

Placemaking Program Willow Grove Project Shortlist

Project List:

1. Town entry sign improvements

Indicative cost: \$25,000

This project involves improving the town entrances of Willow Grove with improved welcome signs as well as signs to encourage visitors to keep Willow Grove clean.

Town entry signs will be used to identify the town of Willow Grove and improve the town entrance 'vibe'. These signs may incorporate public art as determined by the community. Other additional signage would have a message such as 'Keep Willow Grove Beautiful' to encourage visitors to keep the town clean and take garbage home.

This project involves manufacturing of signage and installation on the roadside. As Moe-Willow Grove Road is the responsibility of VicRoads, a permit and permission would be sought.

2. Township seating at various locations

Indicative cost: \$15,000

Seating in strategic locations as determined by consultation with the community. It is estimated that each seating unit would cost approximately \$3,000 each to purchase and install. An allowance for five additional seats has been included as part of this option.

3. Town mural at a location to be determined

Indicative cost: \$10,000

In the style of 'silo art' a mural may be painted on an existing wall or tank. An artist would be hired to develop concepts of art that would be taken back to the community for approval. As an example, the mural may depict some of the history in Willow Grove.

It was originally suggested that the mural be put on the old sheds next to the tennis courts. As per the Recreation Master Plan, these sheds are marked for removal and may not be suitable for this type of mural. Should this option be preferred, a new location will need to be chosen as agreed by the community.



Figure 1 Example of 'silo art' style in Albury, NSW

A possible location for a mural is the white side of the Telstra box at the Recreation Reserve. Permission would need to be sought from the property owner prior to any works commencing.

4. Installation of streetscape works on Moe-Willow Grove Road

Indicative cost: \$50,000

This project involves improving the Moe-Willow Grove Road within town to reduce the 'highway' feel. Through consultation with the community, a design will be developed which may incorporate features such as narrower lane widths and traffic islands to calm traffic travelling through Willow Grove.

Note that depending on the extent of the design, the delivery of the project may have to be undertaken in stages if certain elements require expenditure above what is available in the Placemaking Program.

Moe-Willow Grove Road is maintained by VicRoads and a design and permit for streetscape works would need to be approved prior to works commencing.

5. Street tree infill

Indicative cost: \$5,000

Trees may be planted at various locations within Willow Grove. This project will involve consultation with the community and Council's open space maintenance team to determine the most suitable locations and species of trees for planting.

6. RV / caravan public dump point

Indicative cost: \$35,000

An RV and caravan public dump point may be constructed at a location as agreed by the community. This project involves constructing a new public dump point which is connected to the existing water and sewerage system. The project cost would be dependent on proximity to a sewer connection.



Figure 2 Example of a dump point

This project involves:

- Installation of a new dump point
- Water and sewerage connections
- Preparation of layby to accommodate recreation vehicles and caravans

7. Formalise a self-contained RV camping area

Indicative cost: \$50,000

This project would seek to provide an overnight parking/camping area to those with self-contained RVs. A location would need to be determined and agreed by the community.

This project involves:

- Preparation of the parking area location
- Supply and spreading of gravel
- Installation of signage with rules for parking

It is expected that this project will utilise the full Placemaking Program budget.

8. Upgrade gardens in the main street

Indicative cost: \$20,000

Improvements to the gardens may be undertaken by providing new garden beds/planter boxes and refreshed plantings to the main street, including in front of the hall.

If this is the preferred project, consultation with the community will occur to determine the extent of gardens to be upgraded and what type of planting will be incorporated.

9. Playground upgrade at the Recreation Reserve

Indicative cost: \$50,000

A playground upgrade involves replacement of existing play equipment at the Recreation Reserve. With the Placemaking Program funding, it is possible to provide a new 'multi-play' equipment set and new swing set.

It is estimated that a 'multi-play' set would cost \$30,000 to supply and install. A swing set is estimated to cost \$10,000. The remaining budget would be used to provide softfall material that is compliant with the current Australian Standards.



Figure 3 Example of 'multi-play' equipment

This project involves:

- Removal of existing equipment
- Supply and installation of new play equipment
- Supply and installation of softfall material

10. Upgrade Toorong Road park

Indicative cost: \$30,000

This project involves providing shade and additional tables/seating. There are currently existing shade poles at the playground which have no shade cloth. Due to the on-going long-term maintenance required and safety hazards if the shade rips, the shade cloth has not been replaced.

As part of the Placemaking Program a new shade structure with picnic table underneath may be constructed. A shade structure with concrete base is estimated to cost approximately \$20,000. The remaining funds would be used to install a picnic table and additional seating in the park.

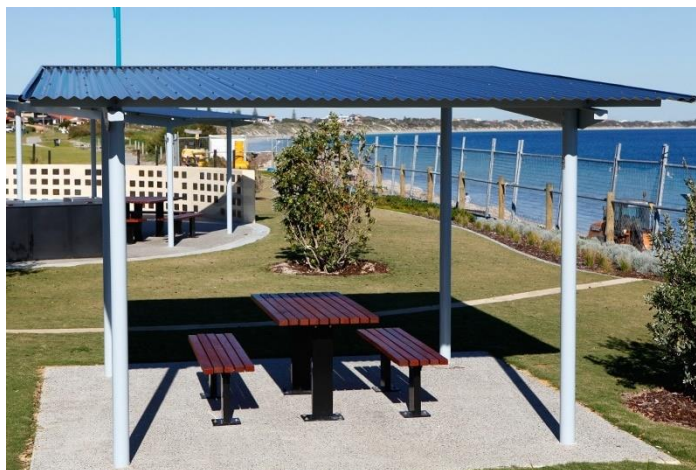


Figure 4 Example of shade structure and picnic table

11. Sealed entrance to the Recreation Reserve

Indicative cost: \$27,000

An asphalt seal would be applied to the entrance of the Recreation Reserve in front of the ticket box.

This project involves:

- Preparation of existing surface and top-up of gravel base, if required.
- Shaping of the base and preparation for sealing (primer seal)
- Asphalt seal

The total area for this entrance is approximately 175m² and it is expected to cost \$27,000. This price may be dependent on the depth and condition of the existing gravel base.



Figure 5 Area for sealing at the Recreation Reserve

12. Connecting pathway along the front of the Recreation Reserve

Indicative cost: \$25,000

A pathway in front of the Recreation Reserve from the ticket box to Blue Rock Road is 135m in length. This path includes a link to the public toilet. A concrete path which is 1.5m wide is estimated to cost \$120/m² which brings this project to approximately \$25,000 to complete.

Note that there is potential for this footpath to be constructed in a future footpath program. This option has been included to allow for the community to decide if this project should be fast-tracked.



Figure 6 Footpath in front of the Recreation Reserve

13. Community garden at the Recreation Reserve

Indicative cost: \$20,000

A community garden located at the Recreation Reserve. This option is also listed in the Willow Grove Recreation Master Plan. This program can deliver a garden which will then require ongoing participation from the community to keep it maintained.

The extent and scale of this garden will be dependent on the community's expectation. If this project is chosen, consultation will occur to determine how the garden will be implemented.

14. Remove rotunda at the Recreation Reserve and construct two new shelters

Indicative cost: \$50,000

This project is for the removal of the existing rotunda at the Recreation Reserve which will be replaced by two simple shade structures (see figure in option 10 for example).

A shade structure with concrete base is estimated to cost approximately \$20,000. Two structures will be installed at this location. The remaining funds will be used provide additional picnic tables and seating.

Due to budget constraints, a new BBQ could not be included in this option. As the BBQs that are installed by Council are electric, they require a shade structure to be constructed to help protect them. Considerations would also have to be made to supplying the BBQ with electricity.

15. Fitness stations at the Recreation Reserve

Indicative cost: \$40,000

Like the equipment installed at Jindivick's Kydd Parke Reserve, outdoor gym equipment may be installed at various locations at the Recreation Reserve (to be confirmed). Concrete bases as well as a rubber surface would be required underneath each piece of equipment.

This project involves:

- Construction of concrete base including installation of softfall material
- Installation of fitness equipment and associated signs



Figure 7 Outdoor gym equipment at Kydd Parke Reserve, Jindivick

16. Extension of 'Landcare' walking track to the point

Indicative cost: \$50,000

This project involves gravel path renewal for the 'Landcare' track as shown in the figure. The length is approximately 600m and a renewal would involve a 2m wide path at a rate of around \$40/m². The cost of the project would be approximately \$48,000.

If possible (dependent on actual path renewal costs), remaining funds may be used to provide seating at the end of the walking track.

Works would be undertaken on land owned by Southern Rural Water (SRW) and the project will be subject to SRW approval.

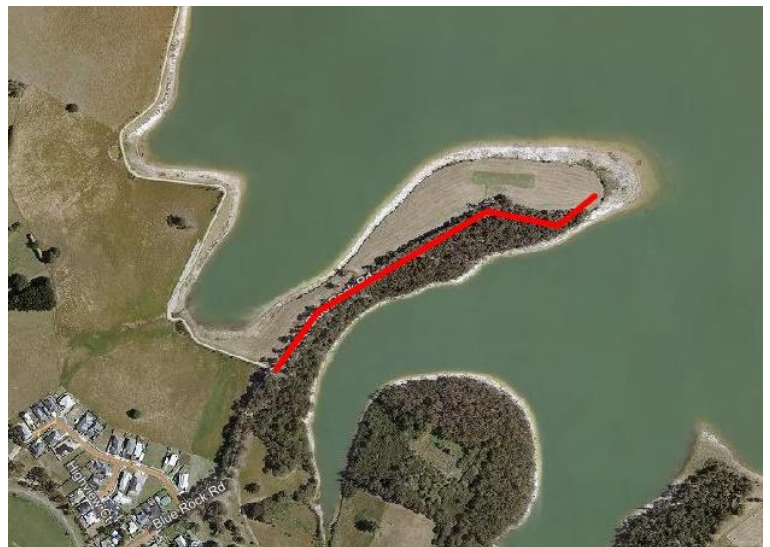


Figure 8 Extent of gravel path expansion

17. Improvements to Blue Rock Lake walking track

Indicative cost: \$21,000

This project includes a connection between the walking track and the car park. There is a total of 40m of gravel path which is 3.5m wide to connect missing links from car parks to the walking track and improve slopes and access for people with disabilities. At the rate of \$40/m² to supply gravel and prepare the surface, this project will cost approximately \$6,000 to complete.

This option also includes provision to upgrade the first section of walking track near the culverts by improving crossfall and making the walk safer. It is estimated that this portion of work would cost \$15,000 to complete.

Works would be undertaken on land owned by Southern Rural Water (SRW) and the project will be subject to SRW approval.

18. Preservation of Blue Rock Dam technical drawing on the General Store

Indicative cost: \$5,000

There is currently a technical drawing of the Blue Rock Dam project on the side of the General Store. The drawing provides cross sections of the dam and statistical information which may be viewed by

This project would involve protecting the publicly displayed drawing by applying a protective film or similar to help preserve it.

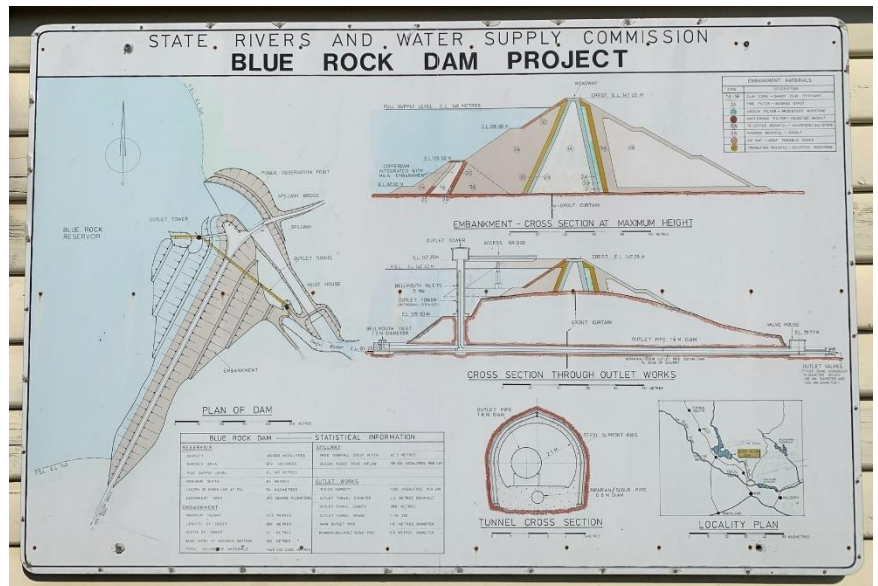


Figure 9 Blue Rock Dam technical drawing

Projects that could not be achieved through the Placemaking Program:

- **Dog clean up bag facilities**
This project requires on-going maintenance with the refilling of bags. Typically, Council is only installing new dog bag facilities in designated off leash dog areas. These facilities are susceptible to abuse and vandalism and costs to maintain them can incur significant long-term costs.
- **Seal road to public toilet at Recreation Reserve**
This option has not been included as part of the Placemaking Program as this toilet needs refurbishment. It would be ideal to seal this road in conjunction with a renewal of the public toilet to ensure that the road and access to the toilet are integrated. In addition to toilet refurbishment considerations, there needs to be consideration to the integration with a potential new concrete footpath in front of the toilets.
- **Skate park at the back of the football oval**
A skate park that was recently constructed in Yarragon cost \$300,000 to complete. Unfortunately, this project cannot be achieved through the Placemaking Program due to cost constraints.
- **Extend Blue Rock Lake track to the dam wall**
It is estimated that the length from the existing track to the dam wall is 11.5km. A rate of \$70/m² is used which accounts for any necessary tree removal, preparation of the path's base and supply of gravel. For a 1.5m wide gravel path, it is estimated to cost approximately \$1,210,000 to provide a track to the dam wall.
- **Swimming pontoon at Blue Rock Lake**
This project cannot be achieved through the Placemaking Program as Southern Rural Water have indicated potential liability issues.
- **Increase public garbage bins**
This option has not been included as this is an ongoing service that Council offers. If specific locations for additional bins are provided, it can be requested through the waste management team for consideration.

Contact us

If you have any queries about the Placemaking Program and survey, please send them through to connectingcommunities@bawbawshire.vic.gov.au or call 03 5624 2411 and ask for Matthew Robinson.