



STRATEGIC COMMUNITY

PLAN WORKSHOP

Shire of Dandaragan

DANDARAGAN

RESULTS



Tuesday 30 August 2011

Dandaragan Recreation Community Club

SUMMARY

53 people from the community of Dandaragan gathered together to discuss what they love about their community, what they would like to see change, key opportunities and key projects or investments they would like to see happen.

The following workshop results outline the key assets that were brainstormed on the night and were subsequently grouped together by the facilitator. The results also show the key constraints that the community believe are holding them back or not allowing them to reach their full potential. The community also identified key opportunities for Dandaragan. These are all listed as they were written by the community. If a number is behind the idea that shows how many people also had the same idea.

After the brainstorming session, the community broke into four small groups and problem solved and developed some creative responses to the constraints, maximising the opportunities and ensuring the assets are kept through whatever development process the community chooses. The results from those four groups are presented. Where the group chose priority investments or projects, the priorities are shown in the table.

These results will be further developed into the Community Strategic Plan. However, the results do belong to the community so please distribute and discuss more broadly with your family, friends and community groups. The next process involving the community will be held later in the year.

ASSETS - WHAT ARE THE THINGS THAT ARE GREAT ABOUT DANDARAGAN?

<p>Beautiful landscape Pretty countryside Hills Trees, redgum, grasstrees Soft rolling hills Picturesque Beauty Native Flora Wildflowers Red gum trees Attractive landscape Running creeks Connectivity with ecosystem space</p>	<p>Community infrastructure and services Tourists report best caravan park in Australia Schooling DCRC Club - one club for everyone (3) Repertory Club Shop Wolba Cottage</p>	<p>Community spirit and values Community spirit (5) United and cohesive community Friendly Community energy Community spirit Family Neighbourly Good community values Enthusiasm for town People (5) Community Cares Volunteers Freedom Sense of place and space People - intergenerational Proactive people with good core values Kids, family Happy healthy people Children Talented people</p>	<p>Location Country Climate God's country Close to markets Close to coast, close to city, but live in the bush (2) Place one wants to be Short distance to Perth (2)</p>
<p>Business TiWest - having a major employer near town Range of industry - ag, mining, hort, opportunity for growth</p>	<p>Safety Security- can leave your door open Freedom for kids - like the good old days Great place to raise children</p>	<p>Farming Blowflies Fat lambs and good crops Rich soils and rainfall for a wide ranging diverse types of agriculture and horticulture operations Red soil Diversity of farming opportunities Diversity of products and occupations</p>	<p>Climate Water (2) Rainfall good with the exception 2010 Consistent rainfall Rainfall (2) Secure rainfall and climate - half average is a normal season elsewhere Good climate - well maybe not summer</p>
	<p>Town Tidy and clean</p>	<p>Sports Dandy Saints Footy Club Playground Sporting facilities Sport (2)</p>	

OPPORTUNITIES FOR DANDARAGAN

Tourism

- Farm tours
- Farm tours for city visitors to find out where their food comes from/how farms operate etc
- Develop bush walk for visitors

Recreation and sport

- BMX bike track
- Skate park
- Shade for playground
- Lighting for playground
- Motorcross track
- Horsey things get bigger - lots around now
- More sporting teams
- Sporting opportunities for adults and children

Education

Health services visit fortnightly

Community and leadership

- To raise active interactive happy children
- To belong - feel a sense of purpose
- To plan now for our future
- We're restrained by being totally dominated by retirees on this coastal strip which is not their fault but a planning disaster - Gingin rural and Dandaragan rural should be one Shire

Land

- Create sub-division
- Cheap land to attract businesses eg IT those that don't need to be in city
- Land and facility availability

Community bus

Community facilities/activities

- Outdoor cinema eg Aggies Lake in summer
- Occupy Shire houses - too many are empty
- Occupy empty houses on main street
- Get café, giving job opportunities

Industry/business

- Use wheat straw
- Opportunity to brand Dandaragan produce
- Local fresh produce markets
- Making our sands more productive - we have rainfall and sun and groundwater
- New markets for Dandaragan produce
- Downstream processing of products
- Dandaragan lamb - abattoirs
- Manufacturing - abattoir Joanna Plains to continue
- Cottage industry
- Wool treatment

- Producing power locally - much more efficient - wind, solar
- Absorb activities pushed out by Perth expansion
- A food producing marketing centre (branded)
- Irrigation
- Even more diversity of farming/horticulture
- Potato farming expansion
- Create new businesses
- Centre pivots - irrigation

Aged care and retirees

- Aged care housing and services
- Aged housing - renovate Shire duplex's
- Retiree's tree change village
- Develop aged care precinct - lower costs than Perth - safe - medical centre

CONSTRAINTS

Future development

- Lack of land for community growth and expansion
- More land for residential and light industry needs to be released
- Cost of headworks for developing blocks in town
- Cost of headworks
- Sub-division
- Price of land
- Lack of available land for new houses
- Lack of small blocks of land - many people looking for rural blocks

Fuel costs in future

Water regulations over regulated

Is mining here long-term?

Infrastructure

- Reliable power supply
- Mobile reception
- Internet access - lack of data speed

More people, more jobs

January and February

Aged housing and services

- Lack of senior independent accommodation
- Aged care housing
- Need retirement homes so aged don't have to leave paradise
- Aged accommodation
- Oldies need community transport

Lack of promotion for Dandaragan

- No focal point to town
- Town statements down main road

Volunteers

- Volunteer burn-out
- Lack of volunteers
- Worn out volunteers
- Volunteer groups are overworked
- Ways to engage younger people (20 - 40) interest in community
- The community is getting old, the young ones are too busy

Maintaining Australian ownership of Australian farms and businesses

Not enough time available

Roads

- Road maintenance not up to standard
- Better roads
- Funds for better infrastructure (roads, future rail)

- Safer passages through timbered verges

No café

No local walks for residents or visitors

Climate variability

Water

- Town water supply
- Water supply needs development to progress

Better communication between all parties involved

Decisions made by local government

Lack of communication information about availability of grant monies

Secondary schooling

- Lack of choice - most kids go to boarding school

Soils

- Variability
- Poor white sands

Sport and recreation

- Lack of gym
- Soccer club
- Shade cloth over community playground
- Skate park for scooters, bikes and skateboards
- Golf course

Young people

- More for the children
- Lack of things for kids to do
- Youth entertainment
- Water park/pool for children
- Lighting for playground
- Small skate park

Bush

WHAT DO WE NEED TO INVEST IN?

GROUP 1

SCRIBE: TONY NOTTLE

- Increased power and water capacity
- Hot air ballooning - adventure tourism
- Energy local production - wind, sun
- ATM
- Outdoor theatre at Aggies Cottage
- Youth shed turned into a gym
- Encourage services to come to town - can use CRC
- Establishing the Dandaragan brand - produce, collaborative branding
- Aged care - transport - community bus, access to services (health)
- Horticulture developments - diversification
- Accommodation for backpackers/travellers etc
- Emergency water
- Food availability on weekends - interesting and fun, cafes, cultural displays, tourism, bushwalking
- Access to deep bore water - bring back into town, self help scheme
- Arboretum - attraction, tours
- Land release - rural residential, townsite blocks, need a landbank, address headworks costs
- Infrastructure to keep youth/young adults - café, swimming pool, water park, skate park
- Increased interaction with current and future mining companies, influence to help with community infrastructure
- Expanded hall services
- Independent aged people homes - land
- Fresh food markets
- Abattoir

GROUP 2

SCRIBE: BOB BOWER AND TIM BAILEY

- Communications (**Priority 1**) telecommunications - mobile phone reception, NBN, more towers
- Aged care services - shire/state aged care, with conditions for locals - transport and fitness activities for older people (**Priority 2**)
- Land for residential development and land for lifestyle (10 - 100 acres) and land for industries (**Priority 3**)
- Heritage farm to attract tourism and create jobs, trails for tourists, amusement park, animals
- Conditional camping - 24 hrs free, campfire rings, stigma of Shire rules for caravans/campers/tourists, van park in town good but need fire rings
- Power and water - need more (**Priority 4**)
- Young people need to be involved to leap
- Good top notch ambulance
- Upgrade fuel depot to 24 hr access (**Priority 5**)
- Conference room - set up CRC, continue to build, café, professionals - lawyer,

GROUP 2**SCRIBE: BOB BOWER AND TIM BAILEY**accountant, optician, speech therapist, physiotherapist (**Priority 6**)

- Produce market day - "Taste of Dandaragan" - oranges, olives, sweet potatoes, beef
- Lighting for playground
- Small town does not need to be hamstrung by the social problems of larger towns
- Livestock/abattoir marketing our resources
- Biodiesel plant - alternative energy

GROUP 3**SCRIBE: IAN RENNIE**

- Road infrastructure (Brand Highway, Dandaragan Road)
- Water supplies for subdivision
- Town lots and small rural lots
- Light industrial area and access
- Accommodation for employees (short-term)
- More promotion for town
- Better signage on Brand Highway
- Second education (need choice)
- Sporting opportunities
- Invest in volunteers to stop burnout
- Grass green golf course
- Change to State policies (flexibility) **Priority 1**
- Aged care - independent living
- Skate park/BMX bike track
- More intensive agriculture industry
- Water allocation for agriculture industry
- Community bus
- Communications - internet improved, increased mobile coverage
- Support for existing clubs
- Attract business
- Support school
- Attract new residents
- Promote lifestyle

GROUP 4**SCRIBE: SHANE LOVE / HELLENE MCTAGGART**

- People - capacity - volunteer support
- People - population - healthy existence
- Infrastructure - mobile reception, internet - to be more attractive for small business
- Land - range of subdivision options (**Priority 2**)
- Need temporary accommodation for seasonal workers
- Annual iconic event to put Dandaragan on the map and attract people
- Water (underground resources) to stay in our region (preserved for our use) - regional water plan (**Priority 1**)

GROUP 4**SCRIBE: SHANE LOVE / HELLENE MCTAGGART**

- Equine industry, industry agriculture (horticulture), infrastructure eg potatoes
- Carbon footprint - renewable energy, environmentally sustainable shire, opportunities to link/contribute renewable energy to grid (plus gas line), synergies with intensive industries, opportunity to brand our produce as “environmentally sustainable/carbon neutral” **(Priority 3)**
- Landholder incentives/joint venture between private and other (possibly LGA) for major infrastructure projects that will enable/promote development - main issues water and electricity
- Retirement/lifestyle options (housing) - need land
- Childcare - attract younger families
- Tourism/temporary workers recreation options (walking trails etc)
- Keeping our facilities at optimal working condition - playgrounds lighting and other community facilities
- Access to local produce - in local shops, available to locals and tourists
- Skate park - BMX track, teenage recreation