

Thornton & Rubicon Community Plan 2023-2028

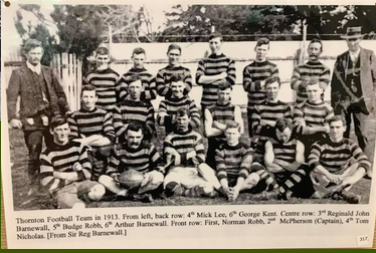
A rich history starts in the mountains
and flows to the rivers and flat lands
below. Striving to grow and prosper
our friendly and hospitable townships.



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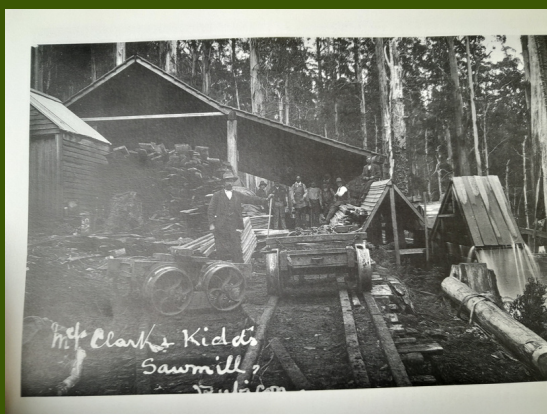
We acknowledge the Taungurung people as the Traditional Owners of this land. We pay our respects to their leaders and Elders, past present and emerging, for they forever hold the memories, traditions, culture and hopes of all Taungurung people.



Remembering the rich history beginning with the Taungurung People.

Embracing our current assets including the forests and rivers, great local businesses, our football club, CFA and community members.

Working towards the future we want for Thornton and Rubicon.



Thornton Rubicon Priority Ideas

The following ideas were voted as priorities and have Action Teams formed to implement the project:

- 'Learn to Ride' pathways painted onto old netball courts
- History markers around the town and district, share our rich history
- Christmas decorations for Thornton
- Advocacy to Council and other authorities regarding Thornton streetscape as well as track and trails in the area
- Rec Reserve advisory group, working with Council to identify priority improvements at the site

Other ideas with strong community support during the March 2023 voting process:

- More music festivals and music events generally
- School-holiday movies at the hall
- Advisory group on tourist information needs including map, signs and town entries
- Table tennis comp
- Community events at Tumbling Waters
- Pop-up op-shop in January or Easter
- Reactivate the community hall as a community space
- History weekend event and/or website of local stories

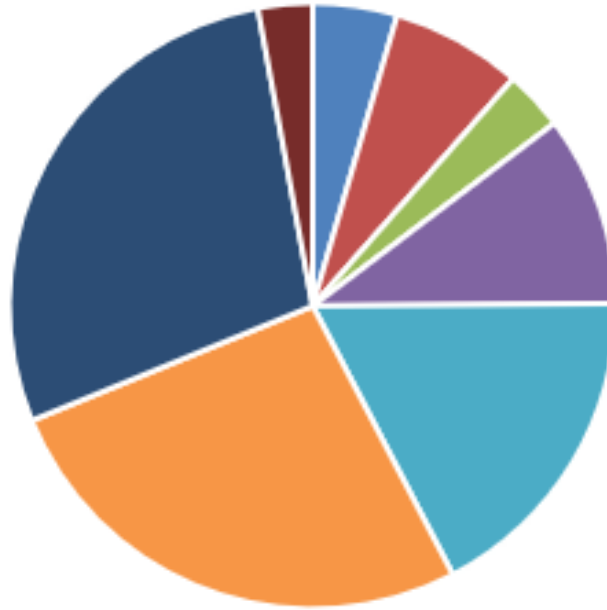
The full list of ideas that were considered for voting is included as an Appendix



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Thornton Rubicon Population from Australian Bureau of Statistics 2021 Population of 311 people.

How old are we?



■ Under 5s (5%)

■ Aged 5 - 14 (7%)

■ Aged 15-19 (3%)

■ Aged 20-34 (10%)

■ Aged 35-49 (18%)

■ Aged 50-64 (27%)

■ Aged 65 -84 (28%)

■ Aged 85 and over (3%)



Thornton Rubicon Community Planning Story

"Thornton Rubicon Community Group" formed – 7 members to guide community planning

Launch Dinner
At Rubicon Hotel
November 2022 &
collecting ideas

Refine the ideas for
Thornton-Rubicon
January 2023 into topics

Topic 1: 'The Great
Outdoors'
Recreation chat at
Thornton Beach

Topic 2: 'History and
Culture'
Chat at Thornton Football
Club

Topic 3: 'Community
Connection' chat at
Thornton CFA

Community Prioritisation
Session at Thornton Hall
& Voting for Ideas to
progress

Create and Implement
Thornton-Rubicon
Community Plan





Appendix:

FULL LIST of ideas that were put to the vote on Wednesday 29th March 2023:

Quick Wins:

1. Christmas tree and decorations in Thornton
2. Learn-to-ride (bikes) track for kids at old netball court (with tracks painted on asphalt)
3. Newcomers events such as dinners
4. Community events at Tumbling Waters
5. More music festivals and music events generally
6. Community dinners at the footy club
7. Regular board-games nights
8. Table-tennis comp
9. School-holiday movies at the hall

Longer term projects:

1. Cenotaph for RSL at the hall
2. History markers - tell the story of the history of key sites including hall and old hall, including Taungurung, 'white settlers', timber/rail/hydro
3. History weekend event and/or website of local stories
4. Reactivate the Memorial Hall as a community space – getting a range of activities happening there. (Committee of Management would be the first step)
5. Create a seniors community group
6. Murals around town and at Tumbling Waters toilets
7. Fancy scoreboard at football ground which could then also be used for outdoor cinema
8. Community vegetable patch near the old netball court, community compost, recycling
9. Exercise and wellbeing classes
10. Pop-up op-shop in January or Easter such as garage sale or a community co-op
11. Advocacy group for river-improvement issues including improved access to the river, Thornton Beach (more accessible with tables and chairs), weed control, car parking
12. Thornton Streetscape advocacy group – liaising with Council on priorities for paths, trees, signage, safety, beautification of crossroads
13. Trails and tracks advocacy group – working with DEECA, Parks Vic and Council on identifying priorities such as to Tumbling Waters and through to Rubicon, Eildon (connecting to Blue Gums), Alexandra and the Great Victorian Rail Trail.
14. Friends of the Thornton Beach – to work with authorities on improving the Thornton Beach and surrounding paths and trails (including the existing track along river)
15. Update the football club room to have a useable space, kitchen, meeting room. A multi-purpose space.
16. Create an annual bike-riding event – it is already a popular circuit for riders, so make an event of it.
17. A community-managed garden of indigenous plantings at the rec reserve
18. Free mini-golf at rec reserve – a community asset

Ideas that were collected but are not easily brought to life by the community. These have been passed to relevant authorities for their consideration:

1. Cat curfew
2. Clean-up Rubicon Village
3. Section off the grass in front of caravan park to create a stop off picnic area
4. Improve the façade of the community hall
5. Refreshed toilet block exterior
6. Info board with local tourist attractions
7. Public BBQ near the footy club and at Tumbling Waters
8. Shade sail at Tumbling Waters
9. Info board and signage at both entries to town - from Rubicon and from Alex
10. Signage for public toilets at footy ground
11. Improve streetscape on Back Eildon Road to Goulburn River and include paths
12. A locality map for visitors outside the pub eg. Fishing info maps
13. Scenic drive maps
14. Information map/board near intersection
15. Improve walking trail signage, info, maps
16. More picnic tables for people passing through town, with local info available
17. Info board at Tumbling Waters highlighting Rubicon region, with road signage
18. Oval road fixed for walking safely (track around oval?)
19. Footpaths in the town area such as to caravan park and shops
20. Improve the surrounds of football ground - very muddy to walk / upgrade the Rec Reserve
21. Footbridge alongside the bridge over the Goulburn / other safe pedestrian access option
22. Exercise equipment at rec reserve (outdoor gym)
23. E-vehicle charging station
24. More campsites

Please get in touch if you'd like to get involved. People power is what will get things done, by us for us.

Thornton Rubicon 3712 Community Plan Facebook page.
You can also contact Council to find out more 5772 0333
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