



# UNDERA & DISTRICT

COMMUNITY PLAN REVIEW 2014 - APPENDIX



## UNDERA COMMUNITY PLAN 2009 – APPENDIX - REVIEW 2014

The Undera Community Plan was originally developed through funding from the Department of Planning and Community Development and the Greater Shepparton City Council in 2009. This process was initiated by the Undera Community Development Group Inc. Many of the priority projects have been successfully completed.

A full review of the Undera Community Plan has been conducted in 2014.

This document outlines the updated data on Undera and District and outlines the various consultation methods and responses received during the review.

### Updated Demographics

According to the 2011 Australian Bureau of Statistics, Undera has a population of 545 persons. This is a decline in population from the 2006 ABS where the population was 636 persons.

The following table shows the various age cohorts that make up the community of Undera.

Age Group	Males	Females	Total
0 – 4 years	20	20	40
5 – 14 years	55	46	101
15 – 19 years	18	28	46
20 – 24 years	10	10	20
25 – 34 years	24	22	46
35 – 44 years	45	42	87
45 – 54 years	41	37	78
55 – 64 years	44	39	83
65 – 74 years	24	8	32
75 – 84 years	4	9	13
85 years and over	0	0	0



Undera Australian Bureau of Statistics Basic Community Profile for Undera (2011)

Current population	545 (519 were counted on Census Night)
Number of indigenous persons	3
Number of people born in Australia	458
Number of people who speak English only at home	466
Number of people who speak another language at home	52
Other languages spoken in Undera	Italian, Greek, German and Filipino
Most common religion	Catholic (31.9%)
Age of persons - median	39
Individual weekly income - median	\$427
Family weekly income - median	\$1,070
Household weekly income - median	\$1,032
Housing loan monthly repayment - median	\$1,246
Rent per week - median	\$150
Average number of persons per bedroom	1.1
Average household size (no. of persons)	3
Number of married persons (over 15 years of age)	217
Number of separated persons (over 15 years of age)	21
Number of divorced persons (over 15 years of age)	28
Number of widowed persons (over 15 years of age)	22
Number of persons never married (over 15 years of age)	120
Top 5 countries of ancestry	Australia, England, Italy, Scotland and Ireland
Top 5 countries of birth	Australia, Italy, New Zealand, United Kingdom and (Germany, India and Philippines – equal 5 <sup>th</sup> )
Number of people requiring assistance (i.e. with profound or severe disability)	21
Number of people who have been involved in volunteer work in last 12 months	86 - 21.2%
Number of couples with no children	47
Number of couples with children under 15	70

## Community Consultation

Overall Community Consultation was essential in the review of existing Undera Community Plan.

### Methods undertaken were:

#### **An Arts Consultation with the Undera Kindergarten.**

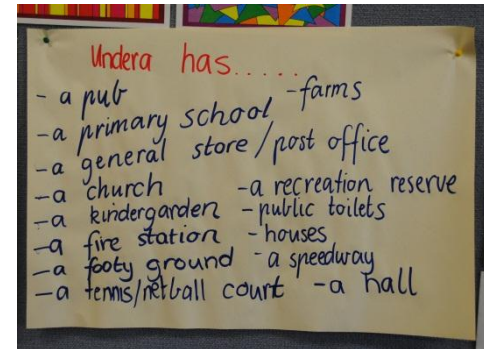
A group of 4 year olds (12) created a poster by painting their hands and pressing their handprints onto a sheet. This poster was displayed at the Visioning Workshop under the banner of 'Hands up for Undera'. Group discussion was held during this conversation and some comments were *'I love the cows in Undera'*, *'There are lots of signs in Undera'*, *'I have a garden at my house'*.



#### **Undera Primary School**

A discussion was held with the lower primary (8 children) on what community means and each child drew a picture of 'This is what I love about Undera.....' Pictures were of the hotel, lots of people, the speedway, road and the store.

The group had developed a map of the town and talked about community and what skills are in the town.



The Upper School – 14 children were involved in a discussion around what the Council does and what community means.

The group wrote their idea(s) on slips of paper and presented them to the whole group. Discussion was held on the suggestions and what they meant. They were stuck on the graffiti wall. Some of the suggestions were parked on a separate sheet for discussion later. Voting took place and the results were, highest to lowest;

- An Undera History Museum or central location for acknowledging the history
- An event
- A local park with a playground and BBQ area
- Something for the young people to do (Skate park)
- A local Fresh Food Market / more orchards to have and sell fresh food
- Petrol Station
- New Hall.

The staff of the Undera Primary School was involved during the process.



### **Undera Girl Guides**

A discussion was held with the Girl Guides on the meaning of community and the existing Undera Community Plan. A walk around town was conducted, noting places of interest and their importance to the town. The guides took photos of the town's assets and they were displayed at the Visioning Workshop.



### **One on One Stakeholder Interviews**

Numerous informative chats were held with the Undera townsfolk and surrounding residents. Surveys were handed out and notes taken on their suggestions.

### **Community Plan Survey**

A Community Plan Review survey was developed and distributed through various means in the community. The survey had the option to be completed on-line. The survey was attached to the Undera Primary School newsletter, placed in pigeon holes at the Undera Kindergarten and was sent out with the Undera News. Surveys and feedback boxes were placed at the Undera Hotel, Undera Primary School and Undera General Store. Overall 28 responses were received through the survey only.

## Undera Community Planning Visioning Notes

### Introduction

A workshop was held at Undera Recreation Reserve on Friday 2 May to prioritise some of the key actions identified through community surveys and school consultations. A total of 17 local residents (plus an additional five children) attended the consultation.

A summary of all the previous consultation's data was utilised on the evening.

### What people love about Undera:

- The people
  - caring and helpful people who live in the town;
  - friends and family close by;
  - everyone knows everyone;
  - strong level of community support.
- The atmosphere
  - the relaxed small town feel and community support;
  - small and quiet, yet close to other towns;
  - people have a sense of belonging.
- The infrastructure and institutions
  - town hall;
  - pub;
  - school;
  - church;
  - recreation reserve;
  - football club;
  - the shop;
  - town entrance signs.



- The environment
  - the river;
  - bushland.

#### People's Vision for Undera in the Future:

- The people / community
  - Develop a stronger sense of community;
  - More people living here (3);
  - A strong farming community with lots of young families.
- The atmosphere
  - Remain a positive town that continues to grow;
  - A town that develops its own unique point of difference that will encourage enough development and economy to provide a sustainable population for the growth of businesses.
- The infrastructure
  - Town water (3);
  - Overall improvement to facilities – guides, football and tennis;
  - Develop a traveller's rest stop.
- The lifestyle
  - Local activities / events;
  - More things for kids;
  - Cycling path;
  - Skate park (3);
  - Ball pit at the footy oval;
  - Promotion of bush and fishing for leisure activities / tourism.





- The environment
  - A town that cares about how it is presented to visitors and passers-by i.e. neat, clean, native vegetation and habitat rehabilitation where possible;
  - Indigenous plantings in the recreation reserve and around the town.

## **Results of Workshop**

Participants were asked to review and further discuss ideas presented by the community through surveys and school consultations. They were also asked to determine if there were any specific ideas or issues that they felt were missing. At the end of the night each adult and three of the children in attendance were given three red dots to use to vote for their three top priorities. The following pages show the key issues and the number of votes that each one received.

### **Social:**

#### **Active and Engaged Community - What could be improved to connect people in Undera?**

- Car boot sales – produce, old wares, fruit, meat and hay (2)
- Try to retain all sporting clubs, i.e. tennis, football and netball, as this provides a lot of social activity (1)
- More community activities – farmers market, Earthcore, farming festival, Christmas party (with relevant music), music festival or event once per year (1)
- Community coffee mornings (1)
- More activities for young people – discos, live music, blue light disco at least once per year
- More social activities for over 50's
- More activities in the pub
- Town information – hard copy newsletter and online presence (social media)
- More involvement from more people
- A local 'community chest' where funds are raised for community activities / improvements

## **Natural:**

### **Enhancing the Environment - What would you like to see more of in the natural environment?**

- Better maintenance of tracks leading to the river to improve access e.g. McCoy's Bridge (3)
- Develop rubbish dumps next to the national park entrance to reduce the amount of rubbish dumped in the national park (2)
- Develop parkland at the Recreation Reserve with basketball courts and a playground (1)
- More tree planting in the township and better maintenance of existing trees – particularly indigenous plantings to encourage wildlife
- Removal of 'pest' trees, weeds and Bindiis
- Clean up roadside reserves – and mow northern side around trees
- Construct a man-made lake with play equipment for kids
- Develop a large recycling centre for cans
- Reduce tip fees to prevent roadside dumping
- Improved roadside reserves – more regular slashing, tree planting

## **Economic:**

### **Economic Prosperity - What would make the local economy stronger?**

- Mobile phone tower and better mobile network coverage – preferably Telstra (6)
- Connection of town water and sewerage to encourage growth and subdivision (1)
- Tourism opportunities – develop signs to show how to access the river (1)
- Sewerage discharge point for caravans and BBQ area for travellers – possibly at the Recreation Reserve and turn it into an overnight stopping point (1)
- Petrol station (1)
- Improved employment opportunities
- More shops and local businesses, e.g. produce store, bakery / cafe, butcher, fresh food market (with more accessible and less restrictive permits), farm gate sales from orchards



- Promotion of pub and general store
- Stop loss of irrigation water from the district

**Built:**

**Quality Infrastructure - What is needed in the future in terms of facilities and infrastructure?**

- Improved facilities for netball, tennis and football – improved pavilion with meeting facilities, disabled access, improved change facilities, toilets for netball, two new netball / tennis courts, improved toilet block, change facilities for female umpires, expansion of social room, construction of verandah across front of building, new bar area on west side of the function room. (9)
- Horse trail riding opportunities (4)
- Skate park (4)
- Walking cycling path to Shepparton / Mooroopna or Echuca. Extend roadside shoulder from Starrit Rd to Undera township on Echuca Road (3)
- Dirt track (2)
- Swimming pool (1)
- Improvements to the roads (e.g. fix up pot holes on Wheller Road; seal main dirt roads; seal the bus route along Fidge Rd, O'Brien Rd and Sleeth Rd) (3)
- Local park with playground
- An occasional childcare centre and after school care
- Develop a pony club
- More car space and car parks
- Retain phone box
- Installation of bus shelters
- New CFA shed (this is already occurring)
- Upgrade toilets at speedway and develop an agreement so that they can be accessed during football games

## Culture:

### **Arts, Heritage, local identity, etc. - What could enhance Undera's cultural identity?**

- History Museum or erection of information boards to recognise the people who shaped Undera's history – agriculturalists, soldiers, etc. This could occur around outside of existing hall and inside existing hall, or in the old CFA shed (6)
- Complete demolition of the hall, whilst preserving some of the bricks to construct a soldier's memorial (cenotaph) for Anzac Day and Remembrance Day events – possibly near a potential travellers rest stop (4)
- Sympathetic demolition of the town hall and restoration of the facade of the hall, maintaining as much local history in this structure as possible (3)
- Maintenance and preservation of town hall (1)
- Aboriginal artwork – need to discuss further details with elders (1)



**COMMUNITY PLAN ACTION PLAN 2014**

<b>Goal <i>Active and Engaged Community</i></b>	<b>Actions</b>	<b>Partnerships</b>	<b>Timeframes / Priority</b>	<b>Council Plan Goals</b>
Community Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Car boot sales – produce, old wares, fruit, meat and hay</li> <li>• Farmers market, Earthcore, farming festival, Christmas party (with relevant music), music festival or event once per year</li> <li>• Community coffee mornings</li> <li>• More activities for young people – discos, live music, blue light disco at least once per year</li> <li>• More social activities for over 50's</li> <li>• More activities in the pub</li> <li>• More involvement from more people</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Undera Community Development Group (UCDG)</li> <li>• Greater Shepparton City Council (GSCC)</li> <li>• Undera Businesses</li> <li>• Mooroopna Blue Light Disco Committee</li> <li>• Media Outlets</li> <li>• Undera Recreation Reserve COM</li> <li>• Undera Recreation Reserve User Groups</li> </ul>		Social
Retention of Sporting Clubs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Try to retain all sporting clubs, i.e. tennis, football and netball, as this provides a lot of social activity</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UCDG</li> <li>• Undera Recreation Reserve COM</li> <li>• Sporting Clubs</li> <li>• Valley Sports</li> </ul>		Social
Newsletter / Social Media presence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Town information – hard copy newsletter and online presence (social media)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UCDG</li> <li>• Undera Primary School</li> <li>• GSCC</li> </ul>		Social
Community Chest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A local 'community chest' where funds are raised for community activities / improvements</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UCDG</li> <li>• Community Fund Goulburn Valley</li> </ul>		Social

<b>Goal</b> <i>Enhancing the Environment</i>	<b>Actions</b>	<b>Partnerships</b>	<b>Timeframes / Priority</b>	<b>Council Plan Goals</b>
Rubbish Removal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop rubbish dumps next to the national park entrance to reduce the amount of rubbish dumped in the national park</li> <li>• Develop a large recycling centre for cans</li> <li>• Reduce tip fees to prevent roadside dumping</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UCDG</li> <li>• GSCC</li> <li>• Parks Victoria</li> <li>• Resource GV</li> </ul>		Natural
Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop parkland at the Recreation Reserve with basketball courts and a playground</li> <li>• Construct a man-made lake with play equipment for kids</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UCDG</li> <li>• Undera Recreation Reserve COM</li> <li>• DEPI</li> <li>• GSCC</li> <li>• Recreation Reserve Users</li> </ul>		Natural
Landscaping Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More tree planting in the township and better maintenance of existing trees – particularly indigenous plantings to encourage wildlife</li> <li>• Removal of ‘pest’ trees, weeds and Bindiis</li> <li>• Improved roadside reserves – more regular slashing, tree planting</li> <li>• Better maintenance of tracks leading to the river to improve access e.g. McCoy’s Bridge</li> <li>• Clean up road reserves and mow northern side around the trees</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UCDG</li> <li>• GSCC</li> <li>• Landcare</li> <li>• Vic Roads</li> <li>• Parks Victoria</li> </ul>		Natural

<b>Goals</b>	<b>Actions</b>	<b>Partnerships</b>	<b>Timeframes / Priority</b>	<b>Council Plan Goals</b>
<b>Economic Prosperity</b>				
Better mobile network coverage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advocate development of a mobile phone tower and better mobile network coverage – preferably Telstra</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Telstra</li> <li>• UCDG</li> <li>• GSCC</li> </ul>		Economic
Population Growth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advocate for connection of town water and sewerage to encourage growth and subdivision</li> <li>• Stop loss of irrigation water from the district</li> <li>• Improved employment opportunities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GV Water</li> <li>• GM Water</li> <li>• UCDG</li> <li>• State Member</li> </ul>		Economic
Tourism opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop signs to show how to access the river</li> <li>• Investigate sewerage discharge point for caravans and BBQ area for travellers – possibly at the Recreation Reserve and turn it into an overnight stopping point</li> <li>• Promotion of hotel and general store</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UCDG</li> <li>• Parks Victoria</li> <li>• EPA</li> <li>• GSCC</li> <li>• Media Outlets</li> </ul>		Economic
Increase more business opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encourage more shops and local businesses, produce store, bakery / cafe, butcher, fresh food market (with more accessible and less restrictive permits), farm gate sales from orchards</li> <li>• Investigate a Petrol station</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UCDG</li> <li>• Shepparton Business Centre</li> <li>• GSCC</li> <li>• Business Owners</li> </ul>		Economic

<b>Goals</b> <i>Quality Infrastructure</i>	<b>Actions</b>	<b>Partnerships</b>	<b>Timeframes / Priority</b>	<b>Council Plan Goal</b>
Recreation Reserve Upgrade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improved facilities for netball, tennis and football – improved pavilion with meeting facilities, disabled access, improved change facilities, toilets for netball, two new netball / tennis courts, improved toilet block, change facilities for female umpires, expansion of social room, construction of verandah across front of building, new bar area on west side of the function room.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UCDG</li> <li>Undera Recreation Reserve COM</li> <li>Undera Recreation Reserve User Groups</li> <li>DEPI</li> <li>Funding Bodies</li> <li>GSCC</li> </ul>		Built
Children / Youth Spaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Skate park</li> <li>Dirt track</li> <li>Swimming pool</li> <li>Local park with playground</li> <li>An occasional childcare centre and after school care</li> <li>Develop a pony club</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UCDG</li> <li>GSCC</li> <li>Youth Organisations in the municipality</li> <li>Goulburn Region Pre-School Association</li> <li>Undera Primary School</li> <li>Undera Recreation Reserve COM</li> </ul>		Built
Streetscape	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More car space and car parks</li> <li>Retain phone box</li> <li>Installation of bus shelters</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UCDG</li> <li>GSCC</li> <li>Telstra</li> </ul>		Built
Trails	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Horse trail riding opportunities</li> <li>Walking / cycling path to Shepparton, Mooroopna or Echuca. Extend roadside shoulder from Starrit Rd to Undera township on Echuca Road</li> <li>Improvements to the roads (e.g. fix up pot holes on Wheller Road; seal main dirt roads; seal the bus route along Fidge Rd, O'Brien Rd and Sleeth Rd)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UCDG</li> <li>GSCC</li> <li>Vic Roads</li> <li>Funding bodies</li> </ul>		Built



Amenities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Upgrade toilets at speedway and develop an agreement so that they can be accessed during football games</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UCDG</li> <li>GSCC</li> <li>DEPI</li> <li>Funding bodies</li> <li>Undera Recreation Reserve COM</li> <li>Undera Speedway</li> <li>Undera Football / Netball Club</li> </ul>		Built
<b>Goal</b> <i>Arts, Heritage, Local identity</i>	<b>Actions</b>	<b>Partnerships</b>	<b>Timeframes / Priorities</b>	<b>Goal</b>
History Museum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>History Museum or erection of information boards to recognise the people who shaped Undera's history – agriculturalists, soldiers, etc. This could occur around outside of existing hall and inside existing hall, or in the old CFA shed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Undera Memorial Hall COM</li> <li>UCDG</li> <li>GSCC</li> </ul>		Culture
Town Hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintenance and preservation of town hall</li> <li>Sympathetic demolition of the town hall and restoration of the facade of the hall, maintaining as much local history in this structure as possible</li> <li>Complete demolition of the hall, whilst preserving some of the bricks to construct a soldier's memorial (cenotaph) for Anzac Day and Remembrance Day events – possibly near a potential travellers rest stop</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Undera Memorial Hall COM</li> <li>UCDG</li> <li>GSCC</li> <li>RSL</li> <li>Heritage Adviser</li> </ul>		
Aboriginal artwork	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aboriginal artwork – need to discuss further details with elders</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UCDG</li> <li>Rumbalara</li> </ul>		