

Carlisle River Township Master Plan Report

**Prepared for the Colac Otway Shire
on behalf of the Carlisle River Community**

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1.0 Background

In September 2003, the Colac Otway Shire engaged THA Landscape Architects to prepare a Township Master Plan for the township of Carlisle River.

Design proposals and development strategies prepared for the township are based on the project brief prepared by the Colac Otway Shire, combined with community and steering committee meetings, discussions with community members, a comprehensive township site analysis, a review of available literature, use of aerial photography for analysis purposes and our professional response to the visual character and community needs of the township.

This report and associated plans have been prepared as a basis for:

- identifying the existing character of the township;
- establishing a framework for the future direction of urban design development in the township.
- recommended design concepts and actions to be undertaken in the short, medium and long term.

The Township Master Plan has been developed to provide short, medium and long term development opportunities for Carlisle River and is an important tool for sourcing funds for implementation of specific actions. The level of design detailing provided at this stage is low – with concepts and development strategies proposed in a generalised manner only. Further detailing & documentation of design concepts is required to more accurately estimate the cost of works and enable tendering and construction.

The Steering Committee met three times during the study period and was comprised of the following representatives:

Councillor Stephen Hart

Councillor Stuart Hart

Cressi Golding (Business & Community Development Officer - Colac Otway Shire)

Paula Gardiner (Engineering Department – Colac Otway Shire)

1.1 Project Scope

The following points provide a list of key issues that required specific attention as stated in the project brief developed by the Colac Otway Shire:

- Provision for a clear strategic direction for the development of the town in respect to streetscape and public land issues;
- Consideration of the physical and natural environment of the town;
- Recognition and appropriate treatment of heritage assets / heritage character throughout the town;
- Initiative to improve the township environment.

The Township Master Plan for each town should provide and identify:

- A plan indicating the concepts to be developed and actions to be taken; and
- A series of cost effective and sustainable options for action by the community and Council.

2.0 Community Consultation

To achieve a clear understanding of the specific needs of the community, the project brief required a high level of community consultation from the commencement of the project and in particular during the analysis stage of the project and the community design assessment and review stage.

A summary of the community consultation methodology undertaken for the town follows:

- Placement of advertisements in local newsletters and postage of flyers to each household advising of the master planning process etc.
- Preliminary steering committee meeting with the specific aim of this meeting being to collect available base information and to be briefed by Council officers in relation to the history, current initiatives, current topics and key community requirements & expectations.
- An initial site inspection / analysis to gain a preliminary understanding of the town prior to attending the public meeting.
- Attendance at a public meeting (September 25, 2003) held at the Carlisle River hall. The primary aim of the initial public meetings was to receive feedback from the community with regard to the way the community felt about their community, the community aims for the future development of their township, likes and dislikes about the township, visions for the future development of the township and specific issues local relating to the community / township development plans. This meeting was attended by Cressi Golding and chaired by Cr. Stuart Hart on behalf of the Colac Otway Shire.
- The secondary aim of the initial public meeting was to explain the project to the community, and present an outline of the design and consultation process and timelines for the project.
- Display of the preliminary Township Concept Plans for a minimum period of 14 days to enable the community to become fully familiar with all recommendations.
- The second public meeting was held at the hall on December 10, 2003. The format of this meeting included an introduction by Cr. Stuart Hart, a short presentation by the consultants to outline the key features of the Township Concept Plan, with the majority of the meeting dedicated to feedback from the community and associated discussion. This approach enabled direct discussion of key issues by the community in the forum of a public meeting. Project resolution and outcomes for the development of public land for Carlisle River were discussed in association with the community.
- A community survey sheet was developed to obtain specific feedback regarding the preliminary Township Concept Plan. Survey sheets were made available at the start of the concept plan review stage to enable the consultants to obtain a clear indication of the community's perceptions in relation to the Township Concept Plan. The survey response sheets also provided an opportunity for individuals to respond to the township master plan by a method other than a public meeting. The feedback obtained from the survey response sheets and the public meetings was considered and assessed by the consultants, in association with the steering committee. This feedback formed the basis for all modifications / developments made to the Township Master Plan (February 2004). The community response sheets and associated results prepared for Carlisle River are tabled later in this report.
- Based on the survey results, the key projects proposed for Carlisle River were rated based on community feedback to determine the highest to lowest priority.
- Rating of each project into an order of priority provides important information for the Colac Otway Shire for long-term capital works budgeting, and sourcing of funds from external organisations.

3.0 Summary of Carlisle River Township Master Plan Recommendations

The following points provide a summary of the key Township Master Plan recommendations for Carlisle River. Refer to the attached plan (Drawing No. 03086 – MO1) for full framework details.

The following recommendations have been based on community feedback, detailed site analysis and the professional response to Carlisle River by THA Landscape Architects. The consultation process has provided a review opportunity for the Carlisle River community with community responses reflected in the final master plan.

Carlisle River Public Hall

Ensure regular ongoing maintenance of the Hall is undertaken to preserve this valuable community asset.

Based on community consultation the Hall should be maintained as the community focus of the town.

Proposed development works around the Hall to include:

- *construction of public toilets with disabled access (near the Hall and visible from the Carlisle River-Colac Road).*
- *installation of a community notice board which incorporates a district map and local historical information.*
- *a reconfigured carpark to formalise parking around Hall.*
- *Additional lighting (mounted on buildings).*

Additional community visitor facilities at the side of the Hall to include:

- *a shaded children's playground with fencing;*
- *a covered BBQ pavilion / shelter for community gatherings;*
- *- rubbish bin.*

River Frontage

Develop a small area of public land within the Carlisle River reserve for river / fishing related activities.
Reserve improvements to include:

- *removal of weeds / exotic vegetation.*
- *staged removal of the exotic vegetation, particularly Willow trees, along the river banks and replacement with indigenous tree, shrub & groundcover species.*
- *ongoing embankment stabilisation and erosion control works.*
- *improvement of aquatic habitat opportunities.*
- *ensure appropriate public safety measures are implemented in the vicinity of the picnic ground / river environs.*
- *install flood tolerant facilities (i.e. BBQ / picnic table)*
- *improved pedestrian access to river reserve / rivers edge.*
- *provision of carparking.*

The Carlisle River provides an important opportunity for indigenous habitat restoration, improved river & catchment management and recreation opportunities.

Entry Signage

Subject to the Colac Otway Shire signage policy, develop entry signs for installation at either end of the township. The form and materials selection could reflect the developing, (and potential further development) of public artistic expression throughout Carlisle River, including a reflection of the community's view of the town (i.e. clean, green, trees, milk etc.).

Tennis Courts

- Liaise with the Colac Otway Shire, with assistance from the Carlisle River community, to undertake regular maintenance to the tennis courts and fences to preserve this important community asset.
- Subject to tennis usage maintain the surface of the best tennis court. Develop and manage the other court for multipurpose uses including basketball / rollerblading etc.
- Colac Otway Shire to undertake regular risk assessments on the tennis courts and associated facilities.

Existing Streetscape Planting

Retain the existing indigenous tree and understorey vegetation within the road reserves to preserve the natural, informal vegetated character of Carlisle River.

Management of natural regeneration to ensure the preservation of vegetation on roadsides to include:

- regular trimming and maintenance to maintain visibility for pedestrian and vehicle safety throughout the town.
- *management for fire control.*

Traffic Speed

Liaise with VICROADS to relocate the 80 km/hour signs (or a lesser speed if possible) closer to the 'town centre' to improve amenity and safety of the town.

School Road / Carlisle Primary School Frontage

Develop a shared footpath for pedestrian / bicycle use.

- *The long term option is to seal the road to improve safety and improve the links between the Carlisle River - Colac Road and Moomowroong Road.*

Develop 'formalised' carparking (three 90 degree angle spaces) opposite the Carlisle River Primary School to improve safety during pick-up / drop-off times. Formalise intersection with line marking or kerbing to improve traffic management and safety for school children using the intersection. Provide a school crossing in front of School (subject to consultation with School).

Proposed Streetscape Improvements

Pedestrian Footpath:

- *Proposed 1.50 metre wide gravel (or asphalt) pathway for shared pedestrian / bicycle use between Carlisle River road bridge and the last house on the western side of town, with a path link along Moomowroong and School Road.*

Lighting:

- *Liaise with the Colac Otway Shire to install additional street light(s) mounted to existing poles where required to meet pedestrian and vehicle safety requirements.*

Carlisle River Public Hall / Oval & Surrounds Development Proposals

The following points provide a summary of recommendations developed in association with the community for the Carlisle River Public Hall / Oval and Surrounds.

- *Proposed picnic shelter with electric BBQ and associated tables and seats. Develop this area as an 'external community hub' with attractive facilities for visitors / user groups. All facilities to be constructed of suitable materials which are able to be fenced or which can withstand grazing (to allow the oval and surrounds to be efficiently managed).*
- *Maintain surface of existing good tennis court with weed control. Redevelop surface of degraded tennis court to incorporate multifunctional usage opportunity (e.g. tennis / basketball / rollerblading) - subject to recreation reserve study and demand.*
- *Install a pedestrian access gate and maintain a mowed grass pathway (shown dashed) to encourage access for school children and others to oval and playground.*
- *Ensure all facilities are located to allow the future use of the oval for future sporting opportunities (i.e. football / cricket) or for other open space community uses.*
- *Additional carparking adjacent to CFA sheds (6 spaces).*
- *Consider a feasibility study for the future use and maintenance of the football change rooms. Maintain the Hall as the primary facility within the town which has the ability to cater for the broadest range of community events. In the meantime undertake basic maintenance of clubrooms to preserve this structure.*
- *New toilet facilities, with male / female toilets which both accommodate disabled access requirements. Toilet design to be sympathetic to Hall architecture and colours. Link toilets to Hall with a sealed path.*
- *Proposed playground with fenced surrounding to keep stock out.*
- *Proposed relocation of public phone to site adjacent to existing post box.*
- *Enlarge covered entry space and remove existing concrete steps at Hall to allow people to congregate outside door. Provide pathway access along front of Hall and across to proposed toilets.*

- *Carpark facilities to include suitable building mounted floodlighting over new toilets and north-eastern face of Hall. Covered front area of Hall to accommodate seating, district map, local and tourist information and directions to facilities at the back of the Hall.*
- *Provide carparking on the north side of the Hall to improve access to the proposed community visitor facilities and provide additional defined parking for Hall-related events. Formalise Hall carparking facilities to accommodate approx. 21 defined car spaces.*
- *Proposed indigenous tree planting on eastern edge of Oval to reduce long term maintenance requirements within the reserve.*
- *Proposed small clumps of selected indigenous trees.*

Maintenance

In association with the Carlisle River Community Group and the Colac Otway Shire Council, prepare a maintenance program for the town to address mowing regimes / public rubbish collection / treatment of stormwater drains / toilet cleaning and general township maintenance.

4.0 Carlisle River Community Development Priorities

The following table provides a summary of the Carlisle River township development priorities (ranked in order from highest to lowest priority) based on feedback from the community response sheets (15 survey sheets returned) completed by the Carlisle River community during the public consultation and review stage of the Township Master Plan.

The ranking of projects was based on the priority scores provided by individual community members. The highest priority (ranking 1) was scored with 18 points (the number of key projects identified by the consultants on the survey form) and the lowest priority was scored with 1 point. Projects ranking 2 to 17 were scored using the same scoring system. Total scores for each project were tallied and ranked in order from highest to lowest score – therefore reflecting the order shown below.

The prioritised project list will assist the Colac Otway Shire in understanding the Carlisle River community's expectations for the implementation of the streetscape works, assist in budgeting for capital works and for applying for capital works funding to assist in the implementation of the streetscape plan.

Ranking	Key Master Plan Element
1	Improvements to the roadside drainage throughout the town – in particular along both sides of Carlisle River – Colac Road and Moomowroong Road.
2	Develop the Reserve at the back of the Hall to allow this public open space to become a community 'activity hub' and better cater for a range of groups including family, school children, community and club gatherings. Improvements include a playground, picnic shelter, fire pit, path and additional indigenous planting for shade and landscape amenity.
3	Relocate the public telephone from the existing location to outside the Hall.
4	Replace existing toilets with new, easily accessible facilities adjacent to the Hall.
5	Formalise intersection of School Road and Moomowroong Road at Carlisle River School to incorporate a safe pedestrian crossing and three car spaces, as per plan.
6	Develop Public Hall facilities to include formalised parking layout, extended covered entry and access to Hall, improved lighting, community news and information signage board and seating.
7	Improved lighting throughout the town.
8	Develop low-level visitor facilities within the public land along the Carlisle River including a small car park, picnic table and seating. Weed control measures will be required.
9	Upgrading of existing tennis courts to maintain and enhance usage for tennis players and incorporate line marking for other sports, such as netball and basketball.
10	As a long term aim, seal and formalising of road shoulders along School Road.
11	Liaise with VicRoads to reduce the traffic speed through the town.
12	Implement a feasibility study for the future use and maintenance of the football change rooms. Source funding opportunities to undertake basic maintenance of the change rooms.
13	Develop a footpath network throughout the town that links the School, Recreation Reserve and Public Hall with a 1.5 metre wide pathway of a consistent material (eg. asphalt).
14	Develop entry signs for installation at both entries into Carlisle River that evoke a picture of the community of Carlisle River (subject to Colac Otway Shire's signage policy).
15	Retain the existing indigenous tree cover on road reserves throughout the town. Manage natural regeneration of indigenous tree, shrub and understorey species to preserve the natural, informal character of the town.
16	Preserve / restore the scoreboard for heritage and possible future use purposes.
17	Develop facilities for visiting and local horse riding groups, which include access to the Oval surrounds, parking for cars and trailers, pens and stock water supply.
18	Informal indigenous planting of the eastern edge of the oval.
	Other (refer to Colac Otway Shire for survey information).

5.0 Implementation - The 'Next Step' in the Project

Whilst community interest in the township master plan has been strong, implementation works should commence as soon as possible to harness this community interest / enthusiasm including labour, materials and equipment resources.

The Colac Otway Shire should be fully informed of all intended projects to maximise potential greater outcomes from funds contributed by the Shire or external funding organisations and project management by the Shire be costed into projects.

The implementation of each project will need to be 'driven' by the community. Council will not force communities to implement projects, however they will provide significant support to communities who demonstrate they want, and are willing to contribute to streetscape projects.

The level of detail provided in the Township Master Plan is not suitable for construction purposes. As part of the planning for the project an allowance should be made for further design development and project documentation to ensure suitable detail is available for contractors to quote and build from.

6.0 Funding Opportunities

The proposed recommendations for the development of the Township Master Plan for Carlisle River are diverse and will require a diverse range of skills to complete.

The advantages of having a diverse range of implementation strategies include:

- Allowing a greater number of people with a broader range of skills to be involved in the project;
- The opportunity of funding the project from a broader funding base;
- Allowing separate community groups the opportunity of working on quite separate projects with the common aim of implementing the plan – thus creating a greater sense of community ownership of both the plan and the on-ground works.

It is important that community understands that the successful implementation of the masterplan will be based on a partnership between:

- The community including individuals and community groups;
- The Colac Otway Shire;
- External funding organisations including State and Federal Government Departments; and
- LandCare and Catchment Management Authorities.

Organisations that may fund parts of the Urban Design Framework Plans include:

- Natural Heritage Trust
- Greening Australia
- Colac Otway Shire
- VICROADS
- Corporate sponsorship
- Federation Community Projects Program
- Sports and Recreation Victoria
- Department of Infrastructure – Pride of Place Funding
- Tourism Victoria
- Regional Infrastructure Development Fund - Department of State and Regional Development.

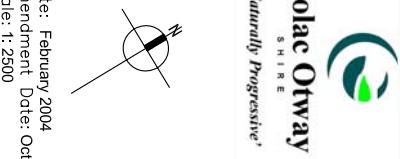
For LandCare related funding applications the Colac Otway Shire should contact the Corangamite Catchment Management Authority to ensure the proposed projects are linked to projects with regional priorities, thus ensuring a higher project priority and improving funding opportunity.

Appendix One – Carlisle River Township Master Plan

CARLISLE RIVER TOWNSHIP

Master Plan URBAN DESIGN

Amendment Date: October 2005
Scale: 1: 2500
Designed: DH / JK
Drawing No:03086 - M01



NOTE:
The Carlisle River Township Master Plan and an associated urban design development strategies have been prepared based on feedback from public meetings held on October 25, 2003 and December 10, 2003, community response sheets and direction / discussion with the project steering committee. Additional revisions to the plan were made following a public meeting at Carlisle River on October 6, 2005. These revisions included:
- relocation of the proposed toilets, playground, BBQ shelter and picnic tables from near the public hall to near the change rooms,
- additional carparking and drainage works in the vicinity of the change rooms.

treatment
of stormwater drains, toilet
cleaning and general township maintenance.

	Existing building.
	Property title boundary.
	Existing pathways.
	Existing river / watercourse.
	Proposed indigenous tree & shrub planting.
	Proposed pathway (varied surfaces and materials).
	Proposed seating.
	Proposed picnic table & seating.
	Proposed BBQ.
	Proposed playground.
	Proposed litter bin.
	Proposed light.

ROAD CORRIDOR DETAIL

Typical Section - Not to Scale

Proposed 1.50 metre wide asphalt pathway for pedestrian and bike use.

RIVER FRONTEAGE

Develop a small area of public land within the Corisille River reserve for river / fishing related activities. Reserve improvements to include:

- removal of weeds, exotic vegetation,
- staged removal of the exotic vegetation, particularly Willow trees, shrub & ground-cover species,
- working environment stabilisation and erosion control
- improvement of aquatic habitat opportunities.
- ensure appropriate public safety measures are implemented in the vicinity of the picnic ground / river environs.
- install flood tolerant facilities (i.e., BBQ / picnic table)
- improved pedestrian access to river reserve / rivers edge.
- provision of car parking.

The Corisille River provides an important opportunity for indigenous habitat restoration, improved river & catchment management and recreation opportunities.

[View Details](#)

A small green leafy sprout or seedling is shown in the bottom right corner of the frame.

A cartoon-style illustration of a green landscape. It features several rounded green hills of varying sizes. A thin, winding white line representing a stream or path cuts through the lower right area. The background is a light blue color.

The diagram illustrates the Corrib River flowing from the top right towards the bottom left. Along the riverbank, there are several green, stylized leaf-like shapes representing trees. From behind each tree, a blue line extends upwards and outwards, representing the placement of entry signs. The text 'ENTRY SIGNAGE' is written vertically along the right side of the diagram. Below this, a box contains the following descriptive text:

Subject to the Color, Oway, Shine signage policy, develop entry signs for instillation at either end of the township. The form and materials selection could reflect the developing, (and potential further development) of public artistic expression throughout Corribis River, including a reflection of the community's view of the town (i.e.: clean, green, trees, park etc.).

The location of these signs is not shown on this plan.

TRAFFIC SPEED
Loose with microroads to relegate the 80 km/hour signs (or a lesser speed if possible) closer to the 'Town Centre' to improve amenity and safety of the town.

SCHOOL ROAD
Develop a shared footpath for pedestrian / bicycle use. The long term option is to seal the road to improve safety and improve the links between the Carisle River – Cooee Road and Moomowong Road.

ROAD CORRIDOR DETAIL
Typical Section - Not to Scale

PROPOSED STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS

Pedestrian Frontage:
Proposed 1.50 metre wide asphalt pathway for pedestrian and bike use.

Proposed 1.50 metre wide gravel (or asphalt) pathway for shared pedestrian / bicycle use between Carisle River road bridge and the last house on the western side of town, with a path link along Moomowong and School Road.

Lighting:
Liaise with the Cooee Otway Shire to install additional street light(s) mounted to existing poles where required to meet requirements.

CARISLE RIVER PUBLIC HALL
Ensure regular ongoing maintenance of the Hall is undertaken to preserve this valuable community asset.
Based on community consultation the Hall should be maintained as the community focus of the town.
Proposed development works around the Hall to include:

- installation of a community notice board which incorporates a district map and local historical information.
- reconfigured carpark to formalise parking around Hall.
- Additional lighting (mounted on buildings).

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- improved flood tolerance facilities (i.e. BBQ / picnic table).
- provision of carparking.
- The Carisile River provides an important opportunity for indigenous habitat restoration, improved river & catchment management and recreation opportunities.

MOOMOWONG ROAD

GE LIBBRAND RIVER ROAD

SCHOOL ROAD

(Unsealed road)

refer to detailed plan

Significant Oak tree plantings

Public phone, (Existing location)

Carisile River Hall / Material & Child Health Centre, (Material)

Cricket & Football Oval

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Carlisle Primary School

Carlisle River

Carlisle River Hall

Telstra exchange.

ENTRY SIGNAGE

Subject to the Colac Otway Shire signage policy, develop entry signs for institution at either end of the township. The form and materials selection could reflect the developing (and potential further development) of public artisic expression throughout Corricle River, including a reflection of the community's view of the town (i.e. clean, green, trees, park etc.). The location of these signs is not shown on this plan.

EXISTING STREETSCAPE PLANTING

Proposed indigenous tree planting (three 90 degree bays) opposite carparking (three 90 degree bays) opposite the Corricle River Primary school to improve safety during pick-up / drop-off times. Formalise intersection with line marking or other treatments to improve traffic management and safety for children using the intersection. Provide a school crossing in front of School (subject to consultation with School).

TENNIS COURTS

Use with the Colac Otway Shire, with assistance from the Corricle River community, to undertake regular maintenance to the tennis courts and fences to preserve this important community asset.

Subject to tennis usage maintain the surface of the best tennis court. Develop and manage the other court for multipurpose uses including basketball / rollerblading etc.

Colac Otway Shire to undertake regular risk assessments on tennis courts and associated facilities.

PROPOSED INDIGENOUS TREE PLANTING

Proposed indigenous tree planting at the eastern edge of Oval to reduce long term maintenance requirements within the reserve.

MANAGEMENT OF NATURAL REGROWTH

Management of natural regeneration to ensure the preservation of vegetation on roadsides to include:

- regular trimming and maintenance to maintain visibility for pedestrian and vehicle safety throughout the town.
- management for fire control.



Appendix Two – Carlisle River Community Response Sheets:

Carlisle River Concept Plan

Community Response Sheet

The Carlisle River Township Concept Plan is in the community review stage.

**A public meeting will be held at the
Carlisle River Hall at
8.00pm on Wednesday December 10, 2003**

The purpose of the public meeting will be to receive responses from the community in relation to the draft preliminary streetscape / public land proposals for Carlisle River.

For those people that cannot attend the public meeting this Community Response Sheet allows you to formally respond to the proposed development strategies and also assist as a community in prioritising the key elements of the plan. All comments will be considered and assessed by the Steering Committee and the plans modified as required to reflect community consensus.

Positive Aspects of the Carlisle River Township Concept Plan:

Negative Aspects of the Carlisle River Township Concept Plan:

Any other Suggestions or Changes That Should be made to the Plan?

Priorities for the Development of the Carlisle River Township Concept Plan:

Please insert a number from highest (1) to lowest (14) priority for the implementation of key elements of the plan:

- Improvements to the roadside drainage throughout the town – in particular along both sides of Carlisle River – Colac Road and Moomowroong Road.
- Improved lighting throughout the town.
- Develop facilities for visiting and local horse riding groups, which include access to the Oval surrounds, parking for cars and trailers, pens and stock water supply.
- Develop low-level visitor facilities within the public land along the Carlisle River including a small car park, picnic table and seating. Weed control measures will be required.
- Develop Public Hall facilities to include formalised parking layout, extended covered entry and access to Hall, improved lighting, community news and information signage board and seating.
- Develop the Reserve at the back of the Hall to allow this public open space to become a community ‘activity hub’ and better cater for a range of groups including family, school children, community and club gatherings. Improvements include a playground, picnic shelter, fire pit, path and additional indigenous planting for shade and landscape amenity.
- Develop a footpath network throughout the town that links the School, Recreation Reserve and Public Hall with a 1.5 metre wide pathway of a consistent material (eg. asphalt).
- Relocate the public telephone from the existing location to outside the Hall.
- Replace existing toilets with new, easily accessible facilities adjacent to the Hall.
- Formalise intersection of School Road and Moomowroong Road at Carlisle River School to incorporate a safe pedestrian crossing and three car spaces, as per plan.
- Develop entry signs for installation at both entries into Carlisle River that evoke a picture of the community of Carlisle River (subject to Colac Otway Shire’s signage policy).
- Upgrading of existing tennis courts to maintain and enhance usage for tennis players and incorporate line marking for other sports, such as netball and basketball.
- As a long term aim, seal and formalising of road shoulders along School Road.
- Implement a feasibility study for the future use and maintenance of the football change rooms. Source funding opportunities to undertake basic maintenance of the change rooms.
- Preserve / restore the scoreboard for heritage and possible future use purposes.
- Liaise with VIC Roads to reduce the traffic speed through the town.
- Retain the existing indigenous tree cover on road reserves throughout the town. Manage natural regeneration of indigenous tree, shrub and understorey species to preserve the natural, informal character of the town.
- Informal indigenous planting of the eastern edge of the oval.
- (Other)
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- (Other)
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We thank you for your valued input in completing this form.

For further information regarding this plan please contact Cressi Golding at the Colac Otway Shire (Tel 5232 9450) or David Hay or Jennifer Kelynack at THA Landscape Architects – Ballarat (Tel 5333 5942).

Please return this sheet and any other comments by December 9, 2002

To: The Carlisle River School or bring this form to the public meeting.

**Appendix Three – Community Survey Responses
(Summary Responses)**

Carlisle River Community Survey Responses

Number of response sheets returned: 15

The community response sheets were designed to provide THA Landscape Architects, the Colac Otway Shire and the Carlisle River community with a summary of the opinions expressed by individuals in relation to the proposals developed for the Carlisle River Township Master Plan. It is important to note that the following comments are reflective of individuals and do not necessarily reflect the views of the entire community or the Colac Otway Shire. All comments provided by the community on the response sheets are listed to provide an accurate record of community views in relation to the proposals.

Modifications to the plans have been made following community feedback at the public review meeting (December 10, 2003) and from feedback from the community response sheets. Modifications to the plans are based on community consensus, rather than individual responses.

The following provides a summary of the notes provided by the Carlisle River community from the Carlisle River Streetscape Concept Plan Community Response Sheet. Repetition of some notes occurs – this has intentionally been retained to provide an accurate indication of community responses. Community responses are generally tabled below as they have been submitted.

Positive Aspects of the Carlisle River Township Master Plan

- Finally get some basic road maintenance.
- All encompassing of requests
- Paths well positioned
- Retention of indigenous vegetation commended
- Carlisle is a beautiful place already cared for by the same few who have it the way it is today
- Encourage community participation
- Facilities / Projects that directly contribute to the residents' / ratepayers' circumstances should take precedence ~ eg roads, hall facilities.
- As a new house owner, I obviously love the feel of the town. I am impressed by this initiative. I fully support the use of native planting.
- My first real positive impression of the town was the unique and beautiful church. To assist this aspect (public buildings) I suggest the football change rooms need to be softened by extensive native landscaping and coloured cement rendering similar to that of the public hall. As a newcomer I hope I am not out of order making this suggestion

Negative Aspects of the Carlisle River Master Plan

- Development and tourists create increased traffic and roadside litter and a loss of peace and quiet.
- Tree planting
- Toilets behind hall to be kept – these are functional to community, parties @ hall, playgrounds @ hall.
- New toilets near picnic area and new toilets @ footy rooms.
- Relocate picnic area to between church & hall with parking.
- No need for horse pens – too limiting & people bring electric tape if too many horses attend. Parking here is too limited too. Shower / toilets here are a more important priority.
- No slashed paths (i.e. the BBQ's) too insubstantial and prone to maintenance failure.
- Overall – could be more ambitious.
- Street tree planting could be recommended
- There are committees at Carlisle that have been forgotten eg the hall committee. We have today a hall committee to be proud of because of their hard work and fundraising. Don't divide the community.
- Toilets should be with playground / BBQ area.
- Why only 3 car parking spaces at school?

- Score board not old enough to be of heritage value. (approx 20 year old)
- Fire pit should be closer to the hall to encourage use of them both more.
- Facilities/ Projects that contribute to non-residents / ratepayers opportunities, in particular horsey people who create traffic hazards and cause the deterioration of expensive - to - maintain road surfaces, shoulders and drains.

Other suggestions or changes that should be made to the plan

- Forget it! Go away!
- Priority should be given to developments/ improvements that benefit Carlisle River rate payers – not visitors or through traffic
- Formal hall committee consultation/ liaison before developments at hall / toilets can be prioritised
- Fuller parking facilities opposite school – fit the max. eg 6-7 ?
- Position Carlisle River Township signage on plan.
- Vicroads already consulted re speed limits and these won't change.
- More detailed suggestions for Carlisle River visitor facilities at the river.
- Activity hub should be visible and attractive to visitors and encompass toilets.
- Go back to common sense "Tidy Town", good roads, clear roadsides which can be mowed, clean gutters etc.

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- Caravan Park (in future) {Princetown is an example} – see enclosed brochure re Leigh Creek Caravan Park managed by the Leigh Creek Progress Association.
- Render and paint hall / clubrooms similar to public hall. It is quite out of keeping with the feel.
- Any indigenous planting would provide for the town, also landscape around both halls
- Community garden (food forest), permaculture design
- Golf practice range (nets) and / or cricket practice nets
- Information signage board, number 1 above all other priorities
- Can something be done in regard to public risk insurance for the football change rooms so they can be used for informal functions, BBQ's etc.
- Signage to encourage horse groups not to stray onto private property.
- Car park alongside CFA shed. (x 4)

Comments re: priority list.

- Develop facilities for Horse riding groups- What does the grounds committee think?
- Develop low level visitor facilities--- weed control measures- By Who?
- Develop public hall facilities—community news and information signage board and seating- NO!
- Develop the reserve at the back of the hall—There is a hall committee.
Picnic tables at river may need small parking area for wet weather access, also small public toilets.
BBQ and playground should be in the area marked for grazing [between hall, church and tennis courts]. Public toilets in that area. Maybe information boards in the undercover table area with wildlife information significant to Carlisle State Park.
- Relocate the public telephone- to be near the letter box
- Replace existing toilets--Again the Hall committee
- Formalise intersection of School Road---Common sense by mothers, no-one obeys the current signs
- Develop entry signs- Unnecessary
- Upgrading of existing tennis courts--Those days are over

- Implement a feasibility study ---See grounds committee, our taxes could be better spent
- Preserve / restore scoreboard--Crap
- Retain existing indigenous tree cover---Definitely no
- Informal indigenous planting--No! No! No!
- Develop footpath--Use gravel as weeds are easy to pull or spray whereas asphalt is costly to repair cracks and can cause legal problems as well as not a good cosmetic look.

Suggestions for other areas

- I think you should do something about it always raining. You should get it stopped.
- A McDonalds and KFC, Subway, Red Chicken and Pizza Hut would be good
- You should give people free cappuccinos and chocolate cake when they come to Carlisle. And Chocolate and lollies free.
- You should have a lot of rides like the graviton, haunted house, dodgem cars and real scary rides for free.
- A big swimming heated pool, spa and water slides for free.