

Your Ideas



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COMMUNITY FUND

Thank you to all contributors of ideas for the Willogoleche Hallett Community Fund. These have been condensed below. There will be a discussion group for contributors and other interested members of the community on 23 November at noon, to be held at the community hall.

The aim is to assess priorities, seek more detail, and discuss practicalities. This is not a decision-making session, more a fact-finding discussion.

Please RSVP to simon.klapish@au.engie.com. Light snacks and tea, coffee and soft drinks will be provided.

A community gym

Residents are currently travelling to Booborowie to use the gym and they would appreciate having one locally.

Fix town water supply

Hallett has two tanks; one is cracked and leaking and not in the current council budget for repair.

Microgrid electricity supply

For Hallett.

Complete the Hallett pool precinct

(Solar heating, landscaping etc.). The pool is semi-frequently used but is a good facility for a small town. There is limited shade for spectators/supervisors.

Solar panels on all homes

In Hallett.

Town entrance statements

Our area is most famous for "Wool, Wheat and Wilkins" and as we have three main entrances to the village (two on the Barrier Highway, and one on the Wilkins Highway) we could utilise one of these concepts for each entrance way. Terowie and Peterborough both have lovely entrance statements showing trains, which they were famous for, it would be great for us to have a point of difference. We often see town entrances adorned with signage, features, walls etc. They are very effective and make a town look 'proud', as long as the streetscape of the town within do the entrances 'proud'.

Fence the paddock behind the CFS shed

For use for training by our emergency services volunteers.

Community noticeboard

A freestanding noticeboard, possibly adjacent to the Town Hall for residents to post notices on.

Community event in the hall

e.g. Barn Dance, Theatre Group.

Community bus

To take residents to local towns, e.g. Jamestown, Clare, Port Pirie. Peterborough currently runs a bus to Port Pirie and Port Augusta which is proving popular, especially with the older residents as it negates the need for them to drive long distances.

Update town and information signs

Several of the town signs are in a faded or poor state of repair, and would benefit from a revamp. [Tourist Information panels completed and waiting for a structure to house them, have Council and DPTi approval to be situated in the lay-by across from the hotel.]

Silo mural

This has proved very popular in the South East of South Australia and in Victoria and we are experiencing visitors who have made the trip to Victoria especially to view the Art Trail there.

Railway carriage accommodation, located at the Old Railway Station

For use by the people using the Heysen and Mawson Trails.

Huts at the oval

For tourist accommodation to be used by those who arrive on foot or bike without their own accommodation.

Bike trail on the old railway lines from Burra to Terowie

This would encourage people who enjoy biking to be able to do it locally without having to deal with the traffic on the main roads.

Bus to run people home from the hotel

Would encourage more people to attend the hotel if they did not have to drive home afterwards.

Movies in the hall

The hall has a cinema room and used to show movies. It would be great to be able to utilize these existing facilities again and provide entertainment for the community.

Restore two old row cottages adjacent to the Town Hall

For use as a museum and by the Hallett Historical Society. The Hallett Historical Society is currently located upstairs in the Town Hall and older residents are finding it hard to get up the stairs. Some have ceased going altogether. To have a facility located on the main street at ground level would enable all residents access. Having a museum in the town would also be another reason for travellers to stop and could provide possible employment.

Make Hallett a 'champion' town in renewable energy

A town that runs on electricity generated by the power of wind. This is an excellent opportunity to highlight renewable energy in action. It would be possible to adopt Hallett as a champion and ambassador for wind energy in general and for the Willogoleche Wind Farm in particular. Hallett residents could be engaged in this activity, providing accounts of the benefits of the wind energy and how this is being enthusiastically adopted. Turbine output and town consumption statistics could be published online. The town could enjoy reduced energy bills in turn taking pride that they are reducing their carbon footprint.

Playgroup

The Hallett and Mount Bryan Playcentre is an active weekly playgroup facility for young local families, and its needs beyond its DECD operating budget are limited. It is currently fundraising to pay for fencing and gating to their yard.

Upgrade sporting oval to be more RV welcoming

Now long defunct, but home to public toilet facilities and advertised as being 'RV Friendly'. Very few caravans and campers seem to stop at Hallett, but do in Burra and Mount Bryan who have attractive free RV sites. The caravan trend does not seem to be slowing. Improvements like grassed areas and trees for shelter and shade, picnic areas etc. would help. The general store, fuel and pub in Hallett are within walking distance, so the town can be a more appealing stop-over for travellers. Review the site's appeal, advertising, and location, and stop-over benefits to the community and its businesses.

Tennis court fences replacement

Longer term plan.

Town hall tea rooms enhancement

The entrance to the tea rooms on the northern side of the hall is in need of some landscaping. It is a bare gravel area harbouring weeds and dust. The tearooms and hall are a great space, but its exposure to the main road makes functions with children difficult. Could the area be paved and fenced/gated to make it low maintenance, attractive and safe for families?

New business start-up grants.

Starting up a business in a small community where overheads are affordable and you are close to home is an attractive concept. Could the concept of a 'leg-up' to help a business get started assist such a decision? Businesses in a town stimulate each other and bring in people from elsewhere.

Sponsorship of either a family night or the Hallett Christmas Party

The family night occurs on the last Friday of the month at the Hallett Bowling Club, is well supported and provides a meeting place for all ages - kids through to grandparents.

Support our CFS

A service we do not want to lose, hope we don't need but are grateful for their service if we do. This could be in supplying equipment or even supplying a BBQ for a training night, or paying for training of members, setting up of water access for fire fighting - tanks, submersible pumps.

Hallett Cemetery seating or shelter

For the people who visit loved ones there. Even some restoration work on some of the old graves.

Purchase of bowling green entertainment

Eg. Large-sized games that the children can use with family on the bowling green or within the clubrooms.

Hallett Tennis Club

Building replacement (long-term plan for a lined, weather proof facility with A/C and running water).

Tennis club fencing of the playground

The old but usable playground is not fully fenced and the club is situated next to a road. To concentrate on tennis and supervise children at the same time is difficult.

Tennis club repair/replace sun shade

The metal structure with a shade for players and families to sit under for sun protection needs regular replacement due to wind damage. The design of the metal frame needs re-evaluating to prevent this continual damage.

Tennis club running water upgrade

There is no running water in the clubroom; only at the public toilets which is inconvenient for players to fill up water bottles, the kettle for tea and coffee, or for children to drink.

Grandstand oval renovation

Before it falls down.