



Kialla Lakes Neighbourhood Plan



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Council Acknowledgements

Greater Shepparton City Council would like to express our sincere appreciation to all the residents in Kialla Lakes who have contributed to the development of the Neighbourhood Plan, through completing a survey or attending one of our consultation sessions.

We would also like to sincerely thank the Kialla Lakes Residents Group for their contribution as part of the project team for the development of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Thank you!

Kialla Lakes Residents Group

The Kialla Lakes Residents Group had its first meeting in 1999, and by June 2000 the group was incorporated and had 21 financial members.

The group has worked on a number of initiatives in partnership with Council, the developer and other community groups. The Residents Group have advocated with these stakeholders for works to occur with the local community. Some of the achievements include advocacy for additional tree planting, installation of doggy rubbish bins, received sponsorship for a table and chair in Ganaway Reserve and input into a land management plan affecting the area.

The Kialla Lakes Residents Group welcomes new members.

What is our Neighbourhood Plan?

The Kialla Lakes Neighbourhood Plan is a written document that identifies the Kialla Lakes community's vision for the future and the priorities and actions the community has identified to achieve this vision. The Neighbourhood Plan will be a guide for future projects and activities in our neighbourhood over the next five years.

Achievement of the priorities identified within the plan will require ongoing community support. It is acknowledged that the priorities contained within this plan are reviewed annually to ensure that the priorities remain reflective of the emerging needs of the community.

Developing our Neighbourhood Plan

Kialla Lakes residents were invited to participate in the Neighbourhood Plan development in a number of different ways.

Community Surveys

Surveys were distributed to every household in Kialla Lakes. Questions were:

- What do you love about Kialla Lakes?
- What is your vision for Kialla Lakes for the future?
- What are your top ideas?

The surveys were used as base questions for all consultation session. At the end of the consultation 66 surveys were submitted.

Kialla Gardens Retirement Village

Residents from Kialla Gardens independent living units were encouraged to participate in the development of the Neighbourhood Plan. Council Officers attended a community dinner to speak with the group further about their ideas for the area.



'One on ones' at the Lake/s

Members from the Kialla Lakes Residents Group and Council Officers spoke with residents at / around the lakes at different times throughout the consultation period. These 'one on ones' raised further awareness about the consultation being undertaken and for different ideas to be raised.

Free Coffee Van

Residents were invited for a free coffee from a coffee van at the playground between Lowanna Waters and Amaroo Lakes. Residents braved the elements to contribute their ideas for the Neighbourhood Plan.



Pop Up Shop

In July 2014, a 'Pop Up Consultation Shop' was created within a vacant shopfront in the Kialla Lakes Shopping Complex. VMS boards (flashing signs) were placed at both entrances to the neighbourhood to raise awareness about the pop up shop activities and to encourage residents to be involved. Over three days a number of community activities were held to encourage residents to come together to participate in these activities. The activities included; arm knitting, walking group, free family dinners, and body balance class. As well, Kialla Resident Group members and Council Officers were available to speak with people about the Neighbourhood Plan.



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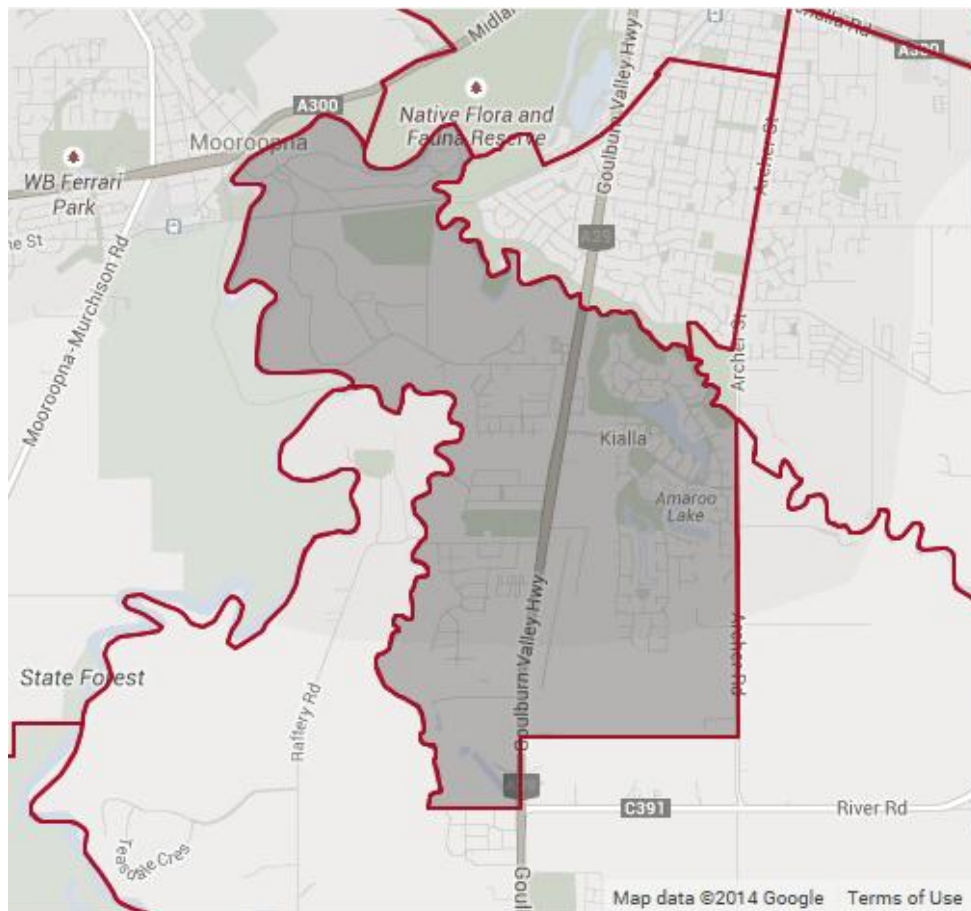
Kialla Lakes neighbourhood is bounded by the Broken River in the north, Archer Road to the east and Goulburn Valley Highway to the west. A map of the area is included below.

Kialla is named from an Aboriginal word for part of the Goulburn River. The first stage of the Kialla Lakes subdivision commenced around 1985. The Kialla Lakes neighbourhood will continue to expand as land is currently for sale in the south of the area.



Demographics

The 2011 ABS Census identifies Kialla Urban as the area in the map depicted below.



Population:	4651
Male:	48.7%
Females:	51.3%
Total Dwellings	1768
Average Household size	2.74%

Other statistics:

- 38% of households were made up of couples with children compared with 30% in the city of Greater Shepparton
- 2295 people living in Kialla Urban were employed, of which 63% worked full time and 35% part time.

Our vision

A safe, peaceful and cohesive community with enhanced facilities for all residents that promote healthy activity and interaction of the community, based on our lakes and open environment.

Implementing the Neighbourhood Plan

The Kialla Lakes Neighbourhood Plan has been developed by our local community for our local community. The community need to work together in order to implement the plan.

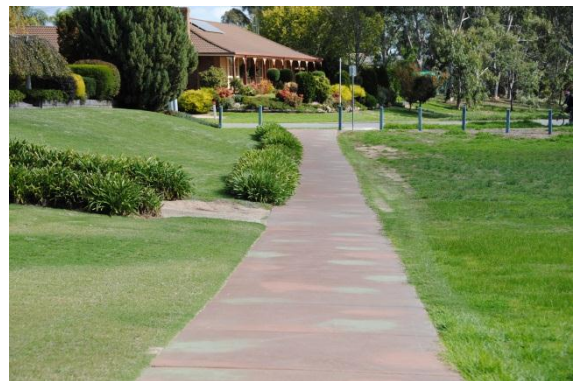
All of the listed priorities will require further research, planning, design and potential fundraising by the community in order to progress these actions further.

It is essential the Neighbourhood Plan be regularly reviewed and monitored to ensure that the priorities and actions are relevant and up to date.

What do we love most about Kialla Lakes?



- Our beautiful lakes
- Our 7km of walking tracks
- Water views
- Bird and wildlife at our lakes
- Open spaces
- Cleanliness of our parks and gardens
- Shops
- The community and people
- Peaceful and quiet residential area
- Sense of place, wide streets, nature strips and street scapes



Kialla Lakes Neighbourhood Plan - Action Plan

Social – What will build social connections?

Goal	Actions	Partnerships	Priority	Status
A range of community activities to increase social connections and interactions (outdoor cinema, exercise in the park, walking groups, Christmas events)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Apply for activities in Kialla Lakes to be incorporated into Council's Activities in the Park Program - Consider development of sub committee to plan local events 	Kialla Lakes Residents Group Greater Shepparton City Council (GSCC)	High	Not commenced
Identify strategies to address speeding in the neighbourhood	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Undertake community campaign to address speeding - Advocate to Council to consider speed reduction strategies (could include speed cushions). 	Kialla Lakes Residents Group GSCC	High	Not commenced
Investigate and seek funding for greater use of the lakes through bird hides, jetty's and canoes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identify possible funding sources 	Kialla Lakes Residents Group GSCC Landcare	Medium	Not commenced
Install an art mural on the back of the Kialla Lakes shop overlooking the village green	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Obtain approvals from building owner for mural - Identify possible artist to undertake the work - Apply for funds 	Kialla Lakes Residents Group	Medium	Not commenced
Community space for groups and locals to meet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gather further information on the 'space' required? What activities to take part? 	Kialla Lakes Residents Group GSCC	Low	Not commenced

Goal	Actions	Partnerships	Priority	Status
Investigate support for establishing a community garden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gauge community interest - Identify appropriate location - Meet with other community gardens established within Shepparton 	Kialla Lakes Residents Group Community Gardens GSCC Kialla Gardens Australian Botanic Gardens Shepparton	Low	Not commenced
Advocate for neighbourhood clean-up and anti-graffiti methods and investigate a neighbourhood watch committee.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consider development of subcommittee to coordinate neighbourhood activities - Invite the President of the Community Safety Group – Neighbourhood Watch to attend a meeting with committee 	Kialla Lakes Residents Group GSCC Community Safety Group – Neighbourhood Watch (Police Service Area) Victoria Police Wipeout	Low	Not commenced
Investigate support for a playgroup	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gauge community interest - Investigate adequate facility for children available. - Apply for playgroup to be registered with Playgroup Victoria 	Kialla Lakes Residents Group Playgroup Victoria GSCC	Low	Not commenced

Natural – How will we improve our natural assets?

Goal	Actions	Partnerships	Priority	Status
Increase vegetation in and around the lakes and islands, erosion control and landscaping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Determine possible locations for vegetation to be increased. 	Kialla Lakes Residents Group GSCC Landcare	High / Medium	Not commenced
More indigenous trees planted and reduction of non-indigenous plant species	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identify appropriate areas where Landcare can plan additional trees / vegetation - Seek information from Council on planting schedule 	Kialla Lakes Residents Group GSCC Landcare	High	Not commenced
Increasing water quality of the lakes and overall maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Seek advice from Council on water quality maintenance strategies - Increase water flow into the third lake, 	Kialla Lakes Residents Group GSCC	High	Not commenced
Maintain our open spaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop a plan for how residents would like to utilise and appreciate the open spaces 	Kialla Lakes Residents Group GSCC	Low	Not commenced

‘Economic – How will we make our economy stronger?’

Goal	Actions	Partnerships	Priority	Status
Advocacy for new businesses in the area (post office) and businesses to occupy the vacant shops (Consultation identified post office, chemist, bakery, pop up wine tastings, coffee shop)	Work with Council’s Investment Attraction department to identify potential businesses to establish in Kialla Lakes	Kialla Lakes Residents Group	High	Not commenced

Advocacy – What will we advocate for?

Goal	Actions	Partnerships	Priority	Status
Advocate for greater public transport	- Identify appropriate advocacy campaign	Kialla Lakes Residents Group Shepparton Transit Public Transport Victoria	Low	Not commenced
Advocate for a Primary School closer to the area	- Identify appropriate advocacy measures	Kialla Lakes Residents Group	Low	Not commenced
Provision of an exit road between Waranga Drive and the highway.	- Advocate for exit road to be prioritised - Seek timeframes of when work is to be completed	Kialla Lakes Residents Group Kialla Lakes developer VicRoads	Low – has been included in developer plans in south.	Not commenced

Built – What facilities and infrastructure are important to use for the future?

Goal	Actions	Partnerships	Priority	Status
Additional infrastructure around the lake such as seats and drinking fountains	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identify specific locations for seats and fountains - Consider development of map to assist residents to identify where the facilities are 	Kialla Lakes Residents Group GSCC	High	Not commenced
Facilities for the community i.e. BBQ and toilets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Investigate inclusion in Council's public toilet policy - Consider appropriate placement of toilets and BBQ, gauge community opinion on appropriate location 	Kialla Lakes Residents Group GSCC	High	Not commenced
Walking track to Riverside Plaza.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clearly identify proposed route and investigate flood zones and land ownership. - Identify synergies with Council's cycling strategy 	Kialla Lakes Residents Group GSCC	High	Not commenced
Expand playground areas – including more adventurous facilities and shade over play areas.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Seek funding to undertake further works in playground facilities - Advocate for contrasting playground facilities to be installed in the new development that will be different to current playground facilities available in the neighbourhood. 	Kialla Lakes Residents Group GSCC	Medium	Not commenced
Install lights around Kialla Lake (lake 1) to light the footpaths (as per other lakes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Seek funding opportunities 	Kialla Lakes Residents Group GSCC	Medium	Not commenced
Walking paths along Archer Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advocate for walking path to be completed 	Kialla Lakes Residents Group	Low	Not commenced

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		GSCC VicRoads		
Encourage responsible dog ownership through removal of waste, more dog bins and/or off leash dog park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identify placement of dog bins and proposed off leash dog park 	Kialla Lakes Residents Group GSCC	Low	Not commenced
More exercise equipment around the lake/s	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Seek funding opportunities - Identify areas to place the exercise equipment - Establish walking / exercise groups that would utilise equipment 	Kialla Lakes Residents Group	Low	Not commenced
Welcome signs at neighbourhood entrances	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Seek funding opportunities - Determine key element of the neighbourhood to be incorporated into the signs 	Kialla Lakes Residents Group GSCC	Low	Not commenced
Signs detailing 'East' leg and 'West' leg of Waranga Drive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Determine an avenue for how signs can be installed meeting required regulations 	Kialla Lakes Residents Group GSCC	Low	Not commenced
Support residential development in the growth area in the south of Kialla Lakes. Including provision of facilities, shops, playgrounds, BBQ's, walking tracks etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Determine advocacy measures with developer and Council 	Kialla Lakes Residents Group Kialla Lakes developer GSCC	Low	Not commenced
Increased sporting facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Explore community preferences - Investigate sporting facilities in surrounding neighbourhoods and potential ways to greater utilise these spaces. 	Kialla Lakes Residents Group GSCC	Low	Not commenced