

## Coleraine Community Action Plan 2014-2020

### Vision Statement:

**“We want Coleraine to be a vibrant, thriving and inclusive community with a strong, caring community spirit. We want Coleraine to prosper with successful, locally-supported businesses, servicing surrounding agricultural industries. We want to protect our natural environment and historical features and encourage visitors to the region to enjoy them. We support a range of activities for all ages as well as a healthy and active lifestyle”.**

<b>1. Community Life</b>	We aim to ensure that Coleraine continues to provide a range of sustainable high-quality services and facilities to the residents of the township and district while maintaining its unique charm and qualities, so that people are involved and feel part of the community. We will endeavour to liaise with Council wherever possible in support of this goal.				
<b>Strategy</b>	<b>Timeframe:</b> Short-1-2 yrs, Medium 2-4 yrs, Long 4+ yrs	<b>Priority Level:</b> High, Medium, Low	<b>Who leads?</b>	<b>Partners</b>	<b>Action &amp; resources required</b>
<b>1.1 Acquire the vacant land on the corner of Whyte &amp; Winter Streets for community use.</b>	If and when it becomes available	Ongoing	CDDA	The Owner Council	At the next review of plan, we should check with Council on the current situation regarding this block.
<b>1.2 Update &amp; distribute the Residents’ Information Guide to new residents promoting local businesses and services.</b>	Ongoing	High	CDDA	Community Volunteers	Check with Shire to see if there is an electronic version available and links with Council website.
<b>1.3 Support unstructured recreational activities for young people and their families.</b>	Ongoing		CDDA	Council Recreation Manager Schools Scouts sports clubs Service Clubs Men’s Shed	Support sporting groups, schools, scouts, service clubs and Council to provide more opportunities for unstructured recreational activities.
<b>1.4 Assist to increase the health and wellbeing of our young people and community as a whole.</b>	Ongoing		Great South Coast Ice Strategy	CDDA Schools Sports Clubs Service Clubs	Work with Great South Coast to support alcohol and other drug educational programs for young people. Increase awareness of support services both local and on line for young people and their families.
<b>1.5 Support younger adults and young families to be more engaged in the Coleraine community.</b>	Short  Medium	High	CDDA	Kindergarten School Service Clubs Men’s Shed Council	Identify material and personnel for Facebook sharing of information.
<b>1.6 Introduction of a quarterly ‘community market’</b>	Ongoing	High	Coleraine Primary School	CDDA St Joseph’s School	Letter of support from CDDA to assist in securing funding. Investigate funding options, best location, timing and frequency of the market. Use social media to advertise. Include produce swap? Talk with St Joseph’s as well to see if a rotational site should be considered.

1.7 Encouraging community groups to work together to rationalise resources wherever possible to enable sustainability.	Ongoing		CDDA	Council Community groups	We need to keep underlining the importance of communication and co-operation to rationalize resources as often as possible.
1.8 Strengthen connection between the Schools and community.	Ongoing		Schools Kinder CDDA	Community Groups Standing Tall Mentoring Program Men's Shed	Explore the possibility of a mentoring program for primary school children and community members. Explore other means to connection young people and young families to the wider community. Use of social media as engagement tool.
<b>2. Business and Employment, plus Whyte Street safety</b>	We aim to encourage support of existing businesses and services as well as growth through innovation.				
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2.1 Continue program highlighting the benefits and importance of utilising local businesses and services for the future of the township	Ongoing	High	CDDA Local Businesses	Council Community News	Need to keep reminding people of the importance of this and work more with the Business Development Unit. Investigate links to Council website & Coleraine website.
<b>Whyte St:</b> 2.2 Work with businesses, community and Council towards having all shops presented in a way that supports a vibrant main street.	Ongoing	High	CDDA	Local Businesses Council	Explore other community arts program to enhance the appearance of Whyte street. Investigate the use of unoccupied shops for community displays, art exhibitions and other activities. Explore roving exhibits in the unoccupied shop fronts.
2.3 Encourage the start up one additional commercial enterprise/ business incubator in the town	Long (revisit in 4 years)	Medium to Low	CDDA Local businesses	Council Economic Development Unit	This will need reinvestigating with Hugh Koch when the current work has been completed.
2.4 Work with Council to develop a long term Master Plan for Coleraine and district.	Longer term	Medium to Low	Council	CDDA Community Groups Sporting groups Service Clubs Schools/Kinder	Possible item to consider: Review of caravan park options Explore heritage-based tourism Consider best site for the Tourist Information Centre Explore possible uses for the original Shire Council Chambers Explore ways to value add onto existing facilities to enhance what is current available and increase visitor numbers to the Coleraine area.
2.5 Investigate and	Longer term	Medium	CDDA	WDHS	There are some exciting programs being pursued through the hospital eg. Montessori program

optimize the opportunities that will occur through the new hospital redevelopment.		(revisit in 2 to 3 years)			in the hostel / youth involvement by the Board.
<b>3. Environment</b>					
We aim to encourage the Coleraine community to enjoy, maintain and enhance environmental assets for future generations.					
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<b>3.1 Continue to clean up and maintain environmental assets</b>	Ongoing	Medium	CDDA	CMA Council	Look at having a more comprehensive community Clean Up Australia program each year. Further discussion is required and new initiatives investigated.
<b>3.2 Continue to encourage individuals and organisations to pursue sustainable lifestyles.</b>	Ongoing		CDDA	Council SGSC PCP	Maintain liaison with the Waste Reduction Group in its endeavors. Promote sustainable lifestyle innovation in community newsletter. Support workshops and community education of sustainable practices.
<b>3.3 Connect Walking Tracks</b>	Stage 1: Medium  Stage 2: Long		CDDA	Hamilton/ Coleraine Rail Reserve Committee Funding partners Council	Stage1: Funding has been granted and work has commenced. Improve track surface, with the co-operation of the Hamilton-Coleraine Rail Reserve Committee. Connect track network to the pioneer monument nearby.  Stage 2: Requires more thought on the best ways to link the walking tracks to the Arboretum.
<b>3.4 Increase fitness opportunities for all ages</b>	Short	High	CDDA	Council Sporting clubs Lions Club Men's shed	We have a committee working to erect 5 pieces of adult exercise equipment at the playground area for people of all ages to use when at the playground, at the skate park or on the walking track. CDDA has contributed the first \$2000 towards the funding for this project and funding is being sought from FRRR's Caring for Aging Rural Australians program. Other funding will be sought. Another group is looking at the feasibility of providing an indoor gym as well.
<b>3.5 Improve safety and access for pedestrians, cyclists and residents using walkers, wheelchairs and gophers.</b>	Short to medium	High	CDDA	Council VicRoads	Lines have been painted in the end / west roads where possible to enable people to feel safe when walking / riding on the roads. Work has been planned for the inverts at the intersections, and contact has been made with the Shire regarding the completion of this.