

TRENTHAM COMMUNITY GROUPS FORUM

Statement of Purpose

The Trentham Community Groups Forum (the Forum) is a voluntary coalition of representatives of community groups that are committed to working together for the overall betterment of Trentham and districts through active representation and advocacy.

The Forum will not duplicate any representation or other activity that is properly the responsibility of any other group or citizen: its role is to ensure that the whole is greater than the sum of the parts.

Terms of Reference

The Forum will:

- 1 Take a strategic approach to, and act as an advocate for, agreed issues which affect the wider community and reach beyond the scope of individual groups.
- 2 Encourage awareness, coordination and support for the activities and priorities of all groups across the community.
- 3 Provide a forum for exchanging information and networking between the member groups.
- 4 Guide and oversee the implementation of the Community Plan.
- 5 Liaise with Hepburn Shire Council, State and Federal governments and other organisations as appropriate.
- 6 Promote a wider understanding of the role of the Forum in the community and through the media
- 7 Take an editorial oversight for the Trentham and Districts Community Newsletter.
- 8 Convene an annual 'community consultation' (possibly in association with the Community Bank)

Membership

- 1 The following Groups are invited to nominate representatives to membership of the Forum:
 - Business and Tourism Group
 - Community Bank
 - Friends of the Trentham Station
 - Landcare
 - Lions Club
 - Mechanics Institute
 - Neighbourhood Centre
 - Newsletter Editorial Committee
 - Playgroup, Kinder and Primary School
 - Sportsground Committee

These groups and interests provide facilities and/or services for wider community use and support and/or represent significant sectors of the community.

2 Other Groups wishing to contribute to the wider community role of the Forum.

3 Individuals with specific interests or skills relevant to the objectives of the Forum.

Up to four individuals may be invited or recruited to be members of the Forum for terms of 12 months (which can be extended). Individuals will be invited (through the Newsletter) to submit an expression of interest outlining the contribution or project they want to pursue through their membership. The Forum may also recruit individuals who have specific experience and skills to assist in the realisation of a particular project (e.g. strategy development) to join the Forum for the duration of the project.