

Appendix #5

Table 5.1: the list of community objectives and community goals which the objective addresses

Objectives	Goals the objective addresses
	Five goals
Forrest Gateway to the Otways Centre (incorporating a bushfire place of last resort)	Bushfire Safe, Economy, Infrastructure, Cared-for Community, Secure Future
Change town planning character overlay (post-bushfire)	Bushfire Safe, Economy, Infrastructure, Cared-for Community, Secure Future
Integrated water management plan (water supply, tanks, reuse and stormwater)	Bushfire Safe, Economy, Infrastructure, Cared-for Community, Secure Future
Improve stability of power supply (outages occur regularly)	Bushfire Safe, Economy, Infrastructure, Cared-for Community, Secure Future
Improve internet access (mobile and fixed) and communications infrastructure generally	Bushfire Safe, Economy, Infrastructure, Cared-for Community, Secure Future
	Four goals
Housing options for local workers, including encouraging more permanent housing at caravan park	Economy, Infrastructure, Cared-for Community, Secure Future
Options for farms to build second dwellings (change to zoning laws)	Economy, Infrastructure, Cared-for Community, Secure Future
More permanent housing options	Economy, Infrastructure, Cared-for Community, Secure Future
Enabling housing for long-term residents rather than B&Bs	Economy, Infrastructure, Cared-for Community, Secure Future
Increased options for short-term accommodation	Economy, Infrastructure, Cared-for Community, Secure Future
Upgrade facilities at Mountain Bike Trail hub for tourist and community use	Economy, Infrastructure, Cared-for Community, Secure Future
Better access to public transport (e.g. use the rail trail to link to Birregurra or improve bus service)	Economy, Infrastructure, Cared-for Community, Secure Future
Build a new caravan park at the Rec Reserve/use it as camping overflow at times of high tourist congestion	Economy, Infrastructure, Cared-for Community, Secure Future
Access for non-powered boats including canoes and kayaks on Barwon Reservoir, either open access or permitted access for annual triathlon	Economy, Infrastructure, Cared-for Community, Secure Future
Epic Mountain Bike Trail around the perimeter of the Barwon Reservoir	Economy, Infrastructure, Cared-for Community, Secure Future
	Three goals
Roundabout at Brewery corner & proper crossing	Economy, Infrastructure, Cared-for Community
Creative in-town wayfinding signage designed with local art groups	Economy, Infrastructure, Cared-for Community

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Art gallery and studio (perhaps at old CFA building)	Economy, Infrastructure, Cared-for Community
Upgrade hall to remove asbestos and improve facility for performances	Economy, Infrastructure, Cared-for Community
Upgrade heating/air conditioning at the hall	Economy, Infrastructure, Cared-for Community
Connect Barwon Downs and Forrest with a walking/horseriding/ bike track (not necessarily rail trail, possibly along channel)	Economy, Infrastructure, Cared-for Community
Continue Rail Trail to Barwon Downs and then Birregurra	Economy, Infrastructure, Cared-for Community
Public art on the water-tower	Economy, Cared-for Community, Secure Future
Street art on reservoir wall	Economy, Cared-for Community, Secure Future
Health and wellbeing precinct	Economy, Cared-for Community, Secure Future
Arts trail & sculpture walk along Barwon River	Economy, Cared-for Community, Secure Future
Investigate alternative crops to encourage new businesses	Economy, Cared-for Community, Secure Future
Stock the Barwon Reservoir with estuary perch, a native fish species	Economy, Cared-for Community, Secure Future
All-abilities infrastructure access to the reservoir for fishing	Economy, Infrastructure, Cared-for Community
Swimming hole, swimming platform on the river's edge, downstream from the catchment	Economy, Infrastructure, Cared-for Community
Recognition and preservation of original Forrest Station site	Economy, Infrastructure, Cared-for Community
More action on wastewater	Economy, Infrastructure, Secure Future
Wastewater treatment (for reuse e.g. crops)	Economy, Infrastructure, Secure Future
Waste to energy	Economy, Infrastructure, Secure Future
Weed eradication program (e.g. holly and blackberry removal between Hennigan Cres & reservoir); set up Forrest LandCare to do this in partnership with DELWP	Bushfire Safe, Economy, Cared-for Community
Caravan park that retains its affordability and community connectedness	Infrastructure, Cared-for Community, Secure Future
Roof-top solar program for community observing social equity	Infrastructure, Cared-for Community, Secure Future
Fresh inspection of buildings and sites for heritage listing	Infrastructure, Cared-for Community, Secure Future
Retain community involvement/management of the Forrest Common and caravan park sites	Infrastructure, Cared-for Community, Secure Future
Expand the Common to full 5 acres/Develop Forrest Common in line with Master Plan	Infrastructure, Cared-for Community, Secure Future

Objectives	Goals the objective addresses
	Two goals
Bushfire place of last resort	Bushfire Safe, Infrastructure
Second CFA truck	Bushfire Safe, Cared-for Community
Prohibit camping on Forrest Common	Bushfire Safe, Cared-for Community
Greater access to tennis courts	Economy, Cared-for Community
Citizen science projects/school education	Economy, Cared-for Community
Create a Forrest History Centre	Economy, Cared-for Community
Coordinated plan to promote Forrest as a foodie destination	Economy, Secure Future
Solar farm	Infrastructure, Secure Future
Public toilet improvements	Infrastructure, Cared-for Community
Better road signage on Turner Dve (40km/hr), traffic calming measures (e.g. speed humps)	Infrastructure, Cared-for Community
Footpath on eastern side of road from town to Barwon Reservoir (trail on western side of road plus fire break could be repurposed to avoid destroying bushland)	Infrastructure, Cared-for Community
Address dangerous crossing at Grant St and Tip Rd	Infrastructure, Cared-for Community
Community gardens (possibly at school or caravan park)	Cared-for Community, Secure Future
Link the school with the arts proposals (listed above)	Cared-for Community, Secure Future
Energy microgrid(s)	Cared-for Community, Secure Future
	One goal
Remove native trees from roadsides	Bushfire Safe
Service road carparking	Economy
Bus parking	Economy
Town beautification (e.g. tree planting on Henry/Station Sts)	Cared-for Community

The list of community priorities

To help achieve the five goals, a number of priorities have been identified by the community. Some are the responsibility of government and council, public or private enterprises and organisations, and others may be priorities the community can take on. Many priorities are in progress and completion could pave the way for further ideas. Investments and project decisions should be made in line with the goals, values and priorities and with respect to the outcomes of extensive consultations that have informed this Plan. The impact of the Plan and meeting these goals will reach far beyond the population of Forrest & District.

Gateway to the Otways Centre: The Gateway to the Otways Centre is a community-led initiative for driving climate and economic adaptation, resilience and recovery, while celebrating the unique and accessible beauty of the Otway Ranges. The project involves constructing a best-practice, fire-

adapted building which will have everyday use as a community and visitor hub, a research and learning centre and a co-located CFA fire station. The design enables the Centre to operate as a Bushfire Place of Last Resort and will help achieve all five community goals.

Integrated Water Management Plan incorporating new wastewater infrastructure: The lack of suitable wastewater facilities in Forrest is an impediment to community development and poses a public health risk. Installing new wastewater infrastructure will advance many other improvements, such as residential development and health and wellbeing. Developing a fully integrated water management plan will set up the community for a sustainable future and help achieve all five community goals. Wastewater infrastructure is an urgent priority.

Mountain Bike Trails Design Project: Upgrading the mountain bike trail facilities and trail network will help achieve four community goals. Upgraded trails will also benefit horse-riders and walkers. This project has been through extensive community consultation, and with funding, can be realised quickly.

Revitalised Forrest Common (and Forrest Caravan Park) precinct: The Forrest Common located on Station Street is a 1.5ha township parkland that is well used by the community and visitors and includes a playground, tennis courts, car park, picnic and BBQ facility, and expansive lawn area. A Master Plan developed by the community and Colac Otway Shire in 2019 to revitalise this precinct has been endorsed and is awaiting funding. The Forrest Caravan Park is a leased area adjoining this precinct and is due for lease renewal in 2021. Addressing these will help achieve four community goals.

Improve communications infrastructure: Many residents noted frustrations with poor internet and mobile service. Not only are these safety concerns for residents – bushfire safety information is increasingly moving online, and the defunding of the ABC puts their crucial bushfire services at risk. It is also an impediment to local business growth and affects education opportunities for youth and the whole community. This will help with all five goals.

Changes to zoning laws to allow residential development on agricultural land adjacent to township boundary: The lack of housing for residents is a central problem in the community. Changes to zoning laws is a step toward fixing this problem. Development adjacent to and within township boundaries will support the school and local businesses and provide access to services where a bushfire place of last resort can be provided and the CFA and Police are present. This will facilitate development of housing both for locals and tourist accommodation and will help with four community goals.

Regular public transport links: A once-weekly bus to Birregurra, Colac and Apollo Bay is a clear lack of accessibility. More frequent bus services to local centres will provide mobility for local residents and reduce reliance on private cars, improving health and wellbeing. This will help with four community goals.

Community garden: An integrated community garden with the Forrest Learning Centre will help with two community goals, and will be easily achievable as the garden at the school already exists.

Second CFA truck: An appropriately resourced volunteer firefighting brigade fulfils two community goals and will go a long way toward assisting with bushfire safety, and is a 'quick win' for which there has been strong community support and fundraising.