

Community update



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Hallett residents have suggested a variety of ideas on how the Willogoleche Hallett Community Fund may be allocated.

We have received a fantastic response, with 35 initial concepts provided. Over the coming weeks, ENGIE will consult with you to decide which of these should proceed.

While all of the concepts have merit, we have identified four below that have so far received the widest level of support from the community:

1. Update the town information and tourist signs:

Work is well advanced by Trish Flak for signage to be positioned in the lay-by area opposite the hotel. These signs will be installed once the wind farm heavy equipment deliveries are completed. Further sign upgrades for the other town entrances will be reviewed, as well as the community information board outside the community hall.

2. Installation of a Wi-Fi hub:

Free internet access will be set up at the Hallett Country Store. ENGIE will install a satellite dish, pay for monthly and annual service and access fees, and provide two computers. Initial cost is approximately \$1,300.

3. Installation of outdoor exercise equipment:

The current proposal is for the installation of three pieces of equipment at the pool precinct - including an elliptical trainer, rower and leg press/upper body pull bar.

Implementation of this proposal is on hold, pending sufficient consensus from the community. If you would like to provide feedback on this idea, please contact ENGIE's Simon Klapish (simon.klapish@au.engie.com) or register your views with Chris and Susan McGloin at the Hallett Country Store.

Initial cost is about \$5,900. If the equipment proves popular, ENGIE will consider adding more equipment next year.

4. Development of a community garden:

This project has been approved for a staged implementation. We have provided relevant extracts from the detailed business plan below.

Location

On land bordered by West Terrace, Richard St and Wilkins Highway.

This is a central site with an historical tree plantation, established by the then CWA. The variety of trees makes for good shelter, seclusion and is wonderful for bird species.

Run under the banner of Burra Districts Open Gardens, the garden would become part of the spring festival and would reach maturity in about four years.

Benefits

- Locals will have a central area to either relax or share gardening knowledge.
- It will encourage people to spend time in the town.
- It will be a visual asset to those passing through, bringing business to Hallett.
- The gardens will promote sharing, and any community that shares becomes a successful community.
- Gardens have no age boundaries - young and old work together for the common good.



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Stage 1 - Establish necessary basic infrastructure - \$5,495

- Initial bench seating with picnic table
- Increase planting with indigenous natives from Burra Community nursery
- 2,000 litre tank for water storage
- Catalogue bird species - accent on planting bird-attracting plants which are of great interest to those travelling the trails
- Signs for the garden at the site and on the main road

Stage 2 - Secondary infrastructure - \$2,655

- Small shed to house necessary tools
- Continue with planting
- Signs for bird species as part of the teaching program
- Begin workshops
- Invite enthusiastic, knowledgeable people to teach

Stage 3 - Third year of influence - \$1,200

- Add more infrastructure as needed, gauge current community support
- Consider wicking beds on the western side for growing of vegetables - start with two and purchase more if necessary

- Ascertain if garden needs fencing, preferable not to, as access should be freely available for those looking for a restful place
- Add further workshops for both locals and visitors, eg the role of native grasses in the garden, birds in the garden, the passion of growing plants for a fulfilled life

Stage 4 - The garden becomes more mature and established - \$500

- Work with the community to continue maintenance
- Additional planting as necessary
- Encourage people to use the garden as an outdoor social hub for locals and visitors
- Promote the mature garden as a unique example of nature's balance
- Encourage growing of more vegetables, with classes on how and what to grow for best results
- Consider an area suitable for a pizza oven

If you would like to have your say on how the Willogoleche Hallett Community Fund should be utilised, please contact Simon Klapish, Manager Corporate Social Responsibility at ENGIE Australia and New Zealand via email: simon.klapish@au.engie.com

