



Apsley & Districts Action Group

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Apsley, 3319

To Mr. David Bezuidenhout and Council Members,

West Wimmera Shire

Elizabeth Street

Edenhope, Vic 3318

Dear Councillors,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Apsley and Districts Action Group, in reference to the proposed 2021/2022 budget. The Apsley community and in particular this group have many projects that they would like to be considered and supported in the near future.

These include:

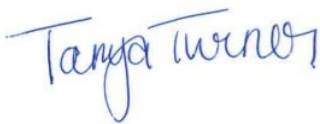
- Inclusion in the Playground Master Plan, that is happening in Edenhope. The Apsley Playground needs a complete overhaul and we would like to see a more natural play space, like at Goroke. The fencing around the park does not provide a secure space for young children as it is not completely enclosed. Shade is also limited with no shade sail over the playground itself, making play equipment hot and impossible to use in the warmer months. All of these improvements would complement the new BBQ area.
- Toilets – these are also located at the park; need to be updated and modernised – possibly unisex toilets. Attractive toilets and a decent playground are what make tourists stop, which is what all small towns need.
- Flowering Gum Development Area – The largest flowering gum was once situated in the Apsley Township not that long ago. Due to its deterioration and safety concerns, large limbs have been cut off and the timber kept to make a feature at the site. Considering a chainsaw carving. Signage and fencing maybe required for this.
- Lake Bringalbert Development – Dump Point for travellers, possibly another toilet and a playground.
- Seating – more next to the town hall. The current seating is old and tired.
- Footpath – Wallace Street extended all the way.
- Signage – current historical walk signs need updating as they are faded.
- Extension of the Historical Walk – Looking at the history of the Chinese in our community. Metal cut outs extended along Wimmera Highway, with a story attached.

- Further Development of our Aboriginal History in our area. Possibly an information bay near Federation Corner, but also extending this to other parts of Apsley and District.
- Resurface tennis /netball court at Recreation Reserve.
- Shade Sails attached to the Eastern side of the town hall.

Our community expresses thanks to West Wimmera Shire for the recent improvements to the BBQ shelter and the replacement of the roof at the Apsley Town Hall .

As we are sure you are well aware our small group can't possibly raise enough funds for these projects and with the three million dollars secured for community infrastructure, we would like you to consider allocating some of these funds to enhance our township and surrounds.

Looking forward to hearing from you in the near future.



Tanya Turner

Secretary

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