

# COMMUNITY INFORMATION UPDATE

## Rebranding

We would like community input on the best name to describe our unique project that reflects:

- ✦ The heritage and history of the site
- ✦ The local culture
- ✦ The Community focus.

We will be running a competition to seek ideas and there will be a \$ 100 prize for the winning entry.

Please submit your ideas to:

[community3875@outlook.com](mailto:community3875@outlook.com)

The winner will be decided via a poll by the community groups and published in the third edition of this newsletter.

## How can you get involved?

Come along to the next meeting to be held on Sunday 13th July 2025 and join a group discussion.

Alternatively email us with your ideas and how you would like to be involved at [community3875@outlook.com](mailto:community3875@outlook.com)



## Second Community Meeting

At the first meeting at the end of March 2025 it was quite apparent that attendees were supportive of improving the old Geriatric Centre Site and all of its buildings for future use by the broader community. We talked of our vision for community ownership, governance and management and to that end we invite you to attend a subsequent meeting on site to contribute your ideas in greater detail.

The meeting will be for 90 minutes on Sunday 13th July 2025 at 3 pm. We will discuss the suggestions made for how to raise the funds to purchase the site in greater detail. We will also discuss the best legal entity to use and how to accommodate the themes that were identified at the last meeting.

We are still collating information about the existing buildings their uses and condition which will help inform our discussion for the future.

## What Help is Needed?

Initially we will be focused on acquiring the site and will be supported by organisations with expertise in this area. If you would like to help but haven't been involved in a project like this before, don't be put off, we can learn together in a friendly environment.

Have you tried your hand at Project management before or community governance?

Perhaps you have done some administrative work or you are a whiz at home with your own filing and office work.

Do you know how to develop a web page or social media content? If not would you like to learn how in a friendly group?

Fundraising is another area we will be tackling and would love to hear your ideas or suggestions.

Later there will be a need for other activities, for example, building, woodworking, painting, gardening, cleaning to name just a few. We will probably need someone who can operate a barbecue too.

## How Often will we Meet?

Initially we are planning for the three groups (community ownership, governance and management) to meet every month on the second Sunday afternoon of the month.

It is important to keep the momentum going on a monthly basis but then each group can vary this as necessary.



## A Reminder of the Themes

1. Housing - mixed, affordable and attractive
2. Community Centre - multi use, education, health focus
3. Outdoor Space - to grow food, gather, walk, cycle, park
4. Arts and Culture
5. Business - indoor/outdoor markets, start ups, cottage industry, cafe
6. Education
7. Accommodation for community organisations
8. Childcare facilities

### *Principles:*

All of the 8 themes will need to be achieved with over arching environmental sustainability, waste minimisation and respect for the history and heritage of the site.

### *How can we achieve the above?*

Re-use existing buildings

Build additions/extensions

Refurbish/renovate

Design gardens

New buildings

Would buildings be for sale or rent?

How could we run the site? A caretaker? A Board of Directors?

Please have a really good think about what would be the best and highest use of the site to achieve the above 8 themes that can be sustained into the future for the current and next generation of locals.

Next Meeting  
 Sunday July 13th 2025  
 3pm to 4:30pm  
 At the Organic Resource Centre  
 (Organic Agricultural Assoc. Inc)  
 Entrance off 14 McKean St, Bairnsdale