



# NOWA NOWA FUTURES NEWS

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## COMMUNITY EVENT AT SCHOOL SITE FRIDAY OCTOBER 6

**Nowa Nowa Community Development Group is thrilled to be able to invite the local community to the former Nowa Nowa Primary School site to showcase and seek feedback on the draft blueprint for new economic development for Nowa Nowa on Friday October 6th.**

The event will launch the 'Regional Context Analysis' (RCA) which is the culmination of research and interviews undertaken by the Nowa Nowa Futures Project Manager Hayley Hardy since the start of the year.

Kicking off at 5.30, the event will be catering for an evening meal at no charge, with a couple of food trucks on site serving meals between **5.30 and 7.00 pm**

Guest speaker Coran Johnson from the Australian Centre for Rural Entrepreneurship (and Buchan local) will share her extensive knowledge and experience of the successful transformation of small communities. Hayley will provide a very brief introduction to the RCA, then people will be able to view the comprehensive display set up to allow everyone to become familiar with it's contents.

The first section of the RCA contains a 'snapshot' of the area; it's history, geography, demographic statistics and key industries. The next section summarises the findings from interviews across the community this year and identifies the key assets and challenges revealed by the interviews. The final section of the RCA outlines seven broad 'innovation opportunities' indicated by the research. (see further in this newsletter for the list of seven).

**The most important part of the evening will be getting the community's feedback on the RCA via a short series of questions. Feedback will be gathered via paper forms, a feedback form on our website , by email and any other way we can think of!**

While it's name mightn't be very inspiring, the Regional Context Analysis contains the seeds of Nowa Nowa's future development and it is critical to ensure they are the right seeds! Everyone across the whole community is urged to provide their feedback at this important point in the Nowa Nowa Futures project. If you are unable to come on Friday October 6, you can find out about the RCA and provide your feedback on our website <http://nowanowa.org.au/index.php/future/> , by emailing us, or drop in to the Futures office at the Nowa Nowa Community Room.

## After the RCA: next steps



Innovation opportunities are not specific projects, but instead are the starting point for further investigation and development that can lead to concrete development proposals. The next step for each Innovation Opportunity is the 'Entrepreneurial Discovery Process' (EDP) which tests if there is sufficient evidence to support further refinement and development.

EDP Workshops are run with 12 to 20 people, who have particular knowledge and expertise in the relevant area. It is important that there is a good mix of people from Community, Business, Government and Research/education :the 'Quadruple Helix

The EDP workshops will weigh up whether the innovation is unique enough to stand out, who will use it, why it hasn't already been developed and how long lasting it's impact will be for the community and local businesses.

Finally, the EDP workshop must consider:

- Is this viable?
- Do we want to pursue it?
- Do we need to pursue it?

Only if there are positive answers will the proposal move on to the next stage - Innovation Working Groups.

## 7 Innovation opportunities for Nowa Nowa

The Regional Context Analysis defines seven Innovation opportunities for the Nowa Nowa area, listed below but NOT in order of priority.

- **Nature Based Tourism**

*How to connect the visitor to the natural assets (lake, Rail Trail, MTB) in and around the area*

- **Unique Nature**

*provide a supporting platform to access some of the unique natural assets that Nowa Nowa area has.*

- **Visitor Economy**

*Provide existing and future visitors with a reason to prolong stay, book future stays and recommend the area to friends and family.*

- **Alternative Education**

*Provide residents looking to learn new skills and who are at or above high school age with the education platform to learn that is most appropriate for the wider community.*

- **Primary Industry**

*Establish a collaborative, supporting or partnering industry for the existing primary industry businesses within the Nowa Nowa areas.*

- **Culture and Creative Arts**

*Establish a platform and/or outlet for creative and cultural pursuits that can assist in driving the Nowa Nowa region economy.*

- **Health and Aging Well.**

*To look at the current, future and potential health services in the Nowa Nowa area.*





## NOWA NOWA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP

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## Annual General Meeting: new president and new rules.

Nowa Nowa Community Development Group held its Annual General Meeting on September 12th, starting with an informal catchup over a 'potluck' dinner. Some important changes took place at the meeting, with members elected to in the executive positions, and changes to the Rules of the Association accepted.

Long standing and hard working president Kristen Huggins stepped down after many years of dedication, and Berni Rossi was elected as the new President. Paula Jorgensen is the newly elected Vice President, while Tristan Hennessey remains as Secretary, and Lauren Barlow continues as Treasurer. The following people were elected to nine of the eleven General Committee positions, leaving two positions still vacant: Kristen Huggins, Jeremy Huggins, Trudy Park, Rinaldo Antico, Bill Jol, Heather Costigan, Shailah Buckley, Katie Zagami, Steve Costigan.

While most of the Rules of the Association remain the same, a number of important changes were accepted, after months of work by a subcommittee. Key changed or new rules are:

**Eligibility for membership:** *Any person who supports the purpose of the Association, and meets the following criteria:*

*Live and/or work or are ratepayers from the East side of the Toorloo Arm Bridge to the West side of the Wombat Creek Bridge. Northern boundaries are C620 to the Buchan turnoff and GPS 148.185 to due north of the Wombat Creek Bridge. Southern boundaries are the coastline from the west side of Nowa Nowa Arm.*

*Members can be any age with voting rights for those 18 and above*

*One membership per person, regardless of holding multiple roles*

*Applicants for membership must commit to resolving differences through agreed dispute mediation process.*

**Annual membership** *is from 1 July – 30 June; the financial year. Any new member who joins after the start of a financial year is a member for the remainder of the financial year. There is no membership fee.*

**Voting rights:** *New members can vote at general meetings from 65 days after becoming a member.*

*Special General Meetings will be called if requested by at least half the voting members.*

**Quorum:** *is the presence of 25% of voting members.*

The full Amended Rules are available to members from the Secretary.

# Upcoming training and information

## ***Bushfire Resilience Information***

BRI (Bushfire Resilience Inc) was founded in 2020 in response to the devastating fires in south-eastern Australia. They are a community-led, non-profit association providing practical info loaded with steps your household can take to be better prepared for grass fire and bushfire risks. Visit their Resource Hub to watch any of the 15 webinars from 2020 to 2022, read transcripts, explore bitesize topics, and watch interviews with people impacted by a bushfire. [bushfireresilience.org.au](https://bushfireresilience.org.au)

## ***Farm Forestry Field Days - October 27 and 28***

VicForest is running farm forestry and plantation field days at demonstration sites across East Gippsland: Sale/Bairnsdale on Friday Oct 27 and Orbost / Nowa Nowa on Saturday October 27th. Hear from a range of speakers providing perspectives on the theme.

Lunch provided both days

Email [vfs.farmforestry@vicforests.com.au](mailto:vfs.farmforestry@vicforests.com.au) or **RSVP** at <https://forms.office.com/r/iWvjHJE5z0>

## ***Learn Local Network***

Gippsland Learn Local Network is running a range of 'Get Ready to Work' courses across Gippsland, including in Lake Tyers, Orbost and Lakes Entrance covering topics including Hospitality, Hairdressing and construction.

All programs are flexible in delivery and can be arranged the content to suit the needs of participants. All classes are small and personalised. Registrations for Term 4 are now open. More information on their website: <https://www.gippslandlearnlocal.community/courses>



***Hardworking volunteers rolled up their sleeves to prepare the School site for the community event on Friday October 6th - the first community event on site since the NNCDG has taken over the site.***

## **NNCDG Next Meeting Tues Oct 10**