

# my Neighbourhood



# MINERS REST

## INTRODUCTION

When it comes to priority projects no one knows better what is needed most at the local level than the locals. That's the philosophy behind Council's Township Empowerment Program (TEP) which is investing \$300,000 into community-led projects and neighbourhood development plans at Miners Rest, Learmonth and Buninyong.

The Township Empowerment Program was a key initiative in Council's 2013-2014 Budget. It's designed to strengthen community links and build community confidence about the delivery of projects locally.

Council has allocated \$100,000 to seed a number of community-inspired projects in each these townships.

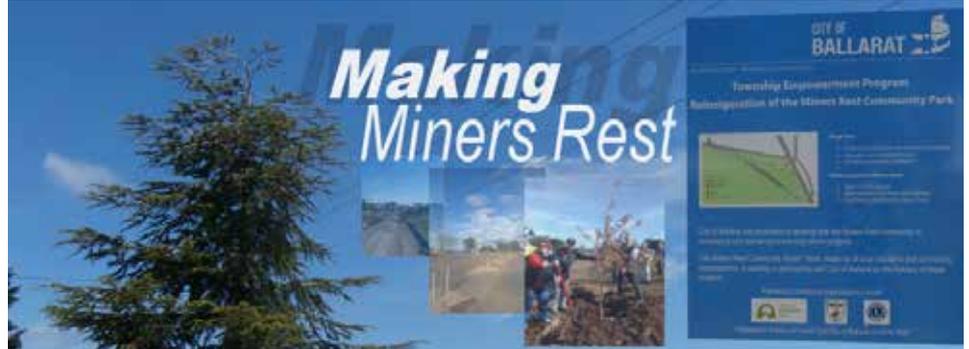
Community consultation is underway and some community-led projects have started.

Suggestions have been put forward for specific projects in the townships, but common themes have also emerged relating to the need for revitalisation of park lands and recreational facilities, the provision of youth services and improvements to infrastructure.

## MAKING MINERS REST FACEBOOK PAGE

The Making Miners Rest Facebook page was launched in August 2013 and has been popular with news and updates about community projects in Miners Rest.

To keep informed and to stay up to date with what's happening "LIKE" the page on Facebook [www.facebook.com/MakingMinersRest](http://www.facebook.com/MakingMinersRest)



## MINERS REST COMMUNITY ACTION TEAM

The Miners Rest Community Action Team (MRCAT), was formed from a community meeting, held on 30 May 2013. The MRCAT are the drivers and decision makers in the Making Miners Rest Township Empowerment Program.

The team are passionate about making Miners Rest a vibrant welcoming community and are committed to a number of the projects that have been identified as being priorities to the community.

Thank you to the following team members for their involvement and enthusiasm:

- Judy & Peter Earl
- Raywyn Foster
- Stewart Riddel
- Marie Bajada
- Sharon Thomas
- Tom & Marion Bennett
- Brad Maisey
- Rosemary Anderson
- Yvonne Ross
- Dianne Jennings
- Simone & Geoff Judge
- Allan Robertson
- Jenny & Riley Sheriff
- Andrew, Michelle, Chloe & Zac Stinchcombe
- Sandra Fox
- Brad & Theresa Cosway
- Sarah Wright
- Margaret Skelton
- Alby & Heather Copeland
- Margaret Adams
- Natalie Heynes
- Carlo Verzeletti
- Peter Loader
- Kylie & Shane Riddoch
- David & Robyn Cremmelin



RSL Memorial



Miners Rest Wetlands



Library Outreach Van

# WHERE ARE THE PRIORITY PROJECTS AT?

## Miners Rest Community Park

Progress on the revitalisation of the Miners Rest Community Park commenced in August with the removal of the cypress trees and tree planting.

With the help of local residents, 24 Sawtooth Oak trees, that will form an Avenue of Honour, were planted in September.

In partnership with the RSL, new tree plaques honouring local service men and women will be installed. An information sign has been put up at the park, providing an insight on the next stage of the park revitalisation.

## Miners Rest Soldiers Memorial

The Miners Rest Soldiers Memorial restoration and relocation is a key project in the revitalisation of the Miners Rest Community Park.

The Memorial has had some restoration work completed, ensuring that it will remain a reminder to the community of the valuable contribution made by the forbears of the district.

With the Soldiers Memorial being relocated to the end of the newly planted Avenue of Honour, along with a new flag pole and seating, the Memorial will be there for commemoration and reflection.

## Miners Rest Community Park – Playground

Basketball Court resurfacing began in mid-November and will see a great new space for young people to play a range of games on and exercise either individually or in small groups.

There are a number of other potential park based projects for young people to have a say on. Further engagement is planned with young people about possible future BMX and skate options, plus a number of arts based projects.

## Library Outreach Van

2,500 visits have been made to the Library Outreach Van since it started visiting the Miners Rest Primary School more than 12 months ago. Over this time 2,000 items have been borrowed.

The service visits every Monday between 2.30 and 4.30pm, including school holidays, and is available to all residents of Miners Rest and district, and the Miners Rest Primary School.

The stock includes new books, audio visual books, magazines and DVD's and access to the library catalogue – library visitors have access to over three million items in the catalogue.

Children's story time is held every week at 2.30pm with

children enjoying stories, rhymes and songs.

Please note: The Library Outreach Van will not visit on 30 December 2013. Over the January period school holiday activities will be held each Monday. Check the Library website for further details.

### Need more info?

Visit [www.centralhighlandslibraries.org.au](http://www.centralhighlandslibraries.org.au) or contact Council's Libraries and Learning Manager Tara Hossack on 5338 6800.

## Miners Rest Wetlands

Interpretive signage and distance markers have been installed by Council to improve the amenity of the wetlands area and encourage use by residents.

The wetlands are home to a range of animals and birdlife. The new sign and markers will inform residents and visitors about the wetlands.

## FUTURE PROJECTS INCLUDE:



### Township Entrance Signage

At a meeting on 26 November, the Community Action Team agreed that this important project would include:

- The use of local material for the construction
- The Welsh Miner for the logo (as used by number of community groups in Miners Rest)

The design of the sign will be based on examples shown from other towns in the district and will be a feature that will embrace all of Miners Rest including Macarthur Park.

A small group of local people will work with Council staff to complete this project in the first half of 2014.

### Community Grants:

The Miners Rest community has also received a number of grants for community projects via the City of Ballarat Community Impact Grant program:

- Miners Rest and District Play Group - \$2,395  
10th birthday celebrations
- Miners Rest Community Hall - \$1,180  
New blinds
- Miners Rest Lions Club - \$5,000  
Marketing materials for community market
- Landcare - \$4,600  
Tree planting at Burrumbeet Creek
- Miners Rest and District Playgroup - \$352  
Signage



## CATERING FOR OUR YOUNGEST RESIDENTS

A new Early Learning Centre (ELC) will be built in Miners Rest to provide kindergarten and early childhood services. The project has been made possible following a successful application to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development for a funding co-contribution.

### Timeline:

**October 2013** - Council advertised for a suitable company to prepare a detailed tender to build a new ELC building at Miners Rest.

**Early 2014** - Successful tender announced and construction to commence

**Late 2014** – new ELC to be completed

A new kindergarten program will be operating from this building in time for the 2015 kindergarten year.

### Need more info?

For more info on the project contact Council's Stakeholder Engagement Officer Sharelle Knight on 5320 5720.

## HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

If you are interested in joining the Miners Rest Community Action Team, or want to know more contact Council's Community Development Officer Sandra Kennedy on 5320 5746.

OR:

“Like” the Making Miners Rest Facebook page  
<https://www.facebook.com/MakingMinersRest>

## Join a local group:

Miners Rest and District Lions Club  
Yvonne Ross 0408 343 106

Miners Rest Landcare Group  
Emma Bennett  
0423 206 352

Miners Rest Hall Committee  
Andrew Stinchcombe  
0417 354 522

Miners Rest Playgroup  
Cindy Vanderkley 0448 346 900

Miners Rest Primary School Parents & Friends Club  
Contact the school 5334 6328

## What's On

### Christmas Lights competition

Get in the festive spirit by lighting up Miners Rest and go in the running to win the Miners Rest and District Lions Club Christmas Lights Competition. Entries are now open and close 15 December.

For an application form contact Yvonne Ross on 0408 343 106.

### Miners Rest Carols by Candlelight

Presented by the Miners Rest and District Lions Club, the Miners Rest Carols by Candlelight will be held on Sunday 22 December at 6pm at the Miners Rest Community Hall. The evening will feature musical acts and a guest appearance by Santa. The winners of the Christmas Light competition will also be announced.

For more information contact the Miners Rest and District Lions Club on 0490 091 977.

