

**Murrumbateman Community Association Inc**

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**Strategic Outlook 2023-2028**

**Background**

The Murrumbateman Progress Association (MPA) has supported the Murrumbateman community since its formation on 2 March 1936 as the Murrumbateman Agriculture Bureau and Progress Association. It was renamed the MPA in 2014. It operates as a not-for-profit association and promotes the rural-residential lifestyle, activities and services for the Murrumbateman community.

**Our vision** – ***What we want for Murrumbateman***

A vibrant and sustainable Murrumbateman region community.

**Our purpose** – ***The reason the MPA exists***

Working for the benefit of the Murrumbateman community through representation and advocacy of its interests.

**Our objectives** – ***The outcomes we want to achieve for Murrumbateman***

* Provide a forum where the community can involve themselves in issues pertaining to Murrumbateman
* Be an umbrella body to act on issues of general concern to the whole or significant portion of the community
* Promote the development of facilities, activities and infrastructure that benefits the whole community
* Facilitate engagement with and between Murrumbateman community groups
* Promote, run and support community events and interest groups
* Inform the community about issues and events
* Attract and recruit membership that’s representative of the community
* Serve as a community voice with local, State and Federal government.

**Our principles** – ***The values and practices we apply to everything we do***

* Good governance and compliance
* Open and fair engagement
* Integrity
* Inclusivity
* Adaptability
* Respecting and valuing the traditional owners of this land
* Respecting all people in our community
* Commitment to the environment
* Transparent and accountable financial management

**Our strategies** – ***What we do to make it happen***

**Advocacy and representation -** *We work with governments and other stakeholders to*:

* Represent the community views on significant planning, development, recreation facilities, heritage and environmental issues, provision of services and at local government advisory committees
* Convene public meetings and/or facilitate consultation on issues of community interest
* Act as the responsible body for special interest and affiliated community groups by providing legal and statutory cover, representation and support
* Organise or assist a range of community social, fund-raising activities and events
* Assist in the management and facilitate maintenance of community lands
* Progress work on issues/events through working groups (WG) or sub-committees (SC)
* Provide advice and support for community groups in seeking grant funding.

**Activities and deliverables - *What we deliver (but not limited)***

* Promotion of social events
* Recreation facilities (WG)
* Master planning consultations
* Village Markets (SC)
* Community information sharing
* Menshed (SC)
* Murrumbateman Field Days
* Christmas Carols (WG)
* History Group (WG)
* Outdoor movie screening

**Projects –** ***What we are planning or supporting***

* Development and delivery of recreation facilities in Murrumbateman (through community influenced agreed priorities)
* Events and activities that bring the community together
* Promoting and supporting local businesses, sports, and community groups
* Monitoring, supporting or applying for grants to deliver facilities and improvements in Murrumbateman
* An agreed Murrumbateman Masterplan that reflects the community’s changing needs and future growth areas
* Endorsed and funded maintenance program for facilities, infrastructure and community lands
* Lobbying for construction of a new Murrumbateman Community Hall

**Our Finances - *We manage MPA Finances by:***

* Applying sound, legal and transparent accounting processes
* Seeking income and funding sources for infrastructure, facilities and activities
* Producing an annual budget and financial plan that shows how funds are used for community benefit.