

DRAFT MOLYULLAH TOWNSHIP PLAN

Please Note: This document is a draft version of the Township Plan. The information contained within has been collated from various sources and may be outdated. The Community Development Team from Benalla Rural City Council want to work together with the Molyullah community to develop and update this document so that it accurately reflects the current plans and priorities of the town and its community members. Your feedback on this document will help shape consultations and the future of Molyullah.

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Executive Summary

This document details a community led action plan that showcases a vision for the progressive development of Molyullah. The document also outlines the plan to both maintain and enhance the future prosperity of the township through ongoing planning and development of the town and its community members, including infrastructure, maintenance, community inclusion & promotion and events to increase tourism.

Vision Statement:

To improve Molyullah for residents to reside and work, visitors to stay, and for the future prosperity of Winton from a social, economic, recreational and environmental perspective; whilst maintaining the character intrinsic to the community.

To engender good-will, build partnerships between local groups and the residents of Molyullah, and promote a spirit of co-operation. To ensure initiatives have a greater likelihood of being supported, by how they are perceived by the community and for volunteers to support projects.

Purpose of the Township Plan

The Molyullah Township Plan is based on the ideas, hopes and aspirations of the Molyullah community together with the Benalla Rural City Council (BRCC). The Township Plan aspires to guide the future development of the town by developing a list of projects and priorities to inform council strategic planning and to support the community to apply for grants when funding is available.

The plan:

- Articulates the issues that are important to Molyullah residents
- Provides a clear blueprint for the future development of the Molyullah township and surrounding region
- Assists the Molyullah community to attract local and state funding to help achieve identified priorities and projects
- Provides a coordinated approach for the social, cultural and economic development of the township and surrounding enterprises
- Aspires to promote Molyullah as a tourism destination & as a great place to live

Alignment to BRCC Community Plan & Vision 2036

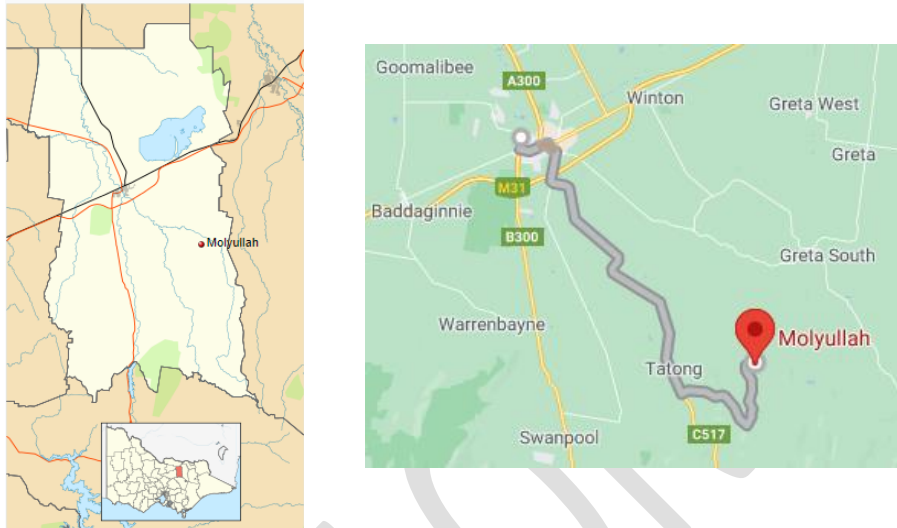
The Molyullah Township Plan aligns with the BRCC Community Plan and Vision 2036 documents respectively as together they seek to provide a pathway to the development of individual towns and the rural area of Benalla as a whole.

The information in this document has been collated from a number of sources including the Benalla Rural City Council website, previous community consultations and grant

applications, google and Facebook searches and various other council documents. Information may be updated, changed and further developed by the Molyullah community to specifically reflect the communities' actions, plans and priorities.

Location

Molyullah is a small rural town located 40 kms southeast from Benalla Rural City. It is approximately 250 kms northeast of Melbourne.



History of Molyullah

Molyullah (aboriginal meaning at the foot of the hills) was originally part of Charles Ryans "Kilfera Run" named after a place in his Irish hometown of Kilkenny called "Kilfera" - where his family lived from the 1670's. The spelling of Kilfera changed and is now accepted as Kilfeera, and the district of Ryans Creek now commemorates his name. Kilfeera Road which leads to Molyullah was surveyed many years later.

A property could be leased in the area, but not owned until 1860, following the passing of the first land act. People were then allowed to purchase up to 640 acres and had to live on the block, fence it, or build a house and cultivate at least 10% of the ground. Many people started purchasing land and by 1880 previous leases became redundant. This also brought many women and children into the area, which demanded an increase in services not seen in the district before.

State leased school 2130 Ryans Creek was officially established on 13 March 1879 with Head Teacher, Henry Stielow in charge. He ceased duty on 30 September 1879 and the school officially closed on that day. Several schools were open and closed, including State School 3471, Ryans Creek Upper, until the last school was established next to the current Molyullah Hall, and it too was closed in 1979 due to a lack of students.

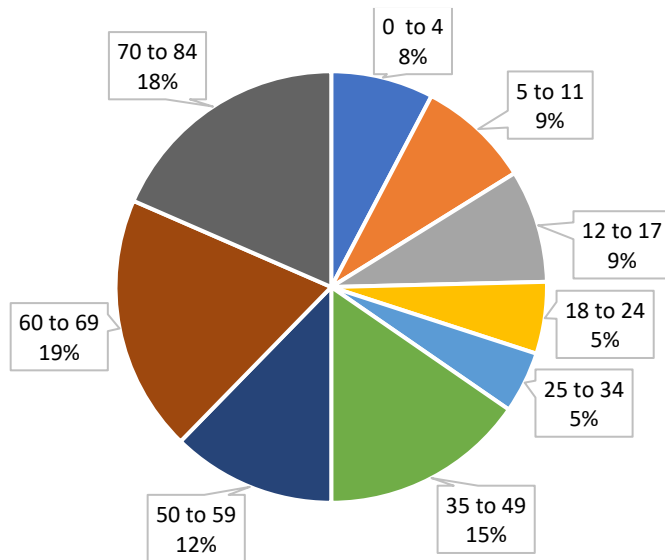
The Upper Ryans Creek valley provided fertile ground to grow much sought-after hops for the Melbourne Breweries, and a flourishing industry started. This satisfied demand until the early 1970s when falling prices, higher production costs and reduced water allocations put an end to this enterprise.

A dam was built at the head of Ryans Creek to become the Loomba Weir and was piped approximately 28 kilometres to Benalla to become the town's main water supply. Later, another dam named the McCall Say Weir was also constructed above the Loomba Weir to increase the capacity of the towns water supply, further downgrading the reaches of the Ryans Creek.

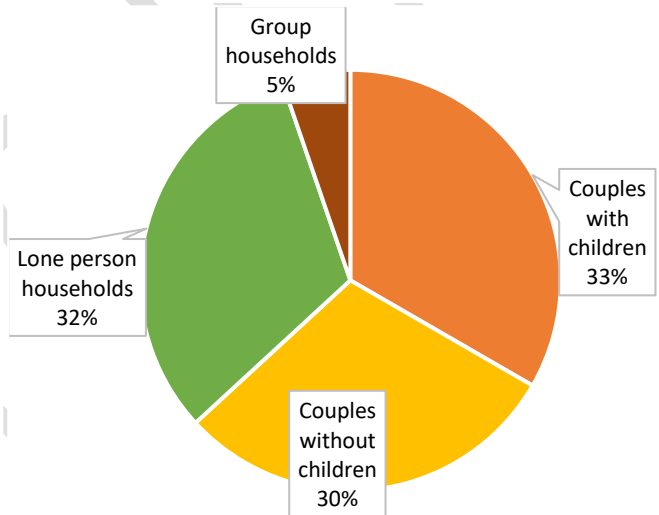
Molyullah Today*

Molyullah and the surrounding district had a population of 131 in 2016, with 71 males and 63 females. Of these, 13 were born overseas and 8 require assistance due to age or disability. Education statistics show 15 children attend pre - school or primary school, 11 attend secondary school and 0 attend TAFE. There are 57 dwellings, 32 residents own their homes, 16 are purchasing and 5 are renting.

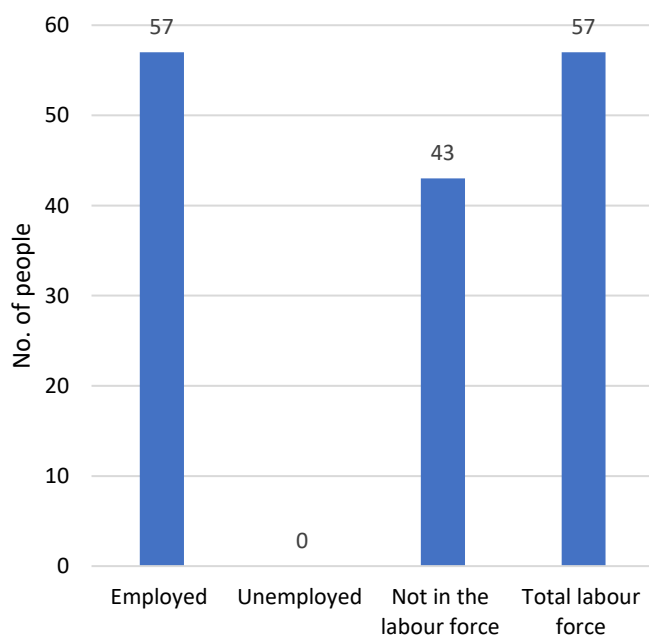
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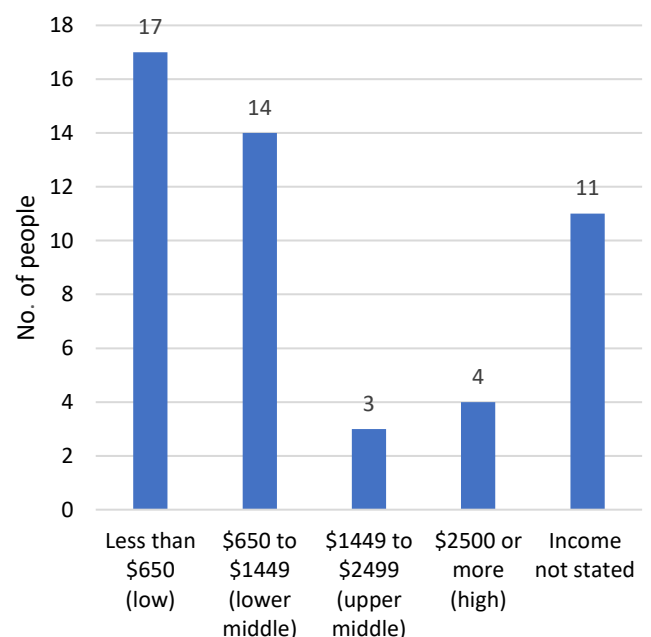
HOUSEHOLD TYPES



LABOUR FORCE



HOUSEHOLD INCOME



**The information represented in the above graphs has been taken from the 2016 Census from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) and therefore may not be an accurate reflection of the township in 2021.*

What makes Molyullah unique

Nestled in the foothills of the Great Dividing Range, it is situated in the scenic valley of Ryan's Creek between Tatong and Lurg. The Molyullah Recreation Reserve is the hub providing sporting facilities, and the modern Memorial Hall, the favoured meeting place for locals.

The vibrant community runs the Easter Sports every Easter Monday, a tradition that has been in place for well over a century. The area is host to a few local community groups, including the Molyullah CFA, the Molyullah Tatong Tree & Land Protection Group, commonly shortened to the Moly-Tat Landcare Group and the newly formed Molyullah Upper Ryan's Creek Heritage Group. The very well-known Sports Committee organise and conduct the iconic Molyullah Easter Sports every Easter Monday.

Products & Services

- Molyullah Easter Sports

Community Groups

- CFA
- Molyullah Public Hall & Reserve Committee
- Molyullah Tatong Tree & Land Protection Group
- Molyullah Upper Ryans Creek Heritage Group

Sport & Recreation

- Molyullah Hall & Recreation Reserve
- Table tennis
- Billiards
- Tennis

Attractions

- Molyullah Easter Sports (Easter Monday)
- Australia Day breakfast & celebrations
- Friday Fish & Chip nights

Marketing & Promotion

- Molyullah town website
www.molyullah.net

Desired Town improvements*

- Upgrade hall, facilities and surrounds
- Upgrade tennis court, pavilion & surrounds
- Establish natural habitat area in the reserve
- Museum area
- A discovery trail & sign
- Outbuilding to provide food during public events
- New small meeting room
- CFA staging & assembly area
- Camping area

**These improvements are detailed as per consultations from 2009*

Past & Recent Funding Grants

Year	Project	Amount	Source	Group
2020	Signs for Heritage Sites	\$2500	CG	Molyullah Upper Ryans Creek Heritage Group
2020	Marquee Hire (Easter sports)	\$2500	CG	Molyullah Public Hall & Reserve Committee
2020	Refurbish Fish and Chip room	\$2500	CG	Molyullah Public Hall & Reserve Committee
2019	Purchase antenna & booster kit	\$1070	CG	Molyullah Rural Fire Brigade
2018	Molyullah Hall	\$500	CSP	Molyullah Public Hall & Reserve Committee
2017	Australia Day	\$200	CG	Molyullah Public Hall & Reserve Committee
2017	Heritage signs across 3 sites	\$2000	CG	Molyullah Tatong Tree & Land Protection Group
2017	Easter Monday Sports	\$500	CSP	Molyullah Public Hall & Reserve Committee
2016	Easter Monday Sports	\$500	CSP	Molyullah Public Hall & Reserve Committee
2015	Easter Monday Sports	\$500	CSP	Molyullah Public Hall & Reserve Committee
2014	Easter Monday Sports	\$500	CSP	Molyullah Public Hall & Reserve Committee
2012/13	Upgrade Molyullah Hall			Molyullah Public Hall & Reserve Committee

Funding Source Legend

CG = Community Grant

ME = Major Event

CSP = Community Sponsorship

YPG = Youth Participation

Infrastructure Projects

Year	Project	BRCC Funding	State Gov Funding	Project Total

Molyullah Projects & Priorities:

Priority - Time Line: **A** = SHORT TERM (1- 2 years) **B**= MEDIUM TERM (3-4 years) **C**= MED -LONG TERM (5-8 years) **D**= LONG TERM (9+ years)

ASSESTS & INFRASTRUCTURE

Priority	Project	Working Groups	Proposed Costs	Other Comments

CHARACTER & APPEARANCE

Priority	Project	Working Groups	Proposed Costs	Other Comments

CELEBRATIONS & EVENTS

Priority	Project	Working Groups	Proposed Costs	Other Comments

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Priority	Project	Working Groups	Proposed Costs	Other Comments

SOCIAL MEDIA, ADVERTISING & PROMOTION

Priority	Project	Working Groups	Proposed Costs	Other Comments

ONGOING ASSOCIATED PROJECTS

Priority	Project	Working Groups	Proposed Costs	Other Comments

LONG TERM GOALS & ASPIRATIONS

Priority	Project	Working Groups	Proposed Costs	Other Comments

Key Community Contacts

Name	Landline	Mobile	Email	Group	Title



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