



NOWA NOWA FUTURES NEWS

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Have you shared your ideas?

Hayley - Project Manager of the Nowa Nowa Futures has now carried out over 85 interviews for the Nowa Nowa Futures project. There have been lots of ideas put forward. 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 so please get in touch if you'd like to share your thoughts.

During the interviews (which are very casual), Hayley finds out what people regard as the assets of the area, what are the challenges, 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.

People from all walks of life and background have shared their thoughts and ideas so far with Hayley: most have been from the community (which stretches from Toorloo Arm to Wombat Creek, including Lake Tyers Aboriginal Trust), but also local 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.

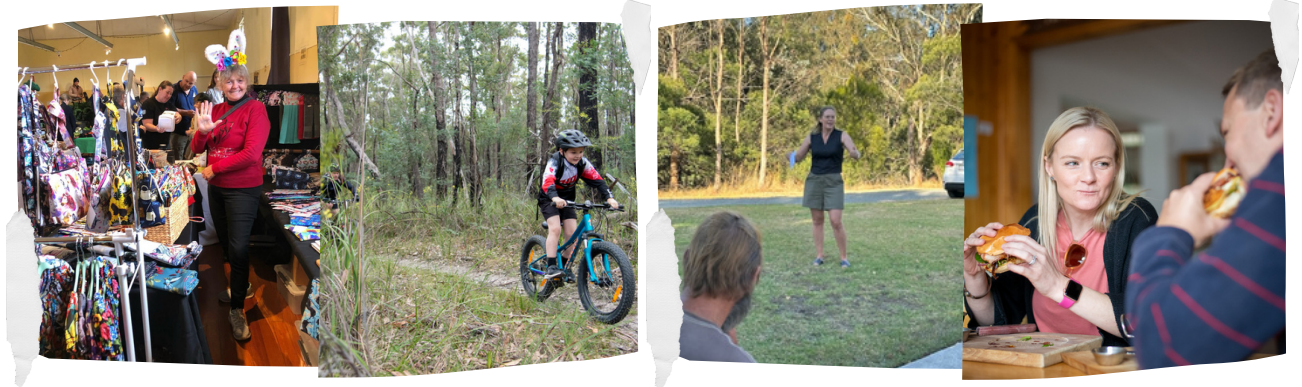
All interviews remain confidential, however by compiling all the responses clear trends emerge which, in conjunction with surrounding evidence, supports the creation of new opportunities.

What happens next?

Now that Hayley has spoken to the community, she will finish drafting up the Context Analysis, which includes providing researched evidence to support ideas and opportunities.

The next step is to present the Nowa Nowa community with the report. The community gets to read and feedback their thoughts on the Analysis. It is after all, a community-led project so it's important that everyone gets the chance to have a say.

The Context Analysis identifies assets and innovation opportunities for the area. To explore these opportunities, we (people from the community, local business, Government decision makers, education decision makers) will go into several Entrepreneurial Discovery Process Workshops to see whether these opportunities are worth pursuing. This is all based on the conversations Hayley has had with the community over the past few months.



Nowa Nowa's Top Ideas

There is a strong and consistent picture emerging of the place that the community would like to see now and into its future. The top five ideas (out of a very long list) that consistently emerge are:

1. Nature Tourism - as long as the visitors look after and respect the area.
2. Tracks and Trails Opportunity - not just for visitors, but looking after fire trails for future fire protection and potential employment.
3. Pub and/or a place for evening meals
4. School Site opportunity
5. Mill site/s potential opportunity





NOWA NOWA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP

NEWS

It was a quick July meeting, but lots to get through!

The Annual General Meeting is coming up on the 12th September. 6pm start at the Community Room. All members are encouraged to attend and to bring a pot luck dinner to share!

For a full list of all the projects and news, see the next page. Don't forget the upcoming events in October and November!

GIPPSLAND RED MEAT CONFERENCE

This year the conference will be held at the Sale Baptist Church. There is a fantastic line up of presenters who will be covering a wide variety of topics for red meat producers.

7.30AM on Tuesday 29th August 2023

Tickets are on sale now and are available at

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/eventlist/eventListingURL?aid=188433>

HOW TO IDENTIFY SCAMS SESSION

Telstra and NBN are conducting a workshop 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

Bairnsdale Jobs Expo

The Bairnsdale Jobs Expo is great opportunity for job seekers to connect with local employers face to face, and to learn about available jobs, apprenticeships, and career pathways across a range of industries here in East Gippsland.

The Skills and Jobs Centre will be available on the day to provide resume checks and interviewing advice for the job seekers, along with other support services.

Date: Thursday 24 August 2023

Time: 9.00am - 3.00pm

Location: 38 Pyke Street Bairnsdale



NNCDG projects and news



Agribusiness Leadership Program for Economic Resilience

East Gippsland Shire Council is launching a Leadership Program to assist farmers and agribusinesses. It's a six-month program and includes a regional tour and training.

Participation in the program is free of charge. To learn more and express your interest, please visit [Council's website](#) or contact Kaylene Wickham, Agribusiness Development Officer, at economic.development@egipps.vic.gov.au.

NNCDG Next Meeting Tues Aug 8th.

The next meeting of the NNCDG is on Tuesday Aug 8th from 6pm (second Tuesday of the month).

- School:** A working group has been formed to make an inspection and plan moving items from the hall and small hall
- Boggy Creek Bridge:** this group will continue to explore funding options for restoration of the Bridge
- Textiles Group:** Heather Costigan has formed a textiles group. If you are interested in joining, please contact Heather.
- Stop and Stay:** making it easier for visitors to park and stay in town - sub group will discuss how to progress.
- Market:** Looking to hold markets 3-4 times a year. Shailah is calling for a subcommittee to assist. If interested, please chat to Shay.
- Op Shop:** Planning will start on developing an Op Shop for Nowa Nowa.
- Sewerage:** NNCDG looking at funding options



Events coming soon

- James Adderley** - Saturday 14th of October
- Amber Lawrence** - Friday 3rd of November