene Pierce, Heather Stanmore, Pushpa and Karthi Balraj, Ian and Catherine Stephens and the partners and families of committee members who support our work.

Report from the Infrastructure, Services and Facilities Group

Kevin de Vries

The Infrastructure, Services and Facilities Group convenes periodically to advocate for and respond to opportunities to advance improved infrastructure and services for the residents of Junortoun. These items and services are mostly provided by local and state governments and the activity of this group involve considerable engagement with agencies and political representatives at state and local level.

The number of people involved in this action group is small and the group would benefit for additional community members with an interest and experience in infrastructure development and service delivery.

During the past year this small action group has engaged in discussion with several stakeholders to advance the objectives of the Junortoun Community Plan, and as noted by the chair we have had several successes.

Initiatives and milestones achieved in the past 12 months

- A successful community engagement meeting with VicRoads in November 2017.
- Construction of a safe cycling and walking track between Junortoun (Mclvor Forest Estate) and Strathfieldsaye.
- Increased bus services along the Mclvor Highway corridor which commenced in September 2018.
- Reduction in speed limits along Mclvor Highway (western end of Junortoun).
- Further rollout of NBN (fibre to the node) cables in the streets adjacent to Junortoun Road and Trotting Terrace.
- Construction of an NBN (fixed wireless) tower at Honeyeater Reserve.
- Construction of an Optus mobile telephone tower at Jean Alice Drive.

Projects for which we continue to advocate include:

- A safe connection for bicycle users along Trotting Terrace to connect the O'Keefe Rail Trail, the "Trotting-Cousins" path and the connection to Strathfieldsaye via Mclvor Forest Estate.
- Safety improvements for Junortoun Road.
- Safety improvements on Mclvor Highway, in particular: turning lanes to access local roads and an extension (eastwards) of the 80km/h speed zone.
- National Broadband Network services in Junortoun.
- Local sporting and recreation facilities.
- Improved signage of cycling and walking paths.

The action group has also provided input, responses and representations to:

- The City of Greater Bendigo's review of its Walking and Cycling Strategy.

The group acknowledges the cooperation provided by the Strathfieldsaye and Districts Community Enterprise, in particular, in supporting and funding the bicycle track between Mclvor Forest Estate and Strathfieldsaye.

We also recognise and acknowledge the close links and working relationship with the Friends of the Bendigo-Kilmore Rail Trail, Bike Bendigo and the Active Travel Healthy Kids Community Network.

Communication and engagement

Kevin de Vries

Newsletters

During the 2017 – 2018 year, the Junortoun Community Action Group produced four Community Newsletters which are distributed exclusively by electronic delivery methods. The newsletters are sent to our e-mail subscribers (approximately 250), promoted on Facebook and published on the JCAG website.

Social Media

Junortoun is represented on 2 social media channels – Facebook & Twitter.

www.facebook.com/Junortoun

www.twitter.com/Junortoun3551

Our Facebook followers have grown from 679 to 824 in the past 12 months, with continuing strong engagement from users.

Our Facebook page is used to communicate 'All things Junortoun' in a real time communication channel for Junortoun locals. The Facebook page also allows for direct messaging option from other users, business directory, option to sign up to our newsletter mailing list, and direct links to the Junortoun website.

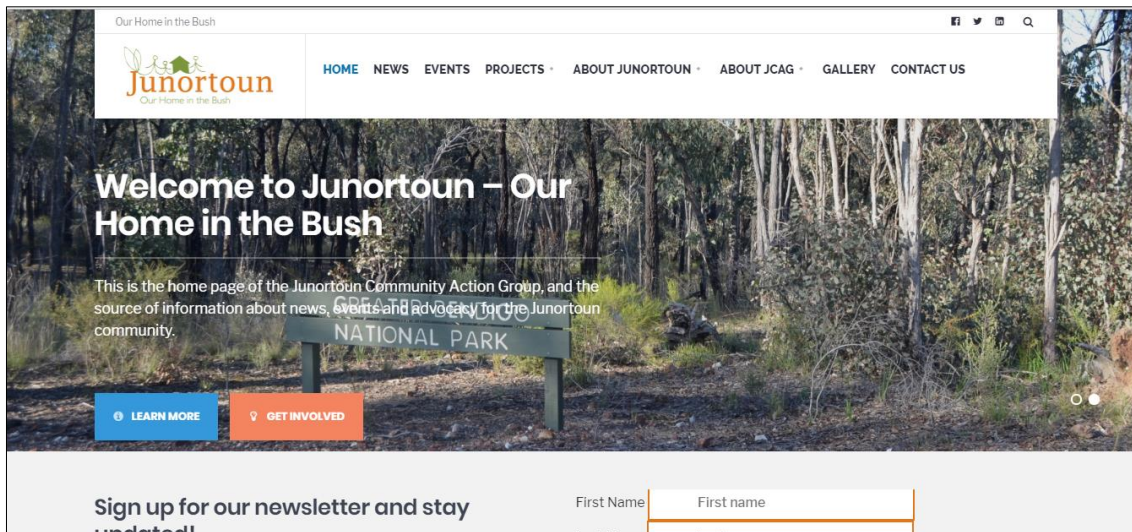
Special acknowledgement and thanks to Sam Spence who continues to assist with the JCAG Facebook presence to maintain strong engagement with our local community.

	June 2015	June 2016	June 2017	June 2018
Email subscribers	Not recorded	Not recorded	229	262
Facebook followers	325	437	679	824
Twitter followers	-	-	Not recorded	25

Website

Kevin de Vries

In 2018 the Junortoun Community Action Group achieved registration of a Community Geographic Domain Name: www.junortoun.vic.au. This is recognition of the role our Action Group plays in the community of our suburb. Correspondingly, our internet domain (website and email address) has changed and the association has used this as an opportunity to refresh its website with a new and updated design.



The website provides members of the community with links to information about local news, activities and events. It provides a means for new residents to subscribe to the electronic newsletter distribution list, and provides information about JCAG and its activities.

In 2019 we are seeking assistance from a secondary student who can help to maintain and further develop the Junortoun internet presence.

Engagement

In order to effectively improve facilities and services for the community of Junortoun and realise the objectives of the Junortoun Community Plan it is important that the Junortoun Community Action Group forms and maintains strong links with local agencies and service providers.

Organisations with which JCAG works include:

The City of Greater Bendigo

This includes Lyn Talbot and the Community Planning team, the staff of the Planning department, and staff of the Presentation and Assets directorate.

Strathfieldsaye and Districts Community Enterprise

SDCE has provided funding to JCAG to support its establishment and operations. SDCE has also been a valuable partner in working to deliver a sealed cycling and walking path between Junortoun and Strathfieldsaye.

Junortoun CFA Fire Brigade

The Junortoun CFA generously provides use of its venue to JCAG for meetings of the JCAG executive.

Bendigo Baptist Church

The Baptist Church provides use of its facilities to JCAG for community events and meetings.

Farmers Arms Hotel Junortoun

The pub is a frequent meeting point for JCAG committee meetings.

Catherine McAuley College Bendigo and Bendigo Domain Village

Key partners in our nest box construction projects.

Friends of Bendigo-Kilmore Rail Trail and Bike Bendigo

VicRoads

For continued engagement on McIvor Highway safety issues.

Public Transport Victoria

For helping deliver more bus services for the residents of Junortoun, Longlea, Axedale and Heathcote.

North Central Catchment Management Authority

Longlea and District Landcare

Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation

We acknowledge and thank our local councillors and political representatives:

- Lisa Chesters MP
- Hon. Jacinta Allan MP
- Cr Margaret O'Rourke
- Cr Yvonne Wrigglesworth
- Cr George Flack.

for their interest in the affairs of the Junortoun Community and willingness to discuss and engage on local issues.

Secretary's report

Kevin de Vries

The Junortoun Community Action Group Inc. (JCAG) is a not-for-profit incorporated association registered with Consumer Affairs Victoria (CAV), Incorporated Association A0061568U.

The members of JCAG voted to incorporate on 31 July 2014, adopting the model rules provided by Consumer Affairs Victoria. The Action Group was registered with CAV on 5 August 2014.

The Junortoun Community Action Group is registered for GST (ABN: 39913173432).

For the purpose of CAV reporting, Junortoun Community Action Group is a 'tier one' association, having an annual turnover less than \$250,000. JCAG finances are deposited with the Bendigo Bank's Community Sector Banking arm.

The Association had sixteen (16) members during the 2017-18 year.

Members of the Executive Committee during the year were:

Robert Jamieson – Chair

Colin Smith – Deputy Chair

Tom Devlin – Leader of the Sense of Community Action Group

Kevin de Vries – Secretary and treasurer

Ann Howe

Heather Stanmore

Catherine Stephens

Ian Stephens

The association maintains public liability insurance cover of \$10,000,000 through Berkeley Insurance Australia and Arena Underwriting.

Financial statements

Kevin de Vries

Notes

For financial reporting purposes, JCAG is a 'Tier one' association, having a total yearly revenue of less than \$250,000. Tier one associations have an obligation to prepare financial statements that "give a true and fair view of the financial position and performance" of the organisation.

There is no requirement under the Associations Incorporation Reform Act for a tier one organisation to have its financial statement independently audited or reviewed. However, members can vote at a general meeting to require the organisation to have its accounts reviewed. In some circumstances, CAV can direct a tier one organisation to have its financial statements reviewed.

- The financial statements presented in this report have been prepared by Kevin de Vries and reviewed by JCAG committee member Ann Howe.
- The accounts of the Association have been constructed to comply with the Standard Chart of Accounts for not-for-profit associations.
- The Junortoun Community Action Group reports and pays GST on an annual basis.
- A GST refund of \$235 was anticipated and has subsequently been received.
- On 30 June 2018 there were no outstanding debtors.
- During the financial year to 30 June 2018 the organisation did not act as the trustee of any trust.
- As at 30 June 2018 there are no mortgages, charges or securities affecting any of the organisations property.

In 2017-18 JCAG received four community grants from the City of Greater Bendigo.

- Grant GO001815 for phase 2 of the nest box construction project: \$2,500.
- Grant GO001831 for an Aboriginal cultural event to be held on 23 September 2018: \$2,000
- Grant GO001834 to upgrade the Junortoun digital presence: \$500
- Grant GO001981 for community events and engagement activities in 2018-19: \$1800.

Acquittal of these grants will occur in accordance with the conditions of each grant

2017-18 financial statements

Schedule 1
Regulation 15
Form 1

Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012

Sections 94 (2)(b), 97 (2)(b) and 100 (2)(b)

Annual statements give a true and fair view of financial performance and position of incorporated association

We Kevin de Vries and Ann Howe being members of the committee of the Junortoun Community Action Group Inc. certify that –

“The statements attached to this certificate give a true and fair view of the financial performance and position of the above named association during and at the end of the financial year of the association ending 30 June 2018.”

Signed: Kevin de Vries

Date: 30.9.2018.

Signed: Ann Howe

Date: 30/9/18

INCOME STATEMENT

1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018

	Amount (\$) (excl. GST)
Income	
Grants - City of Greater Bendigo	6,800.00
Grants - Other	500.00
Donations received	284.00
Membership fees	40.00
Sales - general	1,138.68
Bank interest	45.90
GST rounding	0.24
Other	
Total income	8,808.82
Expenditure	
Advertising and promotion	406.01
Assets <\$5,000	181.81
Bank charges	2.30
Event expenses	1,424.32
Nest box project expenses	1,804.77
Manning Reserve project expenses	-
Honeyeater Reserve project expenses	47.07
Computer expenses	356.75
Fees and permits	56.90
Insurance - public liability	631.77
Postage, freight and courier	129.41
Publications and information resources	112.73
Other	-
Total expenditure	5,153.83
Operating surplus (deficit) for period	3,654.99

SUMMARY OF CHANGES IN FUNDS

Opening balance (1 July 2017)	5,916.05
Surplus (deficit)	3,654.99
Closing balance 30 June 2018	9,571.04

BALANCE SHEET

as at 30 June 2018

Assets	\$
Cash at bank - restricted - Manning Reserve (2017-18)	3,000.00
Cash at bank - restricted - Nestboxes (2018)	499.40
Cash at bank - restricted - Indigenous event (2018)	2,000.00
Cash at bank - restricted - Update digital presence (2018)	170.58
Cash at bank - restricted - Events (2018-19)	1,800.00
Cash at bank - unrepresented cheques	-
Cash at bank - unrestricted	1,866.61
Cash to be banked	-
Accounts receivable	-
GST receivable (input credits)	402.32
Total assets	9,738.91
Liabilities	
Accounts payable	-
Reimbursement claims payable	-
Unrepresented cheques	-
GST payable	167.87
Total liabilities	167.87
Net balance	9,571.04
Net unrestricted balance	2,101.06

SUMMARY OF GST PAYABLE (2017-18 FY)

GST payable	167.87
less GST receivable (input credits)	402.32
Net GST payable (receivable)	(234.45)



