



NOWA NOWA FUTURES NEWS

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Have your say - last chance!

Hayley - Project Manager of the Nowa Nowa Futures has now carried out over 70 interviews and is nearing the end of the interview phase of the project, with July the final month for interviews. Hayley is still keen to hear from anyone who would like to talk to her about what is most important to them about Nowa Nowa.

People from all walks of life and background have shared their ideas so far with Hayley: many from the community, but also representatives from business, government and research/education, which are the other three parts of the 'quadruple helix'. The Smart Specialisation process has identified that all four parts of the quadruple helix must be a part of any successful new economic development plan.

During the interviews Hayley finds out what people regard as the assets of the area, their hopes and vision for the future of the town as well as finding out more about the existing expertise and capacity already to be found here.

All interviews remain confidential, however by compiling all the responses clear trends emerge. For example while most would like to see more tourism dollars spent in town, it is important that doing so does not take away from the beauty and serenity that people value so very highly.

What are the top five 'best things about Nowa Nowa' from the interviews? See next page!

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'Regional Context Analysis' - is what, exactly?

The Nowa Nowa Futures project is now at the point of bringing together interview material, regional plans and strategies, and economic and demographic data to create a Regional Context Analysis.

As the interview phase comes to a close, Hayley is undertaking painstaking research to follow up the information that has emerged from the first stages. Critical to the development of the Local Development Strategy - the final step in the Nowa Nowa Futures project - will be finding the data that supports any project that is being considered.

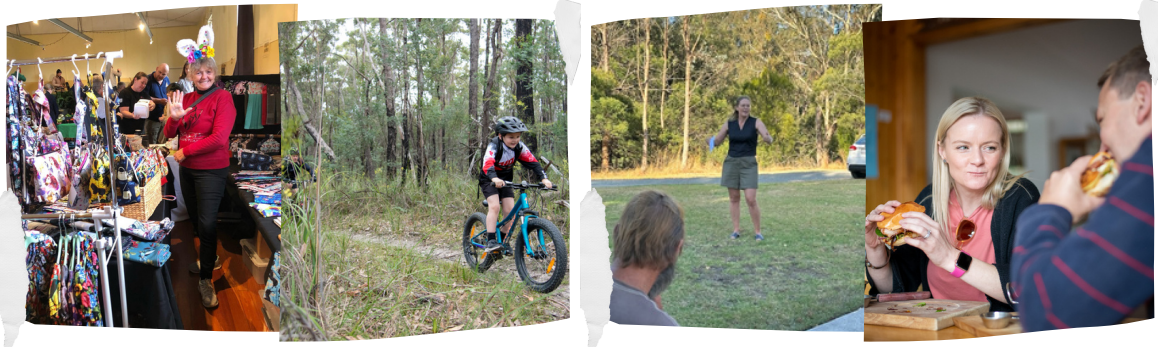
For example, nature tourism has been identified by many as a potential area of growth for this area. But is there research that demonstrates that nature tourism is in demand and capable of delivering a return on investment? (Fortunately, the answer in this case is yes, with tourism industry research showing an increasing trend of wanting to care for the environment an important priority for the majority of global travellers).

Several other forestry transition communities have now completed their Regional Context Analysis, which can be found on the links below:

Orbost: <https://orbostregion.com.au/future-economy/regional-context-analysis>

Noojee: <https://www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/Noojee/Shaping-the-Future-of-Noojee>

Yarram: <https://www.futureofyarram.com/>



Nowa Nowa's Top Five

There is a strong picture emerging of what the community sees as Nowa Nowa's greatest assets. So far, the top five assets of the Nowa Nowa area identified by the community are:

1. The natural environment: bushland, waterways, clean water, air and soil.
2. Lake Tyers: our long waterway, winding through serene forested hills.
3. Unique Nature: thermal springs, rare frogs, bat caves, RAMSAR wetlands.
4. The Rail Trail and Bridges: Boggy Ck, Ironstone Ck, O'Grady's and Stony Ck historic bridges, linked by the EG Rail Trail.
5. Walking trails: Gorge, wetlands, lake and forest all linked by paths.



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NOWA NOWA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP

NEWS

The June meeting of Nowa Nowa Community Development group was busy!

The very full agenda included two outside speakers as well as a long list of future and current projects to discuss - see more later in this newsletter on these projects.

A number of people at the meeting reported on workshops held across East Gippsland by ACRE - the Australian Centre for Rural Entrepreneurship. These inspiring workshops (funded by EG Shire Council) talked about the importance of innovation and entrepreneurship, the particular challenges faced by small communities and the concept of social enterprises, which are businesses which return at least 50% of profits to the community.

Nowa Nowa Community Development Group are hosting ACRE for a workshop on community asset ownership. See next page for details.

NEWSFLASH! DIGITAL SKILLS COURSE LAKES ENTRANCE

The Learn Local network is conducting five, three hour sessions in Lakes Entrance, starting on Tuesday August 15th at 9.30. Topics cover word processing, emails, spreadsheets and presentations. \$30 / \$15 concession full course.

More information Buchan Neighbourhood House on (03) 5159 9216 or email neighbourhoodhouse@buchan.vic.au

GLCH services in Nowa Nowa

In response to concerns raised by the NNCDG at it's April meeting, CEO of Gippsland Lakes Complete Health attended the June meeting to reply to the concerns raised.

Anne-Maree Kaser responded comprehensively to all items that had been raised, and provided this list of services available at the Nowa Nowa Health Centre.

- GP on Wednesday mornings
- Clinic based nursing services Monday and Wednesday mornings.
- Home based nursing services provided as needed, which is up to 7 days / week for Hospital in the Home and palliative care clients.
- Social Support Group Tuesdays 10 - 2pm.
- Podiatry every 6 weeks on Thursday.

Anne-Maree shared the difficulty of recruiting health professionals, and the challenges of staffing many small centres.



NNCDG projects and news



Three different projects had sub committees appointed at the June meeting:

Boggy Creek Bridge: this group will start to explore funding options for restoration of the Bridge

Constitution update: a working group will draft a new constitution and report prior to the AGM.

Stop and Stay: making it easier for visitors to park and stay in town - sub group will discuss how to progress.

Other news items:

EGSC Mobile Library and Service Van. This van visits town weekly, with feedback to be provided to EGSC on the best times. The van is not just a library but a mobile office where other council matters can be attended to.

Op Shop: Planning will start on developing an Op Shop for Nowa Nowa.

Halls works: painting etc will commence on July 22nd.

NNCDG Next Meeting Tues August 15th.

The next meeting of the NNCDG is on Tuesday August 15th.

Agenda items for the meeting include:

Events coming soon

Trivia and Tunes: Sat July 8th 6 -10pm Bookings essential,

via General Store or EG WinterFestival website

Facilitated Playgroups Monday 17th and 31st July. Call 5152 9600

ACRE Workshop - Community Owned assets. Thurs July 27, 10 - 12 at Community Room. [Book here](#) or contact info@nowanowa.org.au

Harrison Storm - 3rd Weekend in September

James Adderley - Saturday 14th of October

Amber Lawrence - Friday 3rd of November

