

BUILDING A BETTER BENDEMEER PROGRAM



WORKSHOP SUMMARY OF OUTCOMES

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1. WORKSHOP SUMMARY

The Bendemeer Strategic Planning workshop was jointly funded by the Tamworth Regional Council and the Department of State and Regional Development's Main Street/Small Towns Program.

Attendees at the workshop were given information on the benefits of building social capital by planning together and building partnerships and networks through a community economic and social development program. The following key result areas were identified for the Bendemeer community program:

- Business, Tourism and Marketing
- Built and Natural Environment
- Events and Social Development
- Youth

Two Group Leaders were chosen for each key result area group and Project Leaders were identified for each project, where possible. The program Committee will consist of the eight Group Leaders, with Bronwyn Reid acting as contact point and spokespersons for the program.

A Photographic Survey was conducted before the workshop on "likes and dislikes" in Bendemeer and a Youth Video was compiled asking youth what they liked about Bendemeer and what things they'd like to see happen in Bendemeer for the youth. A number of submissions were also received from people who couldn't attend the workshop. Projects and issues were identified from the above and incorporated into the workshop process.

Attendees developed a Community Values Statement, a Vision Statement as a long term goal for the program and a SWOT Analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats). They identified current issues relevant to the community and placed them under the key result area headings. Ideas were also included from a Photographic Survey conducted prior to the workshop and from submissions received from community members unable to attend. The attendees sorted the points raised into separate issues and voted on what they considered to be the most important issues to prioritise them in order of importance. Each group planned short, medium and long term projects to address their issues and nominated priority projects to initiate the program.

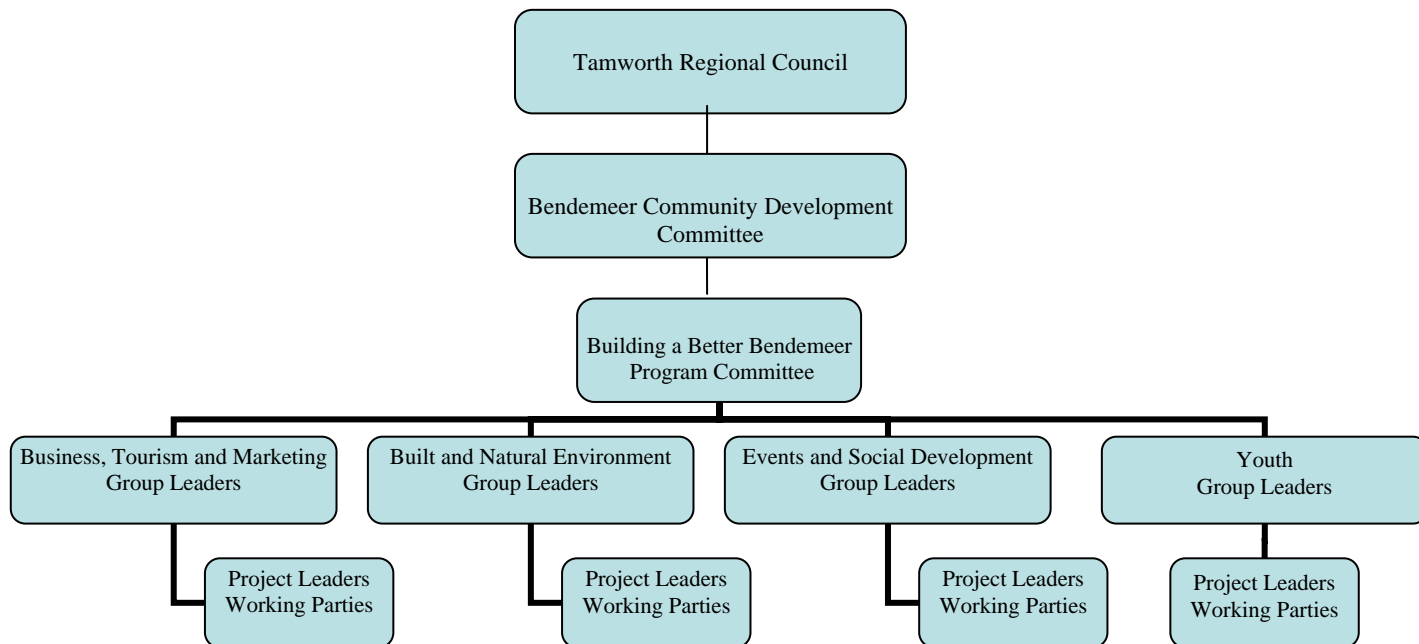
An objective was planned for each group and initial program goals were identified from the nominated priority projects. The mission statement for the program was formed from the objectives of the four groups.

Attendees decided to place the program as a community-owned, 'action oriented' sub-committee of the Bendemeer Community Development Committee (BCDC), a 355 committee of Council.

To implement the program, the community will action the projects on a project-by-project basis. Groups will meet individually to plan and implement their projects and will report regularly to their Group Leaders. The Group Leaders will meet briefly once a month to update each other on the progress of projects, discuss any new issues and compile a monthly report. The Group Leaders will take turns (or nominate a contact) to attend the BCDC monthly meeting to report on project progress and liaise with the committee. The BDCD meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm, so the Group Leaders could meet for the hour prior to the meeting and at least one of the Group Leaders could attend the BDCD meeting.

Individual Project Leaders may also attend the BCDC meeting to update progress or lobby for assistance to their project. Progress will be reported to the community via the Bendemeer Village Voice newsletter.

A method for reporting and communication flow of the program is outlined in the organisational structure below:



Building a Better Bendemeer Program Organisational Structure

- Project Team members report to their Project Leader
- Project Leaders report to their Group Leaders
- Group Leaders (who form the Committee) meet regularly and report to the Building a Better Bendemeer Program Committee
- The Building a Better Bendemeer Program Committee reports to the Bendemeer Community Development Committee (BCDC)
- BCDC reports to Council

2. COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENTS

Bendemeer is a very proactive community - the following are examples of some of the projects the community has achieved in recent years:

- Planted trees at the southern entrance to the village and currently watering and maintaining the trees
- Established the Bendemeer Community Co-op shop as an outlet for local arts, crafts and food
- Established the BCDC Bendemeer community website www.bendemeer.com.au
- Re-established the tennis club, currently working on upgrading the courts and club activities
- Cleaned up a large section of the riverbank behind the football grounds and the Co-op side of the river
- Raised funds and built new bar facilities and the new camp draft office at the Rodeo Grounds
- Refurbished the BBQs at the riverside rest stop
- Re-stumped the Town Hall, built two dressing rooms and a storage area, installed supporting beams and opened up the hall to the supper room area, repainted the hall
- Established the pre-school two days/week - a third day per week currently being introduced
- Maintenance of the football grounds on an on-going basis
- Established a community mower and community members maintain the beautification of the town by mowing parks, open spaces, footpaths etc
- Established the Grey Fergie Tractor Muster (every 3 years) – renowned as the Grey Fergie Capital of Australia
- Established the Bendemeer Annual Bush Poetry Night , an annual event that raises funds for community projects

Bendemeer has a history of community achievements including the following in previous years:

- Upgrade and beautification of Cockburn Park
- Building the Girl Guide and Scout halls
- Hundreds of trees planted throughout the village in a beautification project
- Building the bowling green
- Creating Bicentennial Park
- Improvements to the rodeo grounds

3. NAME OF THE PROGRAM

The following names were suggested for the program – the number in brackets () indicates the votes for each name:

- Building a Better Bendemeer (35)
- Bridging Bendemeer's Future (20)
- Bendemeer on the Move (9)
- Brightening Bendemeer's Future (6)
- Go with the Flow to Bendemeer (5)
- Making Beautiful Bendemeer Better (3)
- Bank on Bendemeer (2)
- Bendemeer Sustainable Future Program (2)
- Bendemeer at the Top of the Range (2)
- Bendemeer Cool Running (1)
- Bendemeer Gathering Its Future
- Bending out the Future

Name of the Program:

Building a Better Bendemeer Program

4. SWOT ANALYSIS

The following SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) was compiled at the workshop:

Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • River • Environment and landscape • Quietness • Friendly people • Safety • Good climate • Self help community • Community spirit • Time from volunteers • Pub • CWA • Co-op (shop) • Pre school and school • Fire Brigade • Churches • Bowling Club • Rodeo Grounds • BCDC • Garden Club • Library • Local businesses • Sawmill • Banalasta • Post Office • Discos • Football team • Policeman • The old bridge • History • Platypus • Trout • Hall • Tennis Courts • Bus service to Tamworth • Proximity to the highway • Not on the highway • Tamworth for services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small population to support businesses • Zoning for smaller acreages • Police not on duty in Bendemeer (rostered on in Tamworth) • No supermarket • No job opportunities • No youth activities – need motor bike track, skate park, not enough for kids to do • Not enough activities for adults to do either • No doctor • Not enough street lighting • Poor road (no tar) to Banalasta, biggest tourism attraction and employer in area • Signage to Banalasta at Green Valley Rd • Lack of assistance for tourism • Appearance of main street • Small number of businesses • Proximity to Tamworth • No fuel outlet in village • Small attendance at BCDC meetings • Town water quality – very poor – dirty water • Lack of water storage • Lack of support in working bees • Under-developed economy • Vandals • Negativity – lack of communication between groups and community members • Absentee home owners – rental properties left derelict on main street • Number of community groups

Threats	Opportunities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Floods • Frost • Drought • No building on the river – 100 year Building Zone prevents it • Poor economics • Losing police • Losing the school • Government decisions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recycling boxes • Entertainment/amphitheatre • Zoning for hobby farms • Sustainable businesses • Council assistance • Future developments • BMX bike track / motor track • Skate Park • Youth Centre • Gym • Tourism • Job opportunities • Heritage Centre • Tennis courts refurbished • Mini Equine Centre • Internet café • Pride in community • Broadband • Hydro therapy pool (indoor, ageing population) • Organised activities for youth/adults • Fix the Golf Club • Beautification of main street • Bridge Restoration • Weekend markets • Promotion of tourism – Tourism Marketing Plan • Fishing Club • Community bus

5. VALUES, VISION AND MISSION STATEMENTS

5.1 Values Statement

A Community Values Statement defines the basic core values and beliefs that are honoured by the community. It identifies past and present values that need to be retained in a future vision.

Community Values were identified as follows:

- Friendly people
- River, environment, landscape
- Quietness
- Safety
- Lifestyle

Community Values Statement:

“The Bendemeer community values its friendly people, beautiful river and landscape and safe, quiet village lifestyle”

5.2 Vision Statement

A Community Vision Statement is a statement from the heart of how a community wishes their situation will become as an ‘ideal’ situation for the future. It is a simple statement that is easy to remember and is written in the present tense to encourage positive affirmation and motivation to make the vision a reality.

Key statements were developed as follows:

- Cooperative small friendly community
- Destination of choice – tourism
- Sustainable businesses
- Lifestyle, beautiful environment
- Skate Park, better water, more assistance
- Growing population in area to support village

Community Vision Statement:

“Bendemeer is a cooperative, friendly community caring for its environment, with a vibrant, safe village lifestyle and sustainable businesses supporting tourism and a growing sub-regional area”

5.3 Mission Statement

A Community Mission Statement states the community program's purpose or role. It is an action statement of what needs to be done to reach the vision. The following statement was devised from the Objectives of each group in the program:

Mission Statement:

“To develop opportunities for business, tourism, marketing, community activities and socialising; to upgrade facilities, services and the built and natural environments and lobby for farm rezoning”

6. KEY RESULT AREAS AND PRIORITISED ISSUES

The following key result area group headings were chosen:

- Business, Tourism and Marketing
- Built and Natural Environment
- Events and Social Development
- Youth

Attendees were asked to write down "projects or ideas – things you'd like to see happen in the area" and place them under the group headings.

Attendees broke into small groups in their own areas of interest. Projects or ideas dealing with a specific or similar subject were grouped together and given a subject heading to identify the issues in each group.

As a large group, attendees were asked to vote on what they considered to be the most important issues. This voting system prioritised the order of importance of all the issues. The results of this voting system are as follows - the number in parentheses () indicates the number of votes:

- Business development (53)
- Youth activities (41)
- Tourism development (36)
- Tennis courts/club and golf club (36)
- Youth sporting infrastructure (32)
- Looking after and promoting the river (27)
- CBD beautification (24)
- Upgrade services (18)
- Entertainment (18)
- Small holdings (14)
- Upgrade and install infrastructure and facilities (10)
- Social development and events (9)
- Tree planting and management (7)
- Upgrade the park (7)
- Marketing

Objectives for each group were formulated from the issues. Achievable short, medium and long term community projects were planned to address each issue. Priority projects were identified to be achieved within the next 2-3 years.

7. OBJECTIVES, ISSUES AND PROJECTS

7.1 BUSINESS, TOURISM AND MARKETING

Group: Group Leaders: Ruth Mathews / Bronwyn Reid

Deb Mitchell	Melinda Rattey
Alan Mitchell	Ruth Smith
Elizabeth Smart	Elaine Gillett
Donny Fermor	Lorraine Reid
Kim Hawksford	Hazel Vincent
Rolf Blickling	Iris Southwell
Rose Carroll	Helena Elmes
Jan Farrell	

Objective:

“To develop business, tourism and marketing opportunities”

- **By December 2007 we will establish a regular Bendemeer news outlet, conduct an audit of village signage and commence establishment of a rural co-operative and petrol outlet**
- **By December 2008 we will refurbish and establish signage at 4-5 sites, establish a VIC at the Co-op and the rural co-operative and petrol outlet**

Issues:

- Business development (53)
- Tourism development (36)
- Marketing

Business development:

- Internet café
- Community Technology Centre
- Rural Transaction Centre
- General store x 7
- Co-op style general store
- Supermarket
- More shops
- Better shopping facilities
- Access to basic good – shops
- Fruit and vegie weekly distribution van ie farmers deliver Tues/Fri
- Somewhere to buy petrol x 3
- Rural Co-op transaction centre, rural supplies
- Better support for local businesses
- More business in Bendemeer
- Viable businesses to create employment
- More job opportunities
- Decent coffee shop

Tourism development:

- Banalasta is the biggest employer here – attract up to 1,000 visitors, but many more people are not coming or turn around in Green Valley Road because it is not sealed. Offered to pay 50% to seal the road, but Council rejected offer. RTA will not allow proper sign at the entrance either. With support they could have music events in an amphitheatre next to the vineyard, lavender and eucalyptus plantation
- World Forest our Banalasta
- Tourist Centre
- Purchase St Andrews Church for Info Centre
- Tourist Centre incorporating National Park information
- Water Walkway
- More tourism
- Museum
- Make a decision on free camping at the Rodeo Grounds (decision was YES)
- Markets on the bridge
- Bendy Bridge Markets
- Refurbish the old bridge – markets, café events
- Monthly markets
- History Trail made from ceramic plaques designed and made by local artists
- Unique and interesting art signage on village entrances (to attract visitors)
- Attractive entrances at Tamworth and Armidale ends – possibly sculptures eg farmer's wife with son in the saddle, farmer with daughter (on horse)
- Brick wall of Remembrance – for those who lived/were present at erection of original Bendy Bridge plus those who attended the new bridge
- Bendemeer Hotel – paving stones to honour sports stars on pavement outside the hotel (like Hollywood Oscar winners) – ceremony once a year.
- Establish a koala sanctuary with WIRES cooperation as a tourism destination

Marketing:

- Marketing for Bendemeer
- Develop marketing materials to market Bendemeer and tourism
- Bendemeer car bumper stickers – on all local car owners, also distribute free to all and sundry
- Capture media outlets eg ABC, community radio, N.D.L., TV, magazines etc eg interviews on the community planning workshop, Margaret Hemmings (folk art), Elaine Gillette (Co-op) and other with special skills – mention the benefits of living in Bendemeer
- Establish a regular column or news items in local newspapers/media eg The Bush Telegraph, N.D.L., or Tamworth paper giving updates on Bendemeer and work by community groups. N.D.L. has requested “Have you got a story to tell”

Business, Tourism and Marketing Projects:

ISSUE	PROJECTS	TIME	PROJECT LEADER
Business development	Establish a Rural Cooperative and petrol outlet in the village	Short-long	Rose Carroll
	Establish a Rural Transaction Centre	Short-med	
	Establish a Work for the Dole program to implement community projects	Short-med	
	Establish an internet café and coffee shop – CTC?	Short-med	
	Establish a weekly fruit and vegie van run	Medium	
	Establish a Cooperative General Store	Medium	
Tourism development	Conduct an audit of village signage and establish new signage and refurbish old signage where applicable for built and natural environment	Short-med	
	Develop a Walkway along the McDonald River	Short-med	BCDC
	Establish a Visitor Information Centre at the Community Centre with tourism and directional signage	Medium	
	Respect, research and document Aboriginal history, work with local indigenous group - place signage at special sites with stories/histories etc	Long	Donny Fermor, Liz Smart
Marketing	Establish monthly “news” from Bendemeer for newspapers and radio interviews on an ad hoc basis for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northern Daily Leader • Bush Telegraph • ABC radio • Community radio 	Short	Ruth
	Develop a Tourism Marketing and Signage Plan – seek funding with Manilla, Barraba and Nundle	Short	Ruth
	Develop appropriate marketing materials for Bendemeer eg tourism brochure, community lifestyle brochure, tour guides etc	Short-med	
	Develop car bumper stickers for Bendemeer, distribute to all residents, families and friends and visitors to the Co-op, advertise Bendemeer as you drive around	Medium	Ruth

Priority Projects:

1. Establish a Rural Co-operative and petrol outlet in the village
2. Establish monthly news from Bendemeer
3. Conduct an audit of village signage, establish new signage and refurbish old signage – include Visitor Information directional signage to Community Centre and appropriate “i” information signage
4. Establish a Visitor Information Centre at the Community Centre

7.2 BUILT AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

Group: Group Leaders: Helen Patterson / Jo Osborne

Carol Murray	Mark Symons
Leanne Morton	David Foster
Ray Griffin	Vanessa Johnson
Roger Noakes	Bob McDonald
Marion Reid	Bonita Broughton
Col Murray	Fiona Stanford
Sonja Symons	Ian Stanford

Objective:

“To upgrade the river, CBD, trees, services and facilities and to lobby for hobby farm re-zoning”

- **By December 2007 we will establish gateway signage and South Entrance Plan, plan walking trails, clean up the riverbanks and install 3 phase power at the hall, rodeo and football grounds**
- **By December 2008 we will commence the North Entrance Plan, plant trees in the main street and establish the community art project**

Issues:

- Looking after and promoting the river (27)
 - CBD beautification (24)
 - Upgrade services (18)
 - Small holdings (14)
 - Upgrade and install infrastructure and facilities (10)
 - Tree planting and management (7)
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Looking after and promoting the river:

- Cleaning up riverbank in town limits (and walking path) x 4
- Walking path along river
- Track around the river for walks/bikes
- Create an interactive nature walk along the river
- Keep the river in pristine condition and aim it at tourism – make it ‘special’
- All weather surface walking trail along the river
- Walk Track along Murrarundi
- Fencing along the river for safety purposes
- Clean up Giant Footsteps recreation area
- Build a Weir
- Revamp the bridge and surrounds
- Improve our river bank by removing noxious weeds etc and removing tyres
- Clean up Elbras gully full of old tyres
- Clean up the Gully at the land opposite the old Butchers x 2
- River weeds x 2
- Clean up town generally, including the river
- Tidy and maintain river bank
- More re-vegetation along water courses

CBD beautification:

- Beautify the approaches to town
- Public art at entrances
- Beautify the main street x 5
- Clean up the main street x 2
- Clean up the eyesore of abandoned business site in the main street – cement acres! (or use as base for skate park?)
- Appearance of town hall and facilities
- Clean up the mess next to the hall
- Clean up yards – civic pride x 2
- Council to run general clean up to let residents get rid of unwanted rubbish by leaving it on roadside for collection
- Mow the cemetery
- Mow street verges
- Cleaner footpaths
- Face-lift for town hall

Upgrade services:

- Expansion of broadband x 2
- Three phase power to Rodeo Grounds
- Three phase power to Hall
- More street lighting/better lighting x 8
- Lobby for new free power-saving light bulbs for residents
- Better town water quality x 5
- TV reception booster station
- Underground power in main street and rise lights
- Lobby for repair/replacement of power poles OR underground power

Small Holdings:

- Council to argue against current zoning laws to allow hobby farms – people population power
- Let's lobby for 300 acre hobby farms – more people living nearby means a stronger more viable town
- Smaller holdings with 5km of town of Bendemeer
- A big need for a “bedroom” population base out of town, re-zoning a priority
- We need a bigger population and the only way to get that must be more people – why can't people live out along the road to Uralla?
- A BIG need for the zoning of 200-300 acre hobby farms
- 5 acre blocks are a necessity! (edge of village)
- LEP to include small holdings to live on – more population

Upgrade and install infrastructure and facilities:

- Fence off Frederick Street near creek to stop motor bikes
- Seal all roads in town – bit dangerous
- Tar seal Fanny Street
- Fence the dam in Fanny Street
- Footpaths
- New or refurbished town hall
- Stage
- Pre school roadside gutters need to be installed
- Approach Ian and Rosemary Sinclair to ask them to donate more for the purchase of the little house on the river bank – leave it open as parkland and call it Ian Sinclair Park – or Sinclair Park

- Park – facilities, BBQs to be upgraded
- Make a picnic area at Giant Footsteps
- Renovate and paint the stands at the Sports Ground
- Recycling
- Village Green with play equipment, benches, chess etc

Tree planting and management:

- We need to fill the main street with big old trees, the way it used to be
- Planned tree planting for main street - colour
- Bendemeer Landcare and Garden Club
- Tree planting along river x 2
- Tree planting on all approaches to village
- Remove trees from Fanny Street for road safety

Built and Natural Environment Projects:

ISSUE	PROJECTS	TIME	PROJECT LEADER
Looking after and promoting the river	Replant trees in road on main street	Short	
	Clean up the river edges in the town limits	Short	
	Clean up Elbra's Gully	Short	
	Establish a picnic area at the Giant Footsteps	Short	
	Establish points of interest on the riverbank River Walk, seating and/or appropriate signage/stories	Medium	
CBD beautification	Beautify the entrances to the village and establish welcoming gateway signage and art project	Short	BBB/BCDC
	Establish a Village Working Bee to clean up the village and roadside rubbish, identify tasks to be accomplished, finish with a community BBQ/party	Short	BBB/TRC
	Improve the Town Hall infrastructure, establish the undercover outdoor area and BBQ – 3 stage plan	Short	BCDC
	Develop a Main Street Beautification Plan and implement projects	Short-long	
	Upgrade and maintain the cemetery	Medium	
	Establish a "Paint the House Campaign" in the village with strategies developed to encourage house painting eg Work for the Dole labour with paid supervisor, cheap paint deals etc	Long	
Upgrade services	Lobby for better quality town water	Short	Col
	Establish 3 phase power at the hall	Short	BCDC
	Establish 3 phase power at the rodeo grounds	Short	Rodeo/Ozzie
	Establish 3 phase power at the football grounds	Short	BCDC
	Lobby for improved TV reception – see if there is a difference from new digital/booster stations first	Short	
	Develop a plan to improve infrastructure and services – conduct an audit, establish gaps and required improvements, lobby for improvements	Medium	
	Lobby for the expansion of broadband services to the area	Medium	
	Establish more street lighting – conduct an audit, identify gaps and improvements, lobby for improvements	Med-long	
	Establish underground power in the main street	Long	

ISSUE	PROJECTS	TIME	PROJECT LEADER
Small holdings	Lobby to establish small holdings in the area: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lobby Council to change zoning laws to include 5 acre blocks within 5 kms of the CBD and 300 acre hobby farms in the wider area Lobby Peter Draper, local member to lobby the state government to alter the current zoning of 1,000 acre minimum blocks 	Long	
Upgrade and install infrastructure and facilities	Upgrade recycling at the tip and establish a regular recycling service	Short	
	Lobby Council for a curbside pick-up day to remove larger household items	Short	
	Establish a water flood gauge near the old bridge	Short	
	Upgrade football ground canteen, showers and other facilities	Medium	
	Upgrade rodeo ground canteen, BBQ and other facilities	Medium	
	Establish a play equipment area in the park – upgrade and/or replace old equipment	Medium	
	Fence off the dam in Fanny Street	Medium	
	Lobby Council to assign street numbers	Medium	
	Establish an outside amphitheatre for events	Long	
	Seal the road and install footpaths and guttering in Fanny Street	Long	TRC / BBB
Tree planting and management	Plant more trees to beautify the main street	Short-med	
	Remove unsafe trees from Fanny St for road safety	Medium	
	Establish tree planting along the river and the Walkway	Med-long	BCDC
	Establish tree plantings at all entrances to the village	Med-long	BCDC

Priority Projects:

1. Beautify village entrances - complete South Entrance Plan and commence North Entrance Plan
2. Prepare a plan for River and Village Walking Trails and initiate plan for Community Art Project
3. Establish Working Bees to clean up privet and willows
4. Plan and plant trees in the main street offset to power lines in road blisters
5. Commence all three phase power projects

7.3 EVENTS AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Group: Group Leader: Peter Reid / Anne Doak

Pam Green	Sharelle Kingdom
Faith Dixon	Merrilyn Nicholls
Warwick McKeon	Ian Nicholls
Gwen Brett	Robyn Hartshorn
Glen Brett	Leo Hartshorn
Winston Doak	Pat Clemson
Stuart Kingdom	

Objective:

“To develop the tennis courts and club and more entertainment, activities and events”

- **By December 2007 we will identify funding and tasks to establish a multi-purpose court and Flicks in the Sticks**
- **By December 2008 we will establish the multi-purpose court, move the Golf Clubhouse to the tennis court area and establish regular movie nights**

Issues:

- Tennis Courts/Club and Golf Club (36)
 - Entertainment (18)
 - Social development and events (9)
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Tennis courts/club and golf club:

- Restore the tennis courts x 7
- Move old golf club building to tennis courts
- Refurbish tennis courts with artificial surface (low maintenance) x 2
- Tennis courts – multi-purpose court for tennis, netball etc
- Revamp the golf course x 2

Entertainment:

- Bring back our local theatre group
- Entertainment in hall
- Movie Nights / Flicks in the Sticks / monthly cinemas x 4
- Gym at the hall

Social development and events:

- Establish a Men’s Workshop/Shed
- Bendemeer Project/Scholarship Foundation – for youth or special projects
- Community Care – community aged care packages
- Retirement village
- More events eg Grey Fergie Tractor muster
- More events to bring the community together – attract tourism
- Establish a Calendar of Events including all community activities
- Bendemeer Australia Day (January), Valentines Day (February), Annual Garden Show (March), Anzac Day (April) and Christmas (December)...have events on the other months of the year
- Bendi Show held in collaboration with the Rodeo around Valentines Day

- Birthday Celebration for the Co-op “Free Coffee and Biscuits” eg for those who’s name starts with J in January, F in February etc throughout the year (bring copy of birth certificate)
- Bendemeer Hotel – paving stones to honour sports stars on pavement outside the hotel (like Hollywood Oscar winners) – ceremony once a year.
- Open Gardens each year
- Re-establish the “Colours of Autumn” Art Show in Bendemeer

Events and Social Development Projects:

ISSUE	PROJECTS	TIME	PROJECT LEADER
Tennis courts/club and golf club	Fence and upgrade the tennis court to a multi-purpose court with artificial surface for tennis, basketball/netball	Short	Peter Reid
	Move the Golf Clubhouse to the tennis court area	Short	
	Investigate alternative uses for the golf course	Short	
Entertainment	Establish regular Movie Nights with Flicks in the Sticks – seek funding	Short	Faith
	Establish regular community Barefoot Bowls Competitions for all ages fun (quarterly?) at the Bowling Club	Medium	
	Establish social events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fancy Dress Dance • Disco for young people • Old Time Dancing • Amateur Hour for local talent • Karaoke Night 	Medium	
Social development and events	Promote the use of Neighbourhood Watch	Short	
	Establish strategies for greater use of the Co-op eg a Birthday Celebration program with “Free coffee and biscuits” for the birthday person with a group of family or friends	Short	
	Investigate the establishment of a Bandy Show to value-add to the Rodeo – stalls and entertainment	Medium	
	Establish a Calendar of Events with something happening every month	Medium	
	Establish a Men’s Shed – seek funding	Long	
	Develop paving stones to honour sports stars on the pavement outside the hotel (eg Hollywood Oscar winners) – have a ceremony once a year	Long	

Priority projects:

1. Upgrade and fence the tennis court to a multi-purpose court
2. Move the Golf Clubhouse to the tennis court area
3. Establish “Flicks in the Sticks” regular movie nights

7.4 YOUTH

Group: Group Leaders: Jack Broughton / Anna Langbein

Sam Rekunnow	Kirsty Oliphant
Zeb Oliphant	Natasha Hayward
Phillip Donnelly	Cindy Butler
Roslyn Howarth	Annah Barlow
Emily Reid	John Rekunow
Michaela Broughton	Amy Hayward
Maureen Pedersen	Anne Hazlewood
Libby King	

Objective:

“To develop more activities and infrastructure for children and youth”

- **By December 2007 we will establish a site and funding for the skate park and two weekly sporting activities**
- **By December 2008 we will establish the skate park and a Youth Centre**
- **By June 2009 we will establish a BMX/motor bike track**

Issues:

- Youth Activities (41)
- Youth Sporting Infrastructure (32)
- Upgrade the Park (7)

Youth Activities:

- Youth Centre/activities x 4
- Provide an outlet with kids entertainment
- Youth incentives towards town
- Youth Club at Golf Club
- Gold Club turned in a Youth Club with Skate/Bike Park (or back to golf course)
- Golf Course and Club House - combine as Youth Centre and BMX / Motor Bike Track
- Youth group
- Children learning to bowl (Bowling Club)
- Twilight Bowls involving children and teenagers
- Shooters club
- Community Centre – include internet café and youth areas
- Provide kids entertainment
- Kids movie or disco night once a month
- Different activities
- If more people lived here or nearby, we could have all sorts of activities and programs for children and young people
- Interactive activities between youth and community elders
- Youth Mentor Program (with older adults) to make things and sell at the Co-op (like a Men’s Shed)
- More support for monthly discos
- More discos / children’s disco once a month – fancy dress?
- More things for children – all ages
- Internet café (Co-op)
- Gym / gym at hall x 2
- Swimming lessons

- Sport training for all children
- Include youth in community projects
- Movie Nights

Youth Sporting Infrastructure:

- BMX track x 13 / BMX track along the river
- Bike track and Skate ramp
- Skate Park x 10
- Motor bike track x 7
- Swimming pool in river
- Swimming pool x 3 (kid's video)
- Bendemeer Pony Club needs tables, chairs and umbrellas and steel panels to construct horse houses during pony meets

Upgrade the park:

- Better swings at the park
- Playgrounds BXE
- Community park
- Better park for little children, swimming etc

Youth Projects:

ISSUE	PROJECTS	TIME	PROJECT LEADER
Youth Activities	Establish lawn bowls activities for youth: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish lawn bowls as part of after school activities co-ordinated with school Principal • Establish lawn bowls lessons for high school students during the holidays 	Short Short	
	Establish weekly sport for youth: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hockey team for girls • Football team for boys 	Short	Anna Langbein
	Establish regular karate lessons in Bendemeer	Short	Anna L
	Survey the youth and ask them what they want	Short	BBB / school
	Establish youth volunteers to assist the Youth Committee to implement youth projects - with adult mentors	Medium	BBB / school / youth
	Establish an internet café	Short	Cindy
	Establish a Youth Centre	Medium	Anne Morren
Youth sporting infrastructure	Establish a Skate Park	Short-med	Sam / Zeb
	Develop a BMX/motor bike track	Short-med	
	Establish tables, chairs and shade for Pony Club	Short-med	
	Establish steel panels to house horses during pony meets	Short-med	
Upgrade the park	Upgrade the playground in the park for activities for younger children	Medium	

Priority projects:

1. Establish a Skate Park
2. Establish a Youth Centre
3. Establish weekly sport
4. Establish a BMX/motor bike track

8. SUMMARY OF PROJECTS

ISSUE	PROJECT	TIME	PROJECT LEADER
BUSINESS, TOURISM AND MARKETING DEVELOPMENT			
Business development	Establish a Rural Cooperative and petrol outlet in the village	Short-med	Rose Carroll
	Establish a Rural Transaction Centre	Short-med	
	Establish a Work for the Dole program, implement projects	Short-med	
	Establish an internet café and coffee shop	Short-med	
	Establish a weekly fruit and vegie van run	Medium	
	Establish a Cooperative General Store	Medium	
Tourism development	Establish new signage and refurbish old signage	Short	
	Develop a Walkway along the McDonald River	Short-med	BCDC
	Establish a Visitor Information Centre in the Community Centre + signage	Medium	
	Document Aboriginal history, install signage at special sites with stories etc	Long	Donny F, Liz Smart
	Establish monthly "news" from Bendemeer	Short	Ruth
	Develop a Tourism Marketing and Signage Plan	Short	Ruth
Marketing	Develop appropriate marketing materials for Bendemeer	Short-med	
	Develop car bumper stickers for Bendemeer	Medium	Ruth
	Establish a Rural Cooperative and petrol outlet in the village	Short-med	Rose Carroll
	Establish a Rural Transaction Centre	Short-med	
BUILT AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT			
Looking after and promoting the river	Replant trees in road on main street	Short	
	Clean up the river edges in the town limits	Short	
	Clean up Elbra's Gully	Short	
	Establish a picnic area at the Giant Footsteps	Short	
	Establish points of interest on the riverbank – seats/signage	Medium	
CBD beautification	Beautify village entrances + gateway signage / sculptures	Short	BBB / BCDC
	Clean up the village and roadside rubbish	Short	BBB / TRC
	Develop a Main Street Beautification Plan	Short-med	
	Improve the Town Hall infrastructure - outdoor BBQ area etc	Med-long	
	Upgrade and maintain the cemetery	Medium	
	Establish a "Paint the House Campaign" in the village	Long	
Upgrade services	Lobby for better quality town water	Short	Col
	Establish 3 phase power at the hall	Short	BCDC
	Establish 3 phase power at the Rodeo Grounds	Short	RC'tee/Ozzie
	Establish 3 phase power at the football grounds	Short	
	Lobby for improved TV reception	Short	
	Plan and lobby to improve village infrastructure and services	Medium	
	Lobby for the expansion of broadband services	Medium	
	Establish more street lighting	Med-long	
Small holdings	Establish underground power in the main street	Long	
	Lobby to establish small holdings in the area	Long	
Upgrade and install infrastructure and facilities	Lobby to establish small holdings in the area	Long	
	Upgrade recycling at the tip / establish a regular service	Short	
	Lobby Council for a household large rubbish pick-up day	Short	
	Establish a water flood gauge near the old bridge	Short	
	Upgrade football ground canteen, showers, other facilities	Medium	
	Upgrade rodeo ground canteen, BBQ, other facilities	Medium	
Establish a play equipment area in the park	Medium		

ISSUE	PROJECT	TIME	PROJECT LEADER
BUILT AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT continued.....			
...infrastructure and facilities, continued	Fence off the dam in Fanny Street	Medium	
	Lobby Council to assign street numbers	Medium	
	Establish an outside amphitheatre for events	Long	
	Seal the road and install footpaths and guttering in Fanny St	Long	TRC/BBB
Tree planting and management	Plant more trees to beautify the main street	Short-med	
	Remove unsafe trees from Fanny St for road safety	Medium	
	Establish tree planting along the river and walkway	Med-long	BCDC
	Establish tree plantings at all entrances to the village	Med-long	BCDC
EVENTS AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT			
Tennis courts/club and golf club	Fence and upgrade the tennis court to a multi-purpose court with artificial surface for tennis, basketball/netball	Short	Peter Reid
	Move the Golf Clubhouse to the tennis court area	Short	
	Investigate alternate uses for the golf course	Short	
Entertainment	Establish regular Movie Nights with Flicks in the Sticks	Short	Faith
	Establish regular community Barefoot Bowls Competitions	Medium	
	Establish social events such as: Fancy Dress Dance, Disco, Old Time Dancing, Amateur Hour, Karaoke Night	Medium	
Social development and events	Promote the use of Neighbourhood Watch	Short	
	Establish strategies for greater use of the Co-op	Short	
	Investigate the establishment of a Bendy Show	Medium	
	Establish a Calendar of Events with something every month	Medium	
	Establish a Men's Shed	Long	
	Develop paving stones on the pavement outside the hotel to honour sports stars – have a ceremony once a year	Long	
YOUTH			
Youth Activities	Establish lawn bowls activities for youth	Short	
	Establish weekly sport for youth: hockey and football	Short	Anna L
	Establish regular karate lessons in Bendemeer	Short	Anna L
	Survey the youth and ask them what they want	Short	BBB / school
	Establish youth volunteers implement youth projects - with adult mentors	Medium	BBB / school / youth
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	Establish tables, chairs and shade for Pony Club	Short-med	
	Establish steel panels to house horses during pony meets	Short-med	
Upgrade park	Upgrade the playground in the park	Medium	

9. ATTENDEES 86 attendees at the workshop + children (out of total population 350)

Name	Last Name	Address	Phone hm	Phone wk	Email
D	(signature)	81 Caroline St	67696642		
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Michaela	Broughton				
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Leo	Collins	"Longford Station"	67696516		
Melissa	Collins	"Longford Station"	67696516		
John	Conti	"Mountview"	67696547		
Faith	Dixon	133 Caroline St	67696530		
Anne	Doak	151 Caroline St	67696693		
Winston	Doak	151 Caroline St	67696693		
Phillip	Donnelly	Lot 21 Fanny St	67696467		
Melinda	Earl	9 Charles St	67696673	67696532	
Helena	Elmes	5 Suwarrow St	67696649		
Jan	Farrell	13 Henry St	67696683		
Donny	Fermor	66 Carone St	0404562141		
B J	Fittock	49 Frederick St	67696656		
David	Foster	50 Davell Ave Tamworth	67664034		
Elaine	Gillett	62 Caroline St	67696412		
Ken	Gilvear	16 Charles St	67696612		
Sandra	Gilvear	16 Charles St	67696612		
Alison	Goodwin	890 Watson's Creek Rd	67696761		
Pam	Green	"Gunnalong"	67696588		
Ray	Griffin	Jalna Rd	67696633		
Leo	Hartshorn	"Mayville"	67696624		
Robyn	Hartshorn	"Mayville"	67696624		
Kimberley	Hawsford	Banalasta, GreenValley Rd	67696659		
Amy	Hayward	Caroline St	67696545		
Natasha	Hayward	71 Caroline St	67696545		
Anne	Hazlewood	13 Charles St	67696570		
Roslyn	Howarth	20 Caroline St	67696553	67672000	
Vanessa	Johnson	PO Box 593	67696778		
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Stuart	Kingdom	6 Memorial Drive	67696456		

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Maureen	Pedersen	1 Selina St	67696564		
Melinda	Rathey				
Emily	Reid	"Vermont"	67696516		
Bronwyn	Reid	"Vermont"	67696667		
Lorraine	Reid	120 Caroline St	67696594		
Marion	Reid	"Vermont"	67696576		
Peter	Reid	"Vermont"	67696667		
John	Rekunow	Caroline St	67696767		
Sam	Rekunow	Caroline St	67696767		
Jim	Rule	12 Havannah St	67696431		
Justine	Savage?	6 Phillip St, Quirindi	67462275		
Elizabeth	Smart	29 Charles St	0437553253		
Ruth	Smith	Bendemeer	67696555		
Iris	Southwell	90 Caroline St	0408762052		
Fiona	Stanford	Lots 2-7 Merino St	67696644		
Ian	Stanford	Merino St	67696644		
Mark	Symons	Police S'n157 Caroline St			
Sonja	Symons	Police S's157 Caroline St			
Diana	Thrift	Charles St	67696602		
John	Thrift	38 Charles St	67696602		
Kimberley	Trengrouse	49 Frederick St	67696656		
Hazel	Vincent	88 Caroline St	67696621		
Susan	Zdencanovin?	54 Caroline St	67696575		