

Manangatang Community Action Plan 2026-2030

The small town of Manangatang lies at the heart of sheep and wheat country...the crossroads of the Mallee. The town's heritage buildings, sporting clubs, access to health and education services and proximity to the Murray River are all major draw cards. Manangatang is legendary for its annual racing Event. Every year people travel far and wide for the ultimate country racing experience, which always takes place on the 2nd Saturday in October.

The Manangatang district is renowned for its dry land cropping with its use of precision agriculture and no till system. Manangatang is home to many farming families who live in the township and the outlying district.

The town caters for a wide variety of residents health and education employees, senior citizens, retirees and those who work at the mineral sands mines, the olive and almond plantations, the receival depot and most importantly, farming industries.



Community planning is a process that is 'owned' by the community with Swan Hill Rural City Council available to play a facilitation role. Community Plans provide invaluable input into Local, State and Federal Government Planning, giving local communities a strategic voice to government about what is important for their town's livability and wellbeing.

Top 3 Projects Identified for Delivery - Subject to funding and resource availability					
Project size	Project	Tasks		Lead Organisation	Progress
Small (\$1000-\$50,000)	Garden Beautification	Beautification of Memorial Park	Water systems not effective, needs upgrading	SHRCC	
Moderate (\$50,000-\$150,00)	Public Toilet	Renew existing toilet block in Larundel Street (Memorial Park)		SHRCC	
Large (\$150,000+)	Wattle Street Beautification	Install automatic irrigation for trees on both sides of the road Complete footpath on shop side of the road, include in Missing Links Strategy Plant suitable shade trees and install raised flower beds	Street furniture Shop front beautification Artwork to brighten up certain areas in the street	SHRCC	
Key Initiatives that the Community Will Lead for Delivery					
Small	Strategic Community Planning and Resourcing	Develop strategic plan to build capacity within community groups, between differing community groups and government	Provide training to increase capacity of community groups of the town to meet identified local needs	MIG	
Small	Events	Australia Day Breakfast Remembrance Day Manangatang Christmas Tree Celebrations	ANZAC Celebrations Manangatang Races Seek funding support through Council's Event Support Fund	MIG	
Moderate	Silo Art	Paint approved artwork on silos	Install lighting of painted silos	MIG	
Large	Bowling Club Renewal	Design replacement building for approval Consult with the identified stake holders on design elements	Refurbish damaged historical information boards Toilet upgrade with all abilities accessible toilet	Bowling Club, MIG	
Large	Recreation Reserve Enhancement	Design replacement of building for approval Renew surface of netball courts/tennis courts	Refurbish historical information Create walking tracks within the recreation reserve	MIG	
Other Key Initiatives					
Small	Visitor Information Board	Install information board at Memorial Park, potentially on a pod	Seek funding	SHRCC	
Moderate	Town Entry Signage	Renew town entry signage that has been damaged by exposure to the elements		SHRCC	
Moderate	Travellers Rest	Maintain grassed area and mulch septic soak area Install all abilities path to seating	Carry out tree planting Create shaded parking for visitors	SHRCC	
Large	Improve Drainage	Back lanes require drainage as storm water is impacting private property	Name back lanes	SHRCC	
Large	Walking Tracks	Repair walking track from the Community Centre to the pool	Explore opportunities for walking tracks on VicTrack and Council leased land	SHRCC	
Large	Swimming Pool Improvements	Create community hub/social space for community events and services Renew pool and pump and chemical shed Renew concrete and blue carpet areas to prevent trip/injury hazards	Require sealed carparking Install a drinking water bubbler Explore options for a mini basketball court	SHRCC	
Large	Community Centre Redevelopment	Create designs for new community centre Explore options to create community hub	Beautify, maintain and green up area	SHRCC	
Key Initiatives that Require Advocacy to External Agencies other than Council					
Large	Emergency Service Hub	Create Emergency Services Hub (CFA, AV, SES)	Building to be designed for use and storage of vehicles, equipment and with adequate space for training	MIG	

Initial Project Delivery Considerations								
Project		Council Owned Land	Budgeted	External Funding Required	Permits Required	Community Priority	Council Strategies	Partners – i.e. consultation, funding or approvals
Wattle Street Beautification	Automatic Irrigation for trees on both sides of the road	Yes	No	No	WWRR Permit	High	Community Plan 2026-30, Active Transport Strategy, Missing Links Footpath Construction Strategy, Urban Tree Management Plan, Sustainable Living Strategy	SHRCC, MIG, FRRR, other
	Complete footpath on shop side of the road	Yes	No	No		High		
	Plant suitable shade trees	Yes	No	No		Medium		
	Install raised flower beds	Yes	No	No		Medium		
	Street furniture	Yes	No	No		Medium		
	Shop front beautification	No	Grants	Yes		High		
	Artwork to brighten up certain areas in the street	Yes	No	Yes		High		
Information Board	Install information board at Memorial Park, potentially on a pod	Yes	No	Possibly	WWRR Permit	High	Community Plan 2026-30	SHRCC, MIG, FRRR
Walking Tracks	Create walking tracks within the recreation reserve	No	No	Yes	LOC,	Low	Community Plan 2026-30, Active Transport Strategy	SHRCC, VT, MIG, FRRR
	Repair walking track from Community Centre to pool	Yes	No	Possibly	WWRR Permit	High		
	Explore opportunities for walking tracks on VT land	Yes	No	Yes	LOC,	Low		
Garden Beautification	Beautification of Memorial Park, watering systems not effective, needs upgrading	Yes	Yes	No	WWRR Permit	High	Community Plan 2026-30	SHRCC, MIG
Travellers Rest	Install unique sculpture to add interest to the site	Yes	No	Yes	LOC, others to be determined as scope is developed	Low	Community Plan 2026-30	SHRCC, MIG, FRRR, other
	Maintain grassed area & add all abilities path to seating	Yes	No	Possibly		Medium		
	Carry out tree planting	Yes	No	No		Low		
	Create shaded parking for visitors	Yes	No	Yes		Low		
Strategic Community Planning & Resourcing	Develop strategic plan to build capacity within community groups, between differing community groups & govt.	NA	No	Yes	NA	High	Community Plan 2026-30	SHRCC, MIG, FRRR, other
	Provide training to increase capacity of community groups of the town to meet identified local needs	NA	No	Yes		High		
Swimming Pool Improvements	Create community hub/social space for community events	Yes	No	Yes	Planning Permit for major works	High	Community Plan 2026-30, Asset Management Plan	SHRCC, Pool COM, VG, CG, other
	Renew pool	Yes	No	Yes		High		
	Renew pool chemical & pump shed	Yes	No	Yes		High		
	Renew concrete and blue carpet areas to prevent trip/injury hazards	Yes	No	Yes		High		
	Beautify the frontage of the pool	Yes	No	Yes		Medium		
	Installation of a water fountain/bubbler	Yes	No	Yes		Medium		
	Artwork & sculptures celebrating life in the mallee	Yes	No	Yes		Low		
Public Toilet	Renew existing toilet block in Larundel St	Yes	No	Yes	Building Permit, Planning Permit	High	Community Plan 2026-30, Public Convenience Strategy	SHRCC, VG, CG
Bowling Club Renewal	Design replacement building for approval	No	No	Yes	Building Permit, Planning Permit	High	Community Plan 2026-30	BC, MIG
	Consult with the bowling club & community on design elements	No	No	Yes		High		
	Refurbish damaged historical information boards	No	No	Yes		Low		
	Toilet upgrade with wheelchair, all abilities accessible toilet	No	No	Yes		High		
Town Entry Signage	Renew town entry signage (H)	No	Yes	Possibly	VR Consent	High	Community Plan 2026-30	SHRCC, VR
Improve Drainage	Back lanes require drainage as storm water is impacting private property	Yes	No	Yes		High	Community Plan 2026-30, Road Management Plan 2025	SHRCC
	Name back lanes	Yes	No	No		High	Community Plan 2026-30	SHRCC, MIG
Community Centre Redevelopment	Create designs for new community centre	Yes	Yes	Yes	Building Permit, Planning Permit	Medium	Community Plan 2026-30, Asset Management Plan	SHRCC, MIG, VG, CG
	Explore options to create community hub	Yes	No	Yes		High		
	Beautify, maintain & green up area	Yes	No	Yes		Low		
Recreation Reserve	Design replacement of building for approval	No	No	Yes	Building Permit, Planning Permit, LOC	High	Community Plan 2026-30	COM, VG, CG
	Renew surface of netball courts/tennis courts	No	No	Yes		High		
	Refurbish historical info	No	No	Yes		Low		
Emergency Service Hub	Create Emergency Services Hub (CFA, AV, SES)	No	No	Yes	LOC, Building & Planning Permit	High	Community Plan 2026-30	CFA, AV, SES
Silo Art	Paint approved artwork on silos (Low)	No	No	Yes	LOC	Low	Community Plan 2026-30	MIG, VT, GC, SHRCC,
	Install lighting of painted silos (Low)	No	No	Yes		Low		

Loc-Land Owner Consent; FRRR-; VT-VicTrack; COM-Recreation Reserve Committee of Management; VG-VigGov; CG-Commonwealth Gov; VR – VicRoads; AV – Ambulance Victoria; CFA – Country Fire Authority; SES - State Emergency Services;

