

Walpeup, Torrita and Districts Community Plan 2014 - 2019



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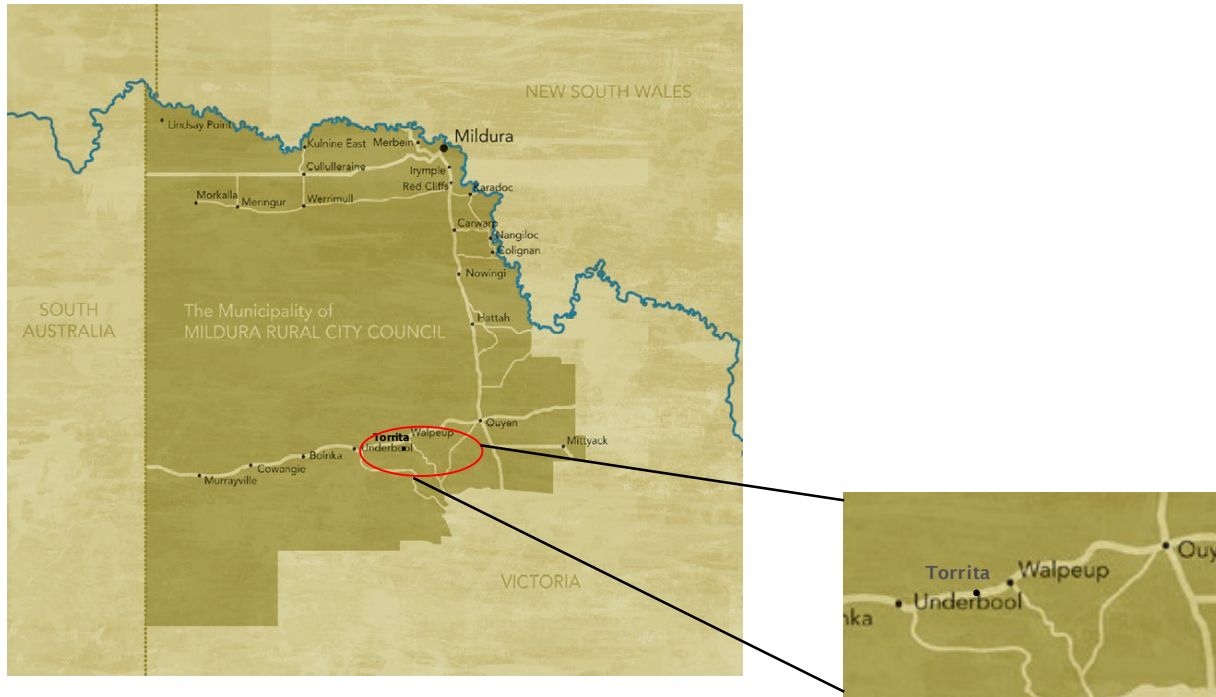
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Introduction

This community plan was developed by the Walpeup and District Development Committee Inc (WDDC Inc) following consultation with the community during 2013 and 2014.



This map shows that Walpeup and Torrita are remote townships in North-West Victoria, but they are not isolated communities, as both Walpeup and Torrita are on a major interstate transport route. This map places Walpeup and Torrita on the Mallee Highway between Murrayville and Ouyen. The map also shows the Murray River, the Murray Valley Highway, the Sunraysia Highway and the Calder Highway, as well as some minor roads.

Vision Statement

To maintain and improve the quality of life of this community into the future.

Mission / Purpose Statement

Promote the social, economic and cultural wellbeing now and into the future through effective governance and community engagement.

Values

Our community values include; Honesty, Integrity, Respect, Responsibility and Community Mindedness.

Demographics

Demographics are statistics regarding community such as; population, economics, age, income, etc. This can usually be found online via Census or Australian Bureau of Statistics. They can be used to compare one community to another or to state/national averages. However specific demographics for Walpeup and Torrita are not available.

Walpeup (3507) and Torrita (via Ouyen Post Office) are situated on the Mallee Highway, between Ouyen and Underbool. Approximately one hundred and fifty people live in the two townships and in the surrounding districts.

Many families are involved in agricultural production – broad acre dryland farming and food and fibre production from sheep and cattle. A small number of people are employed in agricultural research.

There are no opportunities for employment in secondary industries, in our towns or our district.

Residents are employed in agribusiness sales and service and in road transport to and from farms. Truck transport of grain, seeds, fertiliser, livestock and wool provide further opportunities for employment.

Our residents are employed in a broad range of service industries too, including administrative services, sale of goods and services, education, health, community services, vehicle and machinery sales, repair and service and road construction and maintenance.

The maintenance of a very large area of parks, state forest and reserves also provides some employment opportunities, in a wide range of jobs.

Retired residents, who live in Walpeup and Torrita, retired from their employment within our district and also relocated here from other towns and cities.

Sport and recreation has always been important in our communities. In 2014, our children have the opportunity to play a variety of team games, to participate in swimming and athletic competitions. Out of School sport is more limited. Walpeup and Torrita residents play football, netball, cricket, bowls, tennis and golf along the Mallee Track and in other regional towns. Table Tennis is the only sport that is still played in the Walpeup township. In recent years residents have participated in Tai Chi and Pilates. Maintaining viable sporting clubs and recreational activities is a constant challenge for our community.

Economic Development and Social History

Our area of North-West Victoria was used as a station outpost in the nineteenth century. Closer settlement of European population followed the construction of the Ouyen to Pinnaroo railway line in the early twentieth century. Farming land, north and south of the newly constructed railway line, was sold by the government to people who came from other areas. Other individuals and families moved into the district to establish service industries and to provide professional support to the new settlers.

The past one hundred years has seen the farms gradually, but drastically increase in size. The population declined as the farms became larger and because farming was mechanised fewer people were needed to work them.

The Victorian Government owned and operated an agricultural research station at Walpeup for some eighty years. This tertiary industry provided employment for people who lived in and

around Walpeup. Families and individuals, from other regions, came to work at the Mallee Research Station and to make their home at Walpeup.

In 2014, the Department of Environment and Primary Industry still owns the Mallee Research Station, however there are very few people employed at this facility.

In the past ten years generational change and the demise of agricultural research, at the Mallee Research Station, has meant that many houses have been sold at Walpeup. New families and individuals, from other areas, purchased these homes, have come to live in our township and involved themselves in our community. Unfortunately employment opportunities, for new residents, are extremely limited.

In 2014, young children from Walpeup, Torrita and surrounding districts attend preschool and primary school at Underbool, Walpeup or Ouyen. Secondary aged students attend Ouyen P-12 College or boarding schools away from our district. A small number of children are home schooled.

Mallee Track Health and Community Services provides a broad range of quality medical and allied health services to our community whilst some specialist services are available at Ouyen, on a limited basis. Travel to Mildura and other cities is required to access most specialist services.

Community Involvement

WDDC Inc worked with Mildura Rural City Council (MRCC) to gather information from our community. A community BBQ was held in 2013, at the Walpeup Wayside Stop. Members of the WDDC Inc addressed sixty five residents about matters that are important to them.

In March 2014, Geoff Burr, MRCC Community Liaison Officer, addressed the WDDC Inc Annual General Meeting and explained the community planning process.

Members of WDDC Inc worked with Geoff Burr to compile a Walpeup and District Community Survey 2014.

Community information sessions were held at the Walpeup General Store and at a Walpeup / Underbool football match, to explain the information collection process and to encourage residents to complete the survey.

The Walpeup and District Community Survey 2014 was widely distributed to residents of Walpeup and Torrita. The twenty five responses were analysed then grouped under nineteen headings, in a draft document.

All ideas were given equal value and included in the draft Community Plan.

The WDDC Inc members considered the document and renamed it to Walpeup, Torrita and Districts Community Plan 2014-2019.

A further decision was made to distribute this document to the Walpeup and Torrita community and to ask for written feedback.

Themes

Responding to community needs by;

- Maintaining what already exists,
- Making improvements over time

Objectives

We will create a safe and supportive place to live, where diversity and lifestyle opportunities are encouraged; and participating in arts, culture, sport and recreation enhance wellbeing.

Partnerships

Partnerships are an important part of any community. Links with Federal, State and Local Governments, Not for Profit organisations, local businesses, sporting clubs, schools and other bodies will be made during the implementation of this plan.

Presentation

This community Plan has been developed with considerable community input. The notations in the Action Sections are based on the information available in July/August 2014.

⊙ Means that the item is an ongoing responsibility in our community.

□ Means that the item is a specific project with a specific timeframe.

R Means that progress on this item will be reviewed before further action is taken.

The final copy of this Community Plan will be presented to MRCC for endorsement. This presentation will highlight to Councillors the key areas that are important to our community.

Risk Management

The WDDC Inc is aware of the importance of Risk Management and will implement the appropriate risk management strategies at all events and for all activities for which we are responsible.



Strategy

The Strategy in this Community Plan attempts to outline the community's long term goals, vision, values, aspirations and priorities for the next five years.

The WDDC Inc is aware that financial resources may not be available exactly when we need them. Projects will need to be reviewed regularly.

We are also aware that circumstances in our community can change, and that those changes may impact on the community's capacity to achieve our goals, in the stated timeframe.

For these reasons, ongoing review of the timeframe component of this plan, is essential.

We all must be constantly aware that the vast majority of what we achieve in our community is the result of the hard work of unpaid volunteers.

Endorsement

The Walpeup, Torrita and Districts Community Plan 2014-2019 was presented to the Mildura Rural City Council on Thursday 25 September 2014, by Michael Pole and Jean Cooke.

Mildura Rural City Council endorsed this plan at the Council meeting held on Thursday 25 September 2014.

Statement on Implementation

The WDDC Inc will work with other organisations in our community to develop and implement the initiatives contained in this Community Plan.

The WDDC Inc will form partnerships with other community organisations, where it is decided that this is the most effective way to achieve our goals.

The WDDC Inc will establish project teams to undertake projects and to organise the activities detailed in this Community Plan.



Thank you to Nicolas and Kate for your drawings of Walpeup.

1.1 Community Safety.

Goals	How will this be measured?
People feel safe.	Community perception of personal safety.
People are safe.	Community perception of personal safety.
A community well prepared for emergencies.	Community satisfaction with emergency management.

Actions	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5
<i>Work with MRCC and MTHCS to develop a Community Safety Plan and a Risk Management Strategy for Walpeup and Torrita.</i>	⊙	⊙	⊙	R	R
<i>Implement Community Safety Plan for Walpeup and Torrita.</i>	-	-	⊙	⊙	⊙
<i>Review adequacy of street lighting in Walpeup.</i>	⊙	⊙	R	R	R
<i>Review adequacy of road signs in Walpeup.</i>	⊙	⊙	R	R	R
<i>Review adequacy of street signs in Walpeup.</i>	⊙	⊙	R	R	R
<i>Review adequacy of signage indicating where public amenities are situated.</i>	⊙	⊙	R	R	R
<i>Endeavour to identify and train Community Emergency Liaison Officer(s).</i>	⊙	⊙	R	R	R

1.2 Community Development.

Goals	How will this be measured?
Facilities, services and activities are accessible to everyone.	Community satisfaction with equitable access to facilities, services and activities.
Everyone feels part of the community and can participate in community life.	Feeling part of the community, social support and volunteering.
Everyone has opportunities to help shape their community.	Community satisfaction with opportunities for people to be involved in shaping their own community.
Everyone has access to educational opportunities.	

Actions	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5
<i>Prepare a package of information to be given to new residents when they come to live in our district.</i>	⊙	⊙	R	⊙	⊙
<i>Encourage all residents to be actively involved in community activities and events.</i>	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙
<i>Endeavour to publish the Walpy News, on a weekly basis.</i>	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙
<i>Work with SuniTAFE to increase adult education opportunities delivered locally.</i>	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙
<i>Conduct an annual Australia Day Breakfast and endeavour to use the Walpeup mobile BBQ for community activities, at other times during each year.</i>	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙

Investigate funding opportunities for a community development officer to work with the Walpeup community, on a fulltime basis.	⊙	⊙	⊙	R	R
Investigate funding opportunities to conduct computer classes for mature aged people, who wish to learn to use a computer.	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙
Facilitate the conducting of computer classes for mature aged computer users.	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙
Support the development of the Ouyen Recreational Lake Project.	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙

1.3 Community Health and Wellbeing.

Goals	How will this be measured?
High levels of community health and wellbeing.	

Actions	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5
Liaise with GWM Water over the quality of domestic water supplied to residents in the township of Walpeup.	□	□	□	R	R
Liaise with Mallee Track Health and Community Services on the provision of services to residents of Walpeup and Torrita.	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙
Investigate the level of community interest in developing a community activity group, which would meet regularly and provide a focus for residents to enjoy leisure and recreational activities, including but not limited to cards and board games, craft, exercise and fitness activities and other activities of general interest to adults.	⊙	⊙	⊙	R	R
Facilitate Walpeup residents using the Ouyen Lake for recreational purposes.	-	-	⊙	⊙	⊙



1.4 Community Services.

Goals	How will this be measured?
Young children have opportunities for the best start in life.	
Young people are supported to reach their full potential.	
All residents have access to quality services.	Community Satisfaction Survey.

Actions	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5
<i>Support local preschools, wherever possible.</i>	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙
<i>Support Walpeup Primary School, wherever possible.</i>	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙
<i>Support Ouyen P-12 College, wherever possible.</i>	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙

1.5 Arts and Cultural Heritage.

Goals	How will this be measured?
Everyone has access to a diverse range of arts and cultural experiences and opportunities.	Community satisfaction with support to arts and culture groups.
A community that values its history and diverse cultural heritage.	Community satisfaction with recognition of local history and cultural heritage.
The significance of our regions indigenous culture is recognised through arts and cultural experiences.	Community satisfaction with recognition of indigenous culture in arts and cultural experiences.
Everyone has access to a diverse range of quality library materials and, services and programs.	Community satisfaction with libraries. Library usage statistics.

Actions	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5
<i>Actively encourage MRCC to continue delivering the Mobile Library Service to Walpeup, on a weekly basis.</i>	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙
<i>Liaise with Mildura Arts Centre and other arts bodies to encourage cultural activities to be held along the Mallee Track.</i>	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙
<i>Investigate opportunities for cultural activities at Walpeup, such as live music, drama, and dance at community events for residents less likely to travel to regional centres for cultural entertainment.</i>	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙
<i>Encourage local artists to display their work at community events.</i>	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙
<i>Seek financial support to build on the photographic and memorabilia collection, housed at Walpeup Memorial Hall.</i>	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙
<i>Develop a project to place information plaques on places of historical interest around Walpeup, Torrita and surrounding districts eg: sporting grounds and other sites of historical interest.</i>	⊙	⊙	⊙	R	R
<i>Support and publicise the Small Towns Transformation funded 'Mallee Up in Lights' Project at the Roxy Theatre in Ouyen.</i>	⊙	⊙	R	R	R



1.6 Recreation and Sport.

Goals	How will this be measured?
High participation rates in sport and recreation activities.	Level of participation in sport and recreation activities.
Everyone has access to a diverse range of quality sporting and recreation facilities, programs and opportunities.	Community satisfaction with MRCC support to sporting and recreational clubs.

Actions	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5
<i>Maintain opportunities to play a wide variety of sports and to participate in recreational activities.</i>	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙
<i>Provide support to local sporting clubs, wherever possible.</i>	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙
<i>Encourage local residents to become involved in the development of the Ouyen Lake.</i>	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙
<i>Investigate opportunities to develop sporting and recreational activities eg: golf.</i>	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙

2.1. Environmental Sustainability. (Natural and Built Environment.)

Goals	How will this be measured?
A healthy and sustainable environment.	Community satisfaction with the management of public assets.
Conserve natural resources.	Community satisfaction with the protection of natural bushland.
Pest plants and pest animals are managed effectively.	
A community that is educated and aware of environmental issues.	

Actions	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5
<i>Work with MRCC, State Government and Federal Government to maintain the existing built environment, including roads, drainage, lighting as well as public buildings and amenities.</i>	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙
<i>Encourage community members to dispose of waste matter at the Walpeup Waste Facility.</i>	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙
<i>Liaise with Mallee Land Care Group on matters of mutual interest.</i>	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙
<i>Encourage educational authorities to use the Mallee Research Station for field study programs similar to the Annual Latrobe University Department of Zoology Annual Field Study program.</i>	⊙	⊙	R	R	R



2.2. Waste.

Goals	How will this be measured?
Effective and sustainable waste management services.	Satisfaction with Walpeup Waste facility services.
A community which practises effective and sustainable waste management.	Satisfaction with Walpeup Waste facility services.

Actions	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5
<i>Support for the MRCC waste removal strategy.</i>	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙
<i>Disseminate information on sustainable waste management from authorities, as requested.</i>	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙
<i>Liaise with MRCC on any changes to waste collection and to the operation of the Walpeup Waste Facility.</i>	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙
<i>Liaise with MRCC and other authorities on the issue of storm water drainage in the Walpeup township and seek improvements to existing drainage systems.</i>	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙



2.3. Public Open Space, Parks, Reserves and Gardens.

Goals	How will this be measured?
Clean, safe, attractive and sustainable parks, gardens, streetscapes, reserves and wetlands.	Community satisfaction with the appearance of parks, gardens and public places.
	Community satisfaction with beautification of streetscapes.
	Community satisfaction with tree planting.
	Community satisfaction with tree maintenance.
	Community satisfaction with public open space (including parks, playgrounds and reserves).

Actions	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5
<i>Maintain Walpeup Dryland Memorial Garden and improve over time.</i>	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙
<i>Maintain Schubert Nature Walk and improve over time.</i>	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙
<i>Work with MRCC to upgrade and improve the Walpeup Wayside Stop, as a matter of urgency.</i>	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙
<i>Construct a fence around the Walpeup Wayside Stop Children's Playground to make it a safe area for children to play.</i>	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙
<i>Advocate to MRCC to have more time allocated to Walpeup for maintenance of gardens and parks.</i>	⊙	⊙	R	R	R
<i>Develop Glen Park (Cnr Richardson Street and Murphy Road) as a recreational area with a shaded corner with some new seats and tables. Install an in ground watering system to create a green lawn recreational area.</i>	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙





2.4. Infrastructure, Assets and Facilities.

Goals	How will this be measured?
Well maintained road networks.	Community satisfaction with local roads.
Well maintained footpaths.	Community satisfaction with footpaths.
Effective and well maintained drainage system.	Community Satisfaction.
Well planned and maintained buildings and facilities.	Community satisfaction with maintenance of public buildings and facilities.

Actions	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5
<i>Local farmers to continue to advise MRCC staff on road re-sheeting and road improvements.</i>	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙
<i>WDDC Inc acknowledges that the Victorian State Government is going through the process of divestment of the Mallee Research Station, Walpeup. The WDDC Inc to advocate that the Victorian State Government gives consideration to enabling public access to the buildings and the grounds surrounding the buildings and to the remnant bushland.</i>	□	□	□	R	R
<i>Work with MRCC Parks and Gardens to complete the Cregan Street, Mallee Highway beautification work, so that the main street in Walpeup, railway side, should be cleaned up right through.</i>	□	□	R	R	R
<i>Continue with tree lopping in nature strips and along township roads.</i>	□	□	□	R	R
<i>Continue replanting trees where existing trees have been removed or have died.</i>	□	□	□	R	R
<i>Improve the new plantation on Glen Street by constructing kerbing.</i>	□	□	R	R	R
<i>Install shade cover over table and chairs opposite the Walpeup General Store.</i>	□	□	R	R	R
<i>Construct public toilets on the railway side of Mallee Highway, opposite Walpeup General Store.</i>	-	⊙	⊙	R	R

<i>Support Walpeup Memorial Hall Committee initiatives to develop and improve the Walpeup Memorial Hall over time, leading up to the centenary of the hall in 2023.</i>	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙
<i>Work with the Walpeup Fire Brigade, Walpeup Memorial Hall Committee and MRCC on the beautification of the area around the Walpeup Fire Brigade Shed and the Walpeup Memorial Hall with particular reference to improving the strip of land between Richardson Street and the Walpeup Hall.</i>	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙
<i>Support the Community of Torrita with the maintenance of the Torrita Hall and with other projects, such as the construction of a Welcome Sign at the entrance to Torrita. (to replace the Welcome Sign which was stolen in early 2014)</i>	⊙	⊙	⊙	R	R
<i>Support Walpeup Primary School, wherever possible.</i>	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙
<i>Support the development and construction of the Ouyen Lake.</i>	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙
<i>Support Walpeup Recreation Reserve Committee in their endeavours to keep this facility open and operating.</i>	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙



2.5 Strategic Land Use.

Goals	How will this be measured?
Safe sustainable and healthy rural town environments.	Community satisfaction with rural town environments.
Well protected and enhanced local character and heritage assets.	Community satisfaction with the protection of local character.

Actions	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5
<i>Work with the Walpeup Fire Brigade and other groups in our community to create a safe sustainable and healthy rural environment.</i>	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙



2.6. Transport.

Goals	How will this be measured?
Road and rail transport services and infrastructure that meet community needs.	Community satisfaction with road transport services and infrastructure.
A district well served by public transport.	Community satisfaction with rail transport services and infrastructure.
	Community satisfaction with public transport.

Actions	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5
<i>Monitor bus stops and timetables.</i>	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙
<i>Advocate for improved services, where appropriate.</i>	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙

3.1. Economic Development.

Goals	How will this be measured?
A vibrant, diverse and progressive economy.	Community satisfaction with encouragement and growth of business and industry. Jobs created. Investment achievements for region. Export data by industry.
Investment attraction and job creation.	Ditto.
Connectivity in the global market place.	Ditto.
Accessible information, internet and telecommunications services.	Ditto.

Actions	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5
<i>Endeavour to keep Walpeup General Store open and operating.</i>	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙
<i>Endeavour to keep Poole and Jackson, Walpeup, open and operating.</i>	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙
<i>Endeavour to keep businesses, companies operating in the district.</i>	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙
<i>Encourage small business development in our town and district. E.g.: a café, commercial caravan park.</i>	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙
<i>WDDC Inc will lobby for improved telecommunication and internet services.</i>	⊙	⊙	R	R	R
<i>WDDC Inc will purchase goods and services locally, wherever possible.</i>	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙

3.2. Tourism and Events.

Goals	How will this be measured?
Hold community events in Walpeup, such as the Australia Day Breakfast.	Community Satisfaction Survey.
Assist other community organisations to run community events in Walpeup. E.g. Walpeup Underbool Football and Netball Club. Walpeup Fire Brigade.	Number of events held each year.
Improve maps and signage which informs visitors of places of interest and amenities in and around Walpeup.	See section 1.1.

Actions	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5
<i>WDDC Inc will hold an Australia Day Breakfast for residents and visitors.</i>	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙
<i>WDDC Inc will consult with the Walpeup Community to gauge the level of support for the continued staging of the Walpeup Country Markets, in October 2014 and in future years.</i>	⊙	R	R	R	R



4.1. Leadership and Representation.

Goals	How will this be measured?
Sound leadership and strong representation.	Community Satisfaction.
Proactively respond to the interest of our community.	
Organise community development activity into project groups.	Increase in the number of WDDC Inc Project Groups.

Actions	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5
<i>Encourage more members of our community to become actively involved in community life.</i>	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙
<i>Actively encourage community members to become involved in WDDC Inc projects.</i>	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙
<i>Endeavour to engage new residents of our district in community activities.</i>	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙
<i>Encourage young people to be actively involved in organisations and activities.</i>	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙
<i>Advocate the interests of our community to Local Government, State government, Federal Government and to other authorities, companies and organisations, as appropriate.</i>	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙



4.2. Communication.

Goals	How will this be measured?
More reliable television reception.	Community Satisfaction Survey.
Improvements in telecommunications services.	Community Satisfaction Survey.
Respond to community input and feedback.	Community Satisfaction Survey.

Actions	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5
<i>Advocate to the appropriate authorities for improvements to televisions reception.</i>	⊙	⊙	R	R	R
<i>Advocate to the appropriate authorities for improvements to internet and other telecommunication services.</i>	⊙	⊙	R	R	R

4.3 Customer Service.

Goals	How will this be measured?
<i>Increase community understanding of the various roles local government, state government and federal government.</i>	Community Satisfaction Survey.

Actions	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5
<i>Welcome new residents to the town and district.</i>	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙
<i>Encourage residents to use the MRCC Ouyen Service Centre to obtain Local Government Services.</i>	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙
<i>Assist members of the community who have an issue with the provision of services to raise the issues with the appropriate government department or authority.</i>	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙

4.4. Financial Sustainability.

Goals	How will this be measured?
Manage WDDC Inc funds in a responsible manner.	Auditor's financial report.

Actions	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5
<i>Manage WDDC Inc funds for the benefit of the whole community.</i>	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙
<i>Research avenues of funding for community projects.</i>	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙
<i>Provide information to the community about possible sources of funding for community organisations.</i>	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙
<i>Procure additional funds from all available sources.</i>	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙



4.5. Organisational Management.

Goals	How will this be measured?
A community which is well aware of what funding opportunities and organisational assistance is available and how to go about procuring funding and obtaining assistance.	Number of successful applications to funding bodies.

Actions	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5
<i>Attempt to keep community members informed about briefing sessions, information gathering exercises and other information sharing opportunities, which may be of interest.</i>	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙
<i>Disseminate information to the community, through the Walpey News.</i>	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙
<i>Display information for the community, on the noticeboard at the Walpeup General Store.</i>	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙
<i>Investigate using modern information technology for the dissemination of information to the community.</i>	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙



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Appendix 1

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