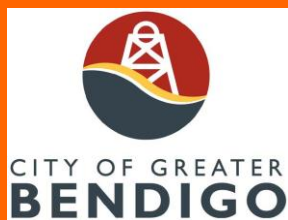




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Message from the Mayor

Community members from Junortoun approached me and former Councillor Keith Reynard expressing the desire to have their 'own' community plan that expresses the unique characteristics and future aspirations of their area. The City of Greater Bendigo strongly supports the community planning process and encourages people to be active in developing and implementing their plans. The community of Junortoun have embraced the planning process with passion, enthusiasm and skill. The Working Group have gone to great lengths to listen to community members' views and to present them in a clear and attractive Community Plan.

It is with great pleasure that I congratulate the residents of Junortoun and District for the development of this Community Plan, and I look forward to a continuing and evolving relationship between the City of Greater Bendigo and the residents of Junortoun.

Cr Lisa Ruffell

Mayor

City of Greater Bendigo



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1 Vision

Our vision for Junortoun is a place that is friendly, safe and peaceful in a semi-rural environment, which has a sense of community and a focus on families



2 Introduction

The Greater Bendigo +25 Community Plan, [Greater Bendigo 2036](#), has been developed for the whole of the City of Greater Bendigo. As an adjunct to this, a number of enthusiastic residents have formed a Working Group to produce the Junortoun Community Plan. This establishes the priorities of the community and declares to decision-makers the improvements it would like implemented. A community plan can impact at a local government level, and may also have an influence on planning decisions.

As in all communities, it is recognised that there are diverse views on a range of topics. For the plan to be successful, it must represent the broadest possible views of our local community. To achieve this, the Junortoun Community Working Group has engaged with the community, with a key element being the development and distribution of a Community Survey.

The Junortoun Community Plan, along with other plans developed by small towns and rural communities, will form part of the [Greater Bendigo 2036](#) Plan.

It is important to note that a Community Plan is about a community taking control of its future by defining and implementing its own vision. Implementation of the plan is therefore the responsibility of the people of Junortoun.

3 Background

On 25 October 2011, a community meeting was held for Junortoun residents. The meeting was hosted by Cr Lisa Ruffell and Cr Keith Reynard and provided a forum for community members to voice their issues and concerns for the Junortoun area. A focus of the meeting was the state of the McIvor Highway and associated issues such as turning lanes, the speed limit, road safety, together with flooding and drainage and the lack of public infrastructure, for example, playgrounds, cycling paths and walking tracks. It was agreed that it was timely for Junortoun to prepare a community plan and that the City of Greater Bendigo (CoGB) would facilitate this process.

On the 20 March 2012, Junortoun residents attended a presentation from representatives of CoGB. The community planning process was explained and a brainstorming activity identified initial thoughts and priorities for Junortoun. It was agreed that the most effective way forward was to prepare a community plan. Interested residents agreed to form a small Working Group to help drive the preparation of a community plan for Junortoun.

The Junortoun Community Working Group was formed and the first meeting was held in April 2012. Initial priorities that were identified at the March community meeting were used to guide the Working Group with engagement activities including the development of a survey and consequently the formulation of the Junortoun Community Plan (this document).

The Junortoun Community Plan is a summary of results and recommendations of all of the engagement activities. It is a statement of the community's vision for Junortoun with goals and actions.



4 History of Junortoun

4.1 Introduction

The following historical information is compiled as a result of personal communications with members of the Junortoun community. The accuracy of this information is as up-to-date as possible at the time of going to print.

We thank those community members who have made such a valuable contribution

4.2 How Junortoun Got Its Name

The original name of the Junortoun district was 'Homebush' after the 2,000 acre estate extending along the valley of Splitters Creek. The homestead on this estate was the Post Office for the district up until the early 1970s. In the early years of the 20th century numerous complaints over mail being directed to Homebush, NSW and another Homebush in Victoria led to the postal authorities and the Victorian Government decreeing that the name had to be changed.

At a meeting of residents the late Martin Dole suggested that the name be 'short, quaint and original'. Mr Sam Lazarus, the then owner of Homebush estate, proposed the name 'Junor' after his wife's maiden name. The name 'Junor' originated in Scotland. This was submitted to the authorities, however was rejected on the grounds it was too close to 'Junee' in NSW. At a subsequent meeting the suffix 'toun' was added to 'Junor' and this was accepted.

4.3 (The Original) Homebush Estate

The original Homebush Estate got its name from a hotel operating on the present day site, named the Homebush Hotel, Splitters Creek.

The estate was owned for some time by Mr Samuel Lazarus and his first wife, Mary Lazarus [nee Junor]. Samuel Lazarus was the son of Mr Barnet Lazarus, one of Bendigo's well known mine owners.



4.4 Junortoun Landmarks

The Crown Land at the corner of Atlas Road (eastern end) and Mclvor Highway is remembered as the site of two well-known Junortoun Landmarks - Junortoun State School and St. Thomas' Church Junortoun.

4.4.1 Junortoun State School

First known as Homebush Mclvor Road State School, the Junortoun State School No. 1634 opened on 15 October 1875. The school operated in a rented building and had a total enrolment of 35 pupils.

Between July and December 1876, approximately 150 pounds was spent on the provision of the portable building which had accommodation for 30 pupils, and two attached rooms for teacher's quarters. In 1890 the enrolment was 16 boys and 10 girls but the average attendance was only 11.

The school closed in 1930 because of an enrolment of less than 7 but reopened in 1934. It again closed in 1946 due to lack of numbers only to re-open again in 1948.

In March 1957 the school finally closed because of insufficient numbers. The building was sold and moved to Derrinal.

4.4.2 St Thomas' Church Junortoun

St Thomas' was situated on the northern side of the Mclvor Highway on the eastern side of the school [on the eastern corner of Atlas Road and Mclvor Highway].

Services were originally held in the school, where a Sunday school also operated. The opening services in the newly built church were held on 10 November 1907.

In 1909 the much needed porch was added and the church lined and painted throughout. The completed building was dedicated on 26 September 1909.



From its promising beginnings, attendances declined as the population decreased, so that services held in 1956 had an average of just four people. As a result, the church closed its doors at the end of the year.

In 1963 the building was transported to St Pauls' Axedale, where it was mainly used as the Sunday School.

4.4.3 The Railway

In 1887 tenders for the construction of the Heathcote to Bendigo rail line were finalised. Andrew O'Keefe commenced construction in January 1888 and in July, O'Keefe's own locomotive 'Sue' set off down the line. This rail line passed through the Junortoun district. The line closed in 1958 and today the rail line has been converted to a 'rail trail' for public use for recreation and is an important Junortoun attraction.

Some interesting snippets about Junortoun in the past

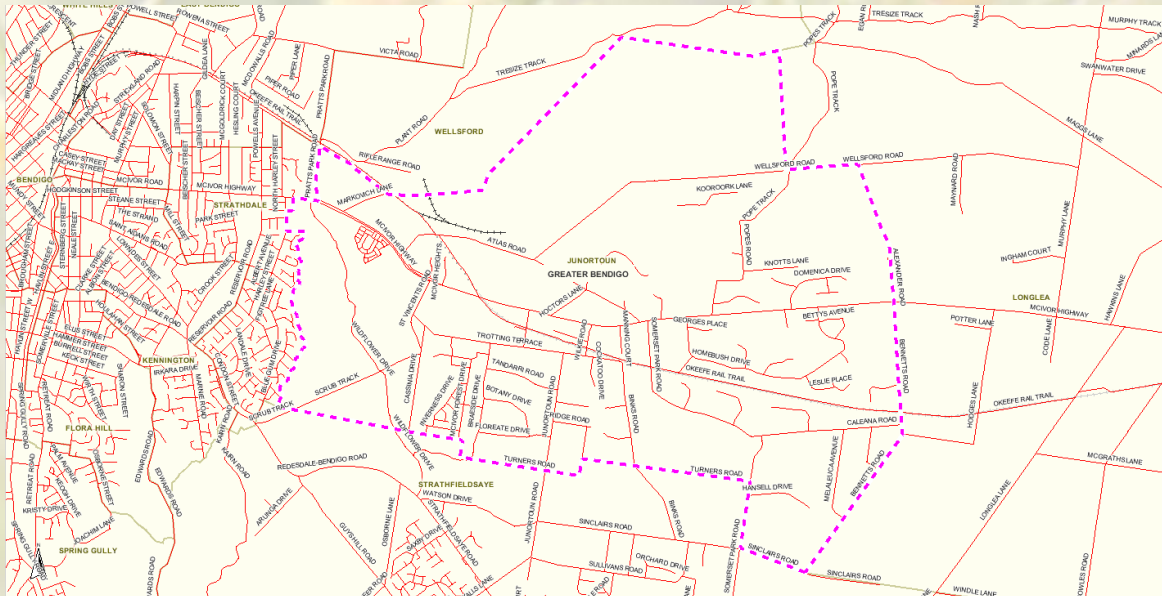
- There were 53 pubs, shanties and sly grog shops between Axedale and Bendigo up until the First World War.
- Locals started playing tennis in the gully in the school grounds, [corner Atlas and Mclvor Roads], on a levelled patch of gravel.
- Mr Manning provided some land for a reserve and new gravel courts were built, and eventually asphalted.
- A corrugated iron hall was built on the reserve and dances that were held in the school shelter shed were moved to the hall. The hall was later demolished after the Health Authority deemed it not up to standard.
- School Sports were held in Hall's paddock opposite the school.
- Empire Day sports and Sunday School picnics were held in Bennett's paddock.
- In 1917 money was raised (3 pounds, 10 shillings) for the construction of a World War I Honour Roll, designed by Mr Mansa, with 20 names placed on it.
- Splitters Lane and Splitters Creek were so named after the 'splitters' – the men who cut and shaped the timber arriving by train at the nearby Wilkie Road siding.

5 Demographic profile

5.1 Snapshot of results from the 2011 Census

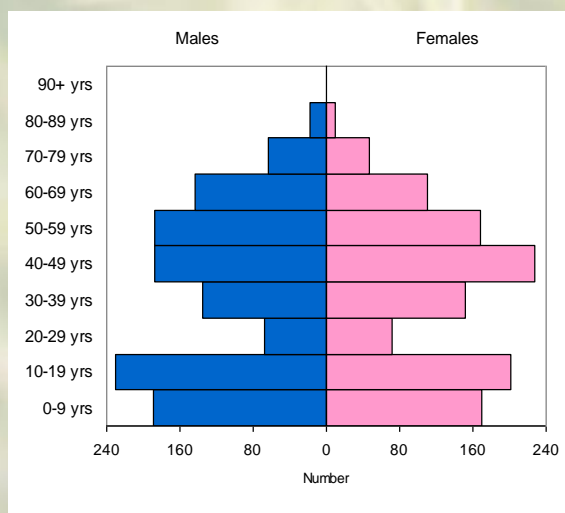
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On Census night, there were 2,378 people in Junortoun. Of these, 51.3% were male and 48.7% were female. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people made up 0.3% of the population.

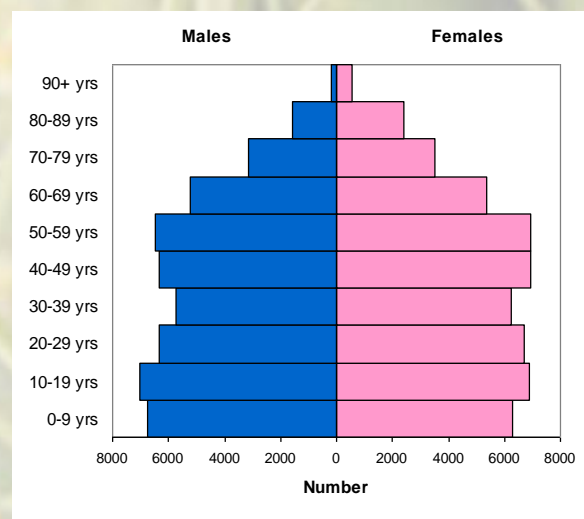


5.1.1 Age

Junortoun



Greater Bendigo



The median age of people in Junortoun is 39 years which is higher compared to the median age for Greater Bendigo which is 38.

The most common ancestries in Junortoun are Australian 33.6%, English 30.2%, Irish 12.1%, Scottish 8.5% and German 3.3%.

5.1.2 Median Weekly Income

For people aged 15 years and over:

	Junortoun	Greater Bendigo	Victoria
Personal	\$633	\$513	\$561
Family	\$1,776	\$1,245	\$1,460
Household	\$1,689	\$991	\$1,216

The personal, family and household median weekly income for residents in Junortoun is higher compared to Greater Bendigo and Victoria. In Junortoun, 15.4% of households had a gross weekly household income of less than \$600 compared to 28.1% for Greater Bendigo and 14.8% had a gross weekly income of more than \$3,000 compared to 5.1% in Greater Bendigo.

The median weekly rent in Junortoun is \$265 which is higher compared to Greater Bendigo with \$200. 97.9% of households renting in Junortoun paid less than 30% of the household income on rent compared to 91.5% in Greater Bendigo. The percentage of households paying more than 30% of income on rent in Junortoun is 2.1% compared to 8.5% in Greater Bendigo.

The median monthly mortgage repayment in Junortoun is \$1,610 which is higher compared to Greater Bendigo. Households with mortgage repayments less than 30% of household income in Junortoun is 89.9% which is lower compared to Greater Bendigo with 92.5%. Households with mortgage repayments greater than 30% of household income is 10.1% which is higher compared to Greater Bendigo with 7.5%.

5.1.3 Family Composition

	Junortoun (%)	Greater Bendigo (%)	Victoria (%)
Couple family without children	35.7	39.2	36.7
Couple family with children	55.6	41.0	46.0
One parent family	8.3	18.3	15.5
Other family	0.5	1.5	1.8

In Junortoun there are a higher proportion of couple families with children (55.6%) compared to Greater Bendigo and Victoria, and a lower proportion of single parent families (8.3%).

5.1.4 Dwellings

	Junortoun (%)	Greater Bendigo (%)	Victoria (%)
Occupied Dwellings	93.4	90.7	88.7
Unoccupied Dwellings	6.6	9.3	11.3

Of the total of private dwellings in Junortoun, 93.4% were occupied. This rate of occupancy is higher compared to Greater Bendigo and Victoria. The average number of bedrooms per dwelling in Junortoun is 3.5 and the average number of people per household is 3.1.

For more demographic details, please refer to the extract of the Junortoun Census Data in <http://www.junortoun.org/CommunityPlanAppendices.pdf> - Appendix II

6 Business in Junortoun

Junortoun is predominantly a residential suburb. It is remarkable for the absence of a retail precinct and has only a handful of retail businesses. Most of its working residents are employed in businesses in Bendigo and its suburbs.

Some of the larger businesses (by employee number) include Catholic College Bendigo, SprayLine, Defence Imagery and Geospatial Organisation (DIGO), 15 Transport Squadron, Selkirk Bricks and the Bendigo Harness Racing Club (Lord's Raceway).

Junortoun retains some primary production (farming), however the number of farms operating is likely to decline in the long term as the demand for housing creeps eastward from Bendigo. It will most likely retain properties and businesses breeding and training horses for harness racing due to the presence of Lord's Raceway.

The number of home-based service businesses should not be underestimated. There are many such businesses using Junortoun as a base, due to a combination of lifestyle, availability of services, and accessibility to Bendigo, central Victoria and Melbourne. The expansion of home-based business is an opportunity for our community, as is the chance to promote and serve a community of people working one or more days from home as the concept of telecommuting gains acceptance and popularity.

The presence of the military base, from which 15 Transport Squadron and some reserve units operate, deserves special mention. When considered in addition to the DIGO operation, the presence of the defence services in Junortoun is considerable.

Building-sector and related businesses have a substantial operation in Junortoun. The construction of houses in developments such as Homebush Estate and McIvor Forest Estate provides opportunities for builders and sub-contractors that is likely to continue for several years to come. With a growing residential base come an increase need to service the population, creating opportunities now and into the future for electricians, plumbers, carpenters, painters, gardeners and cleaners.

There are several ways for Junortoun to maximise the productivity of its population:

- Advocate for early roll out of the National Broadband Network in our suburb to serve home-based businesses, telecommuters and students of all ages.
- Lobby telecommunication providers to improve mobile phone coverage in Junortoun.
- Provide a public transport service from Junortoun to central Bendigo that provides workers with a feasible alternative to using their motor vehicles for daily commuting.
- Promote and celebrate school completion and the completion of trade certificates and university degrees.

Our community must also engage in a conversation to determine whether it sees the rezoning of land for commercial purposes as desirable, whether for retail, manufacturing or other purpose. From the results of the 2012 community survey respondents appeared content that Junortoun should remain substantially a lower-density residential suburb.

Given the need for our residents to commute for work and school, combined with a reluctance to rezone land for commercial purposes, it is likely that the retail needs of Junortoun residents will continue to be served by businesses in central Bendigo, Strathfieldsaye and online.

7 The Development Process

The Junortoun Community Working Group commenced at a meeting in April 2012 and has continued to meet every two weeks. One of the first tasks for the group was to develop a Community Engagement Plan, ensuring that:

- A diverse range of people from the community and other interested stakeholders had an opportunity to participate, contribute and shape the Junortoun Community Plan
- The community and other interested stakeholders were kept informed about the development of the community plan for Junortoun.
- Community priorities for the plan were identified
- Development of relationships within the community were encouraged and facilitated
- Relationships with other interested stakeholders who have the capacity to support the implementation of the community plan for Junortoun were developed.

The Working Group set a timeline to launch the Community Plan in early December 2012.

The Working Group, in partnership with the City of Greater Bendigo, has:

- Engaged with the local community, including residents and local businesses by conducting interviews
- Developed and distributed a community survey based on the issues raised at the earlier community meetings
- Collated the results from the survey and drafted goals and actions
- Presented these to the community at an information session on 11 October 2012, and requested residents that attended indicate their priority goals and actions. They were also asked to comment on the Vision and select a suitable slogan.
- Engaged with the Catholic College Arts Co-ordinator and Catholic College students to design logos. At the information session in October residents were able to vote for a favourite. The final design will be used on the Community Plan and other documentation.
- Invited younger Junortoun residents to draw what they liked about Junortoun or would like to see in the future. The artwork was also displayed at the October information session and has been used in the Community Plan.

From there, the Working Group has drafted the Junortoun Community Plan (this document) and asked for final community comments, before presenting the completed plan at a launch function in December 2012.

8 The Survey

8.1 Overview

In August 2012 a survey was designed and sent out to all Junortoun ratepayers. Initial issues and priorities that were identified at the March community meeting were used to guide the Working Group with the development of the survey. It was mailed out with the support of the City of Greater Bendigo, and was also made available online.

The aim of the survey was to help sort through the various views across the community to understand those of the overall community.

The Junortoun Community Survey focused on the following themes:

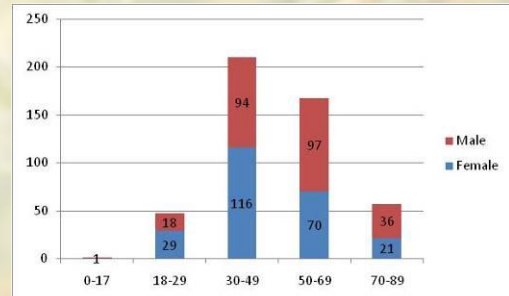
- Transport
- Community Facilities
- Sport and Recreation
- Sense of Community
- Planning and Infrastructure

The outcomes of the survey were reported at the Community Information Session held 11 October 2012, and are listed in <http://www.junortoun.org/CommunityPlanAppendices.pdf>.

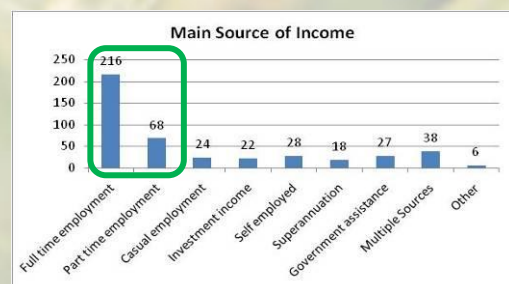
8.2 Survey Response

The Working Group received 482 responses, 481 were from adults – a **30% response rate** of the adult population of Junortoun.

There were an approximately equal ratio of males and females



The bulk of the respondents are in full or part time employment.



9 Themes, Goals and Priority Actions

9.1 Overview

The development of the Junortoun Community Plan has involved a significant level of community engagement, starting with the earlier brainstorming sessions facilitated by the City of Greater Bendigo, which have flowed into the community survey questions and ongoing engagement activities. The Goals and Actions defined in this section form a strong representation of the views and wishes of the Junortoun community.

From here, the community must come together to create action teams for each theme identified:

- Transport
- Community Facilities
- Sport and Recreation
- Sense of Community
- Planning and Infrastructure

Each team will be responsible to drive their goals based on the agreed community priorities. They will also need to ensure they coordinate and communicate with each other and the community on a regular basis.

9.2 Priority Actions

The priority goals/actions, as voted on by those residents who attended the October community session were to:

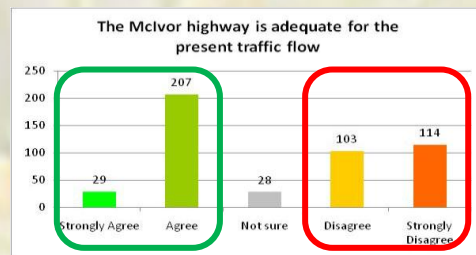
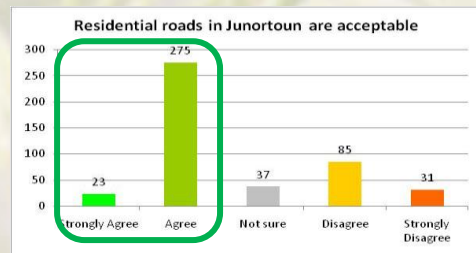
Theme	Goal	Action
Transport	Improve road safety along McIvor Highway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocate for right and left turning lanes • Advocate for more bicycle paths to be established
	Improve bus services to the Junortoun community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify opportunities to increase bus services (both day and evening) to and from Junortoun
Community Facilities	Establish community facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the Junortoun CFA to obtain a modern and functional fire station
	Investigate feasibility of facilities/services for young people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify criteria for establishing child care, pre-school and primary school facilities and determine feasibility
Sport and Recreation	Improve access to sporting and recreational facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify appropriate locations to build playgrounds, identify funding requirements and opportunities to implement.
	Improve connection within Junortoun and between Junortoun and Strathfieldsaye	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work to develop walking/bicycle tracks to allow better access to schools and other facilities in Strathfieldsaye
Sense of Community	Increase community connection and involvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organise community event/s to bring people together
Planning and Infrastructure	Increase the availability of services for Junortoun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocate for improved drainage infrastructure and regular maintenance of drains
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate and implement opportunities for improved internet and mobile phone services

These actions are highlighted (with an ★) in the detailed sections below

9.3 Transport

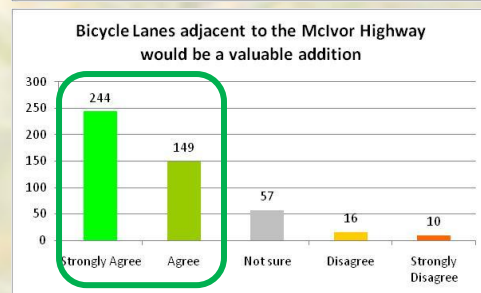
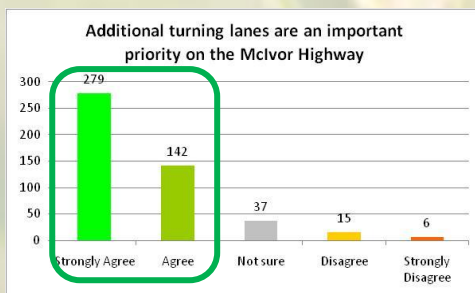
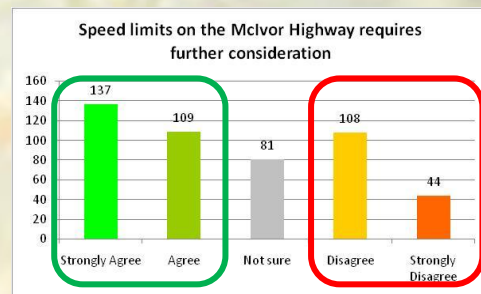
9.3.1 General

Road quality and safety appeared regularly during engagement discussions. The survey showed a level of satisfaction with residential roads, however concerns were expressed about Mclvor Highway. Views were still mixed, however the majority view is that work is required.



9.3.2 Mclvor Highway Safety

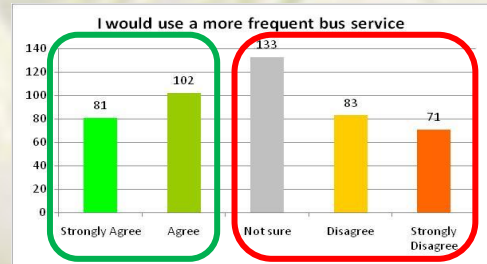
While initial community feedback highlighted significant concern in relation to speed limits on Mclvor Highway, survey feedback highlighted mixed views, but with the majority view that a review is worthwhile. However, there was far stronger feedback in relation to creation of turning lanes and bicycle lanes.



Goal	1. To improve road safety along Mclvor Highway
Actions	<p>Advocate for right and left turning lanes along Mclvor Highway where these are not provided ★</p> <p>Advocate for more bicycle paths to be established adjacent to Mclvor Highway ★</p> <p>Work to upgrade road surface to an acceptable standard</p> <p>Review safety and operation of intersections</p> <p>Work to review and apply consistent speed limits along Mclvor Highway</p> <p>Improve signage along Mclvor Highway for businesses and tourist attractions</p>

9.3.3 Public Transport

The feedback indicated that taxi services are adequate, but that there is a level of concern around bus services, and a clear demand for more frequent bus services.



Goal	2. To improve bus services to the Junortoun community
Actions	<p>Work to identify opportunities to increase bus services (both day and evening) to and from Junortoun ★</p> <p>Review bus stop areas and advocate for upgrade, where appropriate</p>

9.3.4 Road Maintenance

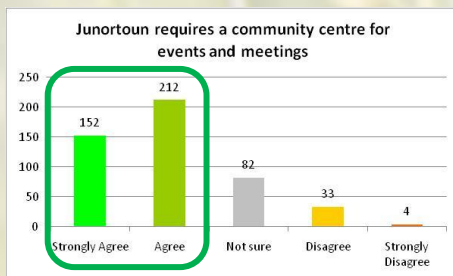
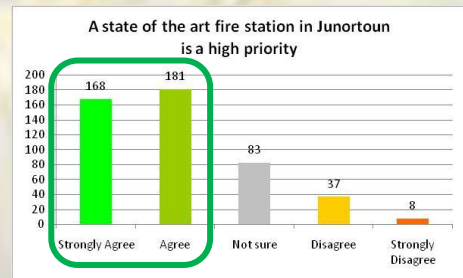
While the survey indicated a level of satisfaction in relation to the maintenance of residential roads, there was a level of general community commentary around some aspects of road maintenance that should be addressed:

Goal	3. To improve maintenance of residential / feeder roads
Actions	<p>Review speed limits along all roads, particularly if no speed signs are present</p> <p>Advocate for more frequent maintenance/upgrade of roads and roadside areas</p> <p>Improve signage along residential/feeder roads</p>

9.4 Community Facilities

Survey results highlighted strong support for a fire station, a small shopping complex, a community centre, and facilities for young people including childcare, pre-school facilities and a primary school.

Voting at the October community event indicated a strong priority for the new fire station.



Goal	4. To establish community facilities which meet the needs of the community and are in keeping with the area
Actions	Support the Junortoun CFA to obtain a modern and functional fire station ★ Identify a place for community events and meetings Identify opportunities to establish a small shopping precinct
Goal	5. To investigate feasibility of facilities/services for young people
Actions	Identify criteria for establishing child care, pre-school and primary school facilities ★ Undertake needs analysis to determine level of community interest



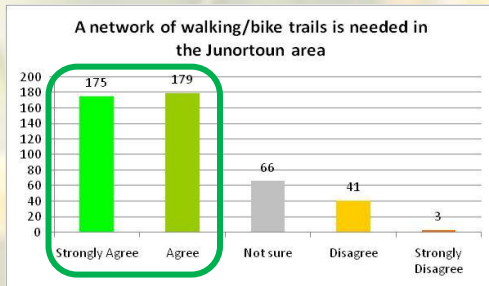
Notes:

- There has been general feedback around providing these services within a general purpose Community Hub.
- There has been a level of interest expressed to incorporate a Café with these facilities. This may be investigated as a future opportunity.

9.5 Sport and Recreation

9.5.1 Forest & Walking/Bike Trails

The survey highlighted strong support for a network of walking/bike trails. Engagement activities provided further insight, with a key focus area being to link Junortoun and Strathfieldsaye.

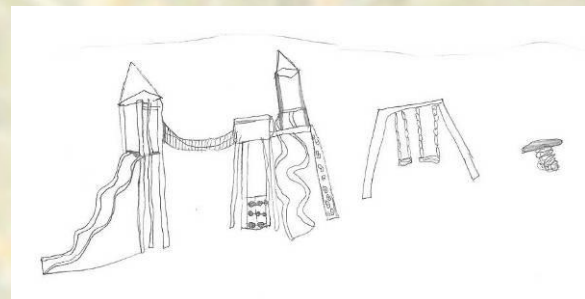
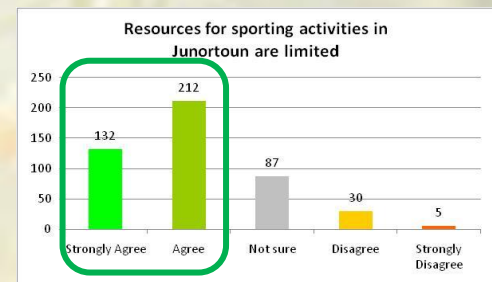
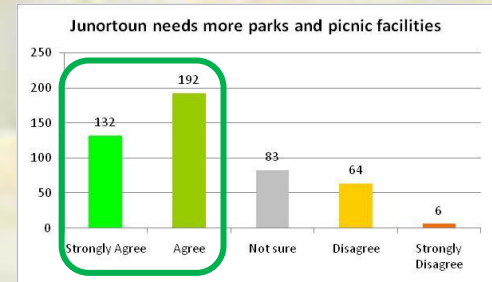
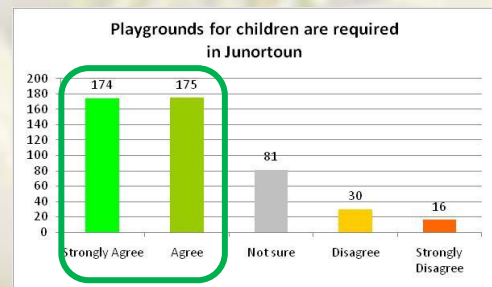


Goal	6. To improve connection within Junortoun and between Junortoun and Strathfieldsaye
Actions	<p>Work to develop walking/bicycle tracks to allow better access to schools and other ★ facilities in Strathfieldsaye</p> <p>Advocate for a network of walking/bicycle tracks to improve access within and out of residential areas</p> <p>Improve connection/access across McIvor Highway for pedestrians and horses</p> <p>Improve walking/bicycle access to Catholic College and community facilities</p> <p>Advocate for improved maintenance and signage along the O'Keefe Trail</p>

9.5.2 Recreational Facilities

The survey highlighted a strong interest in resources for playgrounds, parks and picnic facilities, supported by a number of general comments.

It also highlighted the need for more sporting activities.



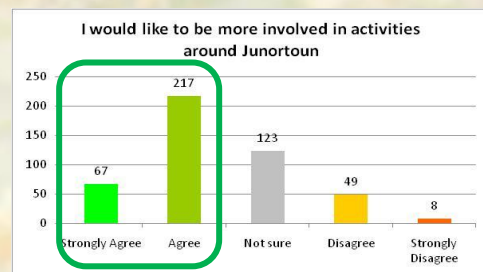
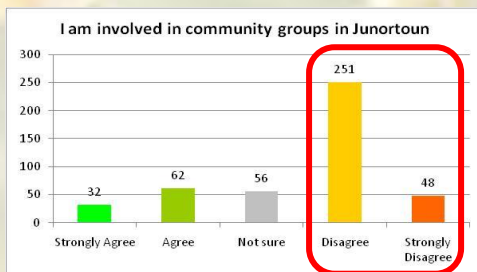
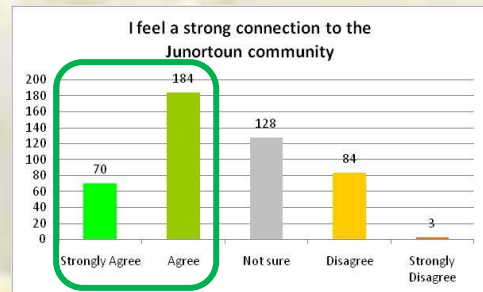
Goal	7. To improve access to sporting and recreational facilities
Actions	Identify appropriate locations to build playgrounds, identify funding requirements and opportunities to implement. ★ Advocate for more sporting facilities and promote recreational opportunities in Junortoun Develop a public area which includes barbeque and picnic facilities

9.6 Sense of Community

9.6.1 Community Involvement

Throughout the engagement process and reflected in the survey feedback, it is clear that Junortoun residents have (or would like to have) a strong connection to their community. Currently this appears to be more in the form of an appreciation of the area in general – our bushland and walking trails, friendships with our neighbours, and the safety of the area.

There is a recognition that we have not come together to form community groups, however there is a strong desire to get more involved.

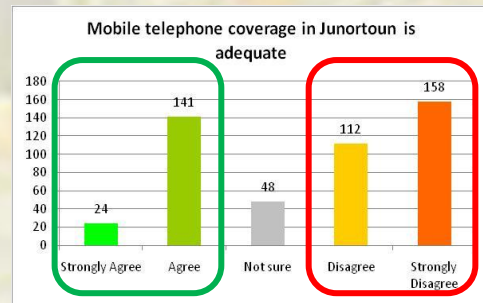
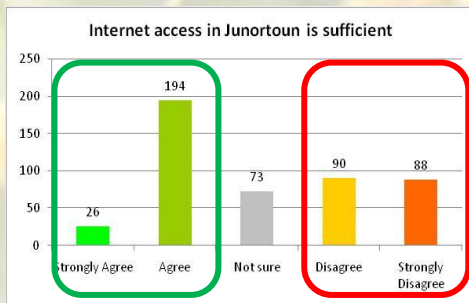
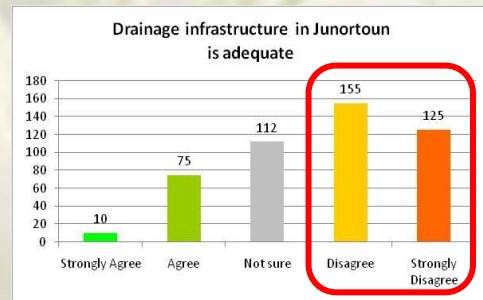


It is considered that implementing the actions in the Community Plan is an excellent opportunity for people to come together to create a better community. There were also specific opportunities identified as follows:

Goal	8. To increase community connection and involvement	
Actions	Organise community event(s) to bring people together	★
	Engage with existing facilities (Baptist Centre, Catholic College Bendigo, Harness Racing) to allow increased use for meetings, events or social activities	
	Develop a community garden or restore a degraded area	
	Increase opportunities for residents to be involved in community activities	
	Encourage the community to support local businesses and facilities	

9.7 Planning and Infrastructure

The community survey has highlighted that there is limited understanding of the growth and development plans for Junortoun. However, areas of concern have been highlighted in relation to drainage and internet and mobile access.



Furthermore, in survey comments and during engagement discussions, it has been highlighted that the community is interested in other services, including natural gas, sewerage and town water.

As a result, actions are as follows:

Goal	9. To understand and communicate future land use planning
Actions	Engage with authorities to understand future development plans for Junortoun and communicate these to the Junortoun community

Goal	10. To increase the availability of services for Junortoun
Actions	Advocate for improved drainage infrastructure and regular maintenance of drains ★
	Investigate NBN plans and advocate for priority for Junortoun ★
	Investigate and implement opportunities for improved mobile phone services ★
	Advocate for sewerage to be available to all Junortoun residents
	Advocate for natural gas to be available to all Junortoun residents
	Advocate for town water to be available to all Junortoun residents

10 Where to from here?

Following the launch of the Community Plan it is proposed that a number of action teams will be established. Each action team will cover a “Theme” and will consider the goals and actions within that “Theme”. The action team will determine the most appropriate method to progress or lobby for the implementation of actions.

Specific actions are as follows:

Item	Actions
Establish Action Teams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Form a committee to drive all subsequent actions, as well as to provide an ongoing focus point for the community. • All activities must operate under the auspices of an incorporated body – a solution for this must be identified as a priority. • Establish a action team per Theme to drive agreed actions • Ensure that a nominated representative of each action team is part of the community committee to coordinate and communicate across the teams and the community.
Create Action Plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each action team will develop action plans identifying tasks with short, medium and long-term timeframes
Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create an on-going communication strategy as quickly as possible to ensure the Junortoun community is kept up-to-date with progress on the implementation of the Plan
Plan Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An annual review is conducted to assess actions which have been achieved, actions that are no longer relevant or emerging new local priorities. • An evaluation and revision of the Plan should be conducted in three years.

11 Conclusion

This plan is the culmination of nine months of engagement to gain an understanding of the views and needs of the community. It is important to note that there are diverse views across the community, however the actions identified represent the wishes of the broad community. It is important then that we work as a community to implement it together.

It was very encouraging to see the level of support for future involvement in community groups. This is vital for the implementation of the Community Plan.