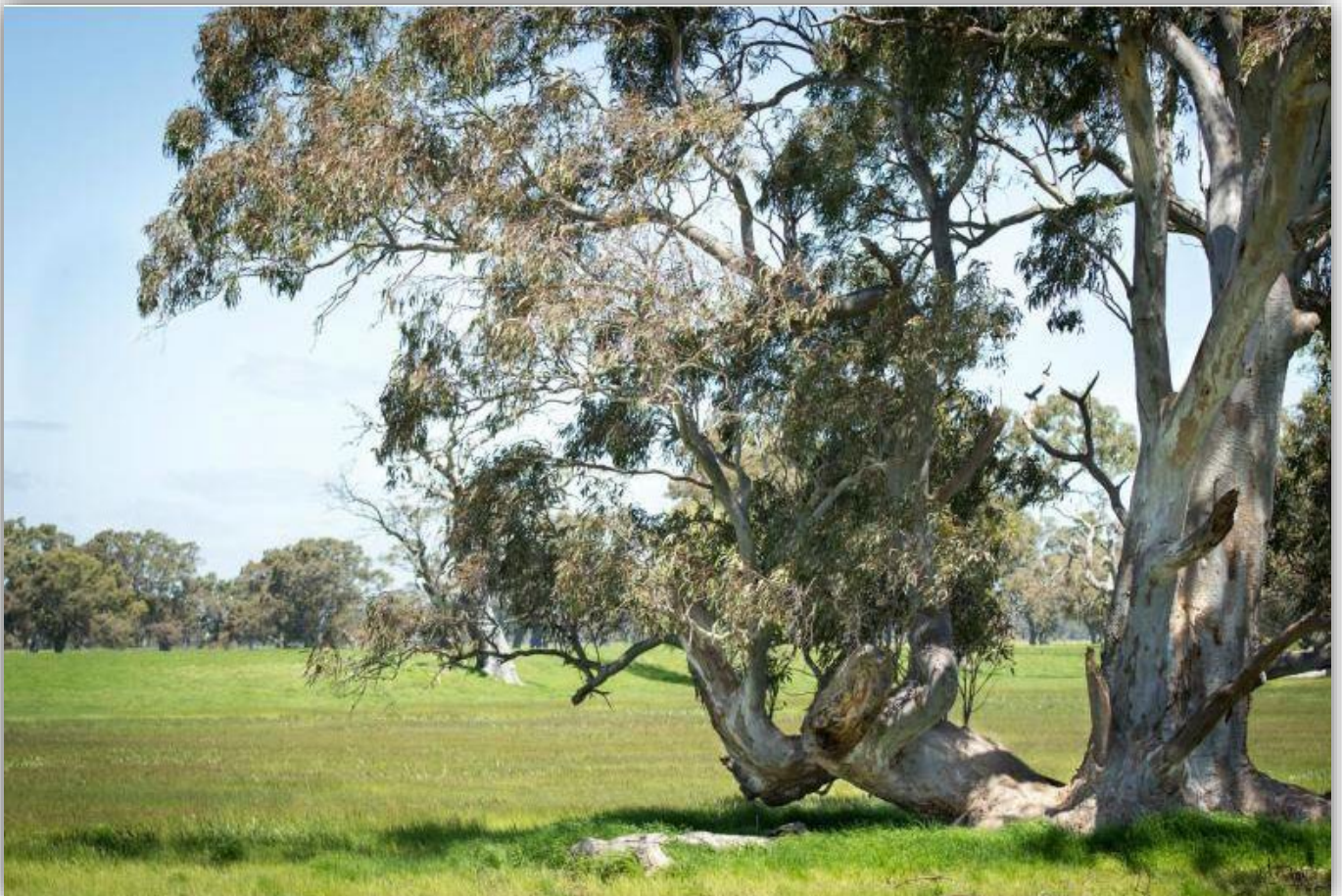


# Kalangadoo Community Town Plan



‘Big Trees in Water’

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## Executive Summary

The intent of this plan is for the community of Kalangadoo to get together to develop a direction for our small town that will influence its presence and future standing within the greater Limestone Coast region.

The Kalangadoo Community Plan enables our community in partnership with the Council, to place an importance on future development, creating business and tourism opportunities, strengthening communities and valuing lifestyle. Ensuring that the township of Kalangadoo and surrounding areas continues to provide opportunities now and in the future.

The community outcomes and projects listed in this plan will drive council's future strategic direction and approach to future development and the delivery of services. Council's comprehensive Strategic Plan and other strategic documents will be directly influenced by this plan. This will help ensure all council activities are responsive to the views and aspirations of local residents and businesses.

The Kalangadoo Community Plan has been developed to provide a vision and framework for the future development of Kalangadoo. This Plan has been developed in consultation with business, residents and the wider community who have an interest in Kalangadoo and how it will look, feel and operate into the future.

## The History of Kalangadoo

In the early 1840's European settlement began with the arrival of the Hunter Brothers and in 1854 government land sales began. The original town site was surveyed in 1859 on the land where "Koorine" stands today. This plan was later discarded, and the present site was surveyed in 1892 and called Kalangadoo East. The word 'East' was officially removed in 1941.



The Kalangadoo railway siding was opened in 1888, the station building opened in 1907 and the broad gauge Kalangadoo to Mount Gambier Railway opened in 1953. It was one of the busiest and most productive stations in South Australia. Kalangadoo averaged over 50,000 tons of outward freight as well as large livestock movements and served as a passenger/mail service for Millicent and Mt Burr. The last passenger train went through the station in 1991 and the last freight train in 1995. The station now has an extensive display of railway memorabilia dating back to the early 1900's.

In 1948 the timber mill was established at its current site. Timber remains an important industry in the town today.

The town and district were devastated in the 1983 Ash Wednesday bushfires. Nine locals lost their lives; with many houses, property and stock destroyed. A memorial stands across from the CFS station to remember the lives lost.

There are three stations/homesteads established in the 1800's that can be viewed today which are Koorine homestead (1899), Lowan Homestead (1868) and Kalangadoo House (1871).



## Kalangadoo Today

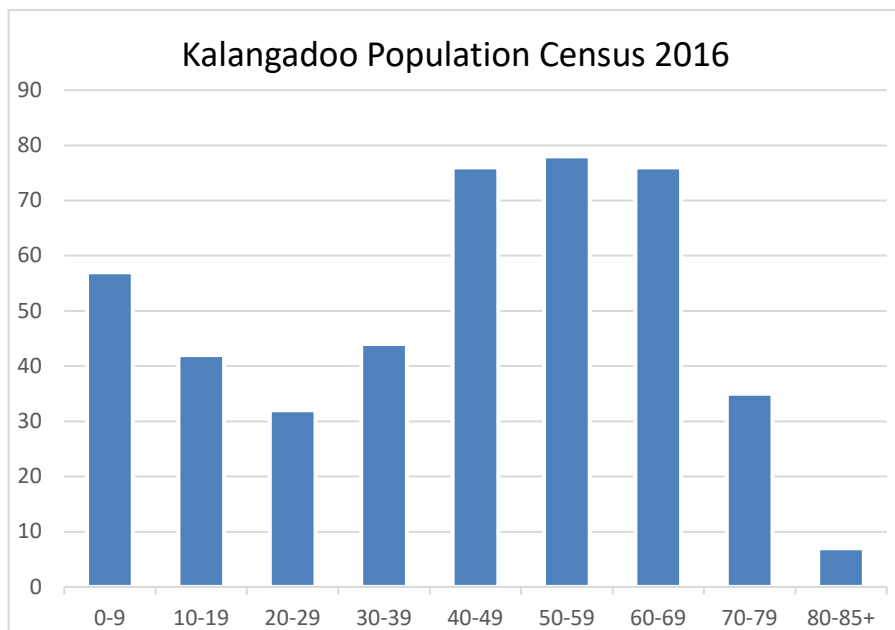
The town name Kalangadoo is derived from the aboriginal word for "big trees in water". The surrounding area has magnificent red gums and fertile agricultural land with high rainfall and quality underground water. Agricultural production in the area consists of potatoes, apples, cherries, roses, timber, beef, lamb and dairy.

Kalangadoo hosts a weekly Farmer's Market providing fresh local fruit and vegetables, handcrafted goods plus opportunities for a social catch up. The town and surrounds has a shop, post office/hardware store, productive agricultural industries, a primary school with a co-located kindergarden, active service clubs, sporting clubs and much more.



## Population and Employment

According to the 2016 Census Kalangadoo had 496 people with 51% male and 49% female. There were 131 families which have a median age of 46 years. The population dominant age group is 45-49 years with 52 people or 10.3% of the population, while children aged 0-14 years make up 17% of the population and people over 65 years made up 16.8% of the population (see chart).



The 2016 employment data provided relates to people over 15 years, there were 225 people who reported being in the workforce in the week before the Census night. There were 139 full time employees, 53 people who are part time, 10 away from work and 23 were unemployed. The top five occupations are managers (67), technicians and trades workers (33), labourers (29), sales workers (18) and machinery operators and drivers (18).

The data for level of highest educational attainment for people aged 15 years and over, were bachelor degree level and above (34), advanced diploma and diploma level (25), certificate level IV (9), certificate level III (67 people), year 12 (59 people), year 11 (54 people), and year 10 (54 people).

For the industries of employment, top responses for employed people aged 15 years and over are 11.7% in beef cattle farming (specialised), sheep farming specialised (9.8%), log sawmilling (7.4%), sheep-beef cattle farming (6.1%) and grape growing (3.7%).

## Community, Sport & Education

### Kalangadoo Football & Netball Club



The Kalangadoo Football Club was founded in 1927. It exists to provide community members with the opportunity to play Australian Rules football in a safe, sustainable, positive and non-threatening environment. The club prides itself as having a family-orientated atmosphere and culture at the club. The Kalangadoo Football Club is a recognised Star Club. A women's football league has recently been introduced and has been a strong team in the local competition.

The Kalangadoo Netball Club is also a recognised Star Club. It has over 150 netballers who meet several times a week for training sessions and game days. It competes in the Mid-South East Netball Association completion and has multiple teams across various age groups.



### Kalangadoo Bowling Club

The Kalangadoo Lawn Bowling Club is a member of the Lower South East Bowls Association. It is an active club participating in a number of divisions.



### Kalangadoo Cricket Club

The club has been established since the 1900's and the club participates in a number of grades and the Twenty20 series competition.



### Kalangadoo Farmers Market

A small, community based, weekly market provides a great range of fresh local produce and a café which sells an enticing array of baked goods. In addition to the weekly markets there are three big fairs each year in summer, autumn and spring. Any profit is contributed back to the community. The market sells numerous local and regional foods, both fresh and preserved. Vegetables, fruit, cheese, smoked trout, extra virgin oil, kalamata olives and freshly baked bread, cakes and slices and pastries.



### Kalangadoo and Districts Lions Club

The Lions Club meets twice a month for evening meetings. The local youth are able to participate in the Lions Youth of the Year Quest. Each year the Lions Club hosts the Australia Day ceremony and breakfast. The club also helps maintain the Kalangadoo Cemetery, supports junior sports and fundraisers.



## Kalangadoo and Districts CFS Club

The CFS is part of the Wattle Range Group and meets each Wednesday for training. The brigade responds to natural disasters (storm damage/flooding), fires other (car, rubbish and other fires), fires rural (grass fires and bush fires) and structural fires (house, factory and shed fires). It has a variety of specialist equipment including breathing apparatus, chain saw, fire fighting foam, GPS and quick fill pump. The response area includes agricultural crops, grasslands, plantation forest, industrial parks, orchards/viticulture, rural area, towns and urban areas.



## Kalangadoo Primary School

Kalangadoo Primary School is part of the South East Coast and Vines Partnership, a teaching and learning network made up of all public pre-school and school sites within the area. It is a small rural R-7 school situated in red gum swamp country in the heart of the Limestone Coast. The school serves families who live both within the town and surrounding farming community. In 2018 the school year commenced with 18 students increasing to 20 in Term 4. There are strong links to the agricultural industry including potato growing, forestry and orchards, with the wine growing areas adjacent. The school grounds include two large ovals, extensive shaded playground area, school hall and two blocks of classrooms. There are developing links with the kindergarten which is co-located on the site. Students transition into secondary school to Penola High School.



## Kalangadoo Kindergarten

Kalangadoo Kindergarten is a dynamic rural preschool which is passionate about supporting our local community. It offers a range of services and programs including Preschool, Occasional Care, Kickstart Kids and playgroup. Children accessing the programs live within the local and surrounding communities. There is strong parent involvement through the Governing Council and Playgroup. The Kindergarten and Primary School have close interaction with one and other and pride themselves on creating strong relationships between the two sites.



## Kalangadoo Remembers

Kalangadoo Remembers is a group of locals who are active in keeping the history of our township alive. The committee organises and coordinates the yearly ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day Services, assist in the upkeep of the Kalangadoo Cemetery and document and research the war history connected to our town.



## Kalangadoo Women in Agriculture and Business

Kalangadoo Women in Agriculture and Business began in 1923, the 4<sup>th</sup> branch in SA and the first in the South East Region. It has continued without a break since then and supports and educates women with an agricultural interest. They meet monthly on the second Tuesday of the month.





## Products and Services

Kalangadoo is a unique township surrounded by farmland. Agriculture pursuits are the staple of employment opportunities in and around the Kalangadoo township and the surrounding areas including but not restricted to beef, lamb, wool, dairy, timber, potatoes, apples, viticulture, cherries, roses, cider and beer works and an array of vegetables are also produced.



The town is serviced by a small general store, post office and rural store, Country Fire Service (CFS) and hairdresser. Other small home based businesses include are not limited to home cooking, hair and beauty, engineering, electricians, personal fitness training, cleaning services and a photographer.

From an accommodation perspective, the town has a hotel, free camping available in the rail lands and a bed and breakfast in the old Presbyterian Church is under construction.

The residents of Kalangadoo can access the community library based at the local primary school; the kindergarten offers a playgroup and occasional care service along with the standard kindergarten program. Bus services run for secondary students to support their further education pursuits and independent / private schools have bus routes through Kalangadoo to both Penola and Mount Gambier.

Kalangadoo offers a weekly farmers market on Saturdays, along with an array of sporting opportunities, an active Anglican Church and historic railway museum. Lowan Homestead has become a popular venue for weddings.

Kalangadoo is also a part of the Camino Walking Trail with walkers often stopping the night staying at the hotel to continue their journey the following day.

## Who & what do we need to attract to Kalangadoo?

For Kalangadoo to prosper into the future a broad cross section of people need to be encouraged to live, visit and be based within the township and surrounding areas.

This includes but is not limited to:

- Residents (Intergenerational)
- Tourists
- New Businesses

Along with attracting the above, we need to be able to provide an array of services to support and sustain a growing community.

This includes but is not limited to:

- Additional accommodation options (backpackers, free camping and RV dump point, bed and breakfasts, self-contained accommodation)
- Accessible public toilets and related infrastructures to provide family friendly recreational areas.
- More services and supports for the local community including accessible community spaces.

- Opportunities for the over 65's and an outreach of community services for children and the elderly.
- Maintain our youth and ensure suitable job opportunities are available in the future.

The success of any town is built on having a sustainable population. Sustainable populations are supported by employment, an active community spirit and a town with appropriate services to sustain a broad cross section of the community.

## Marketing & Promotion

One of the key areas identified in the community planning process is the need for Kalangadoo to promote itself and the attractions that it has.

Kalangadoo has a lot to offer, however marketing and promotion will play a pivotal role in attracting future residents, tourists and businesses to the area. Increased promotion should aim to create Kalangadoo as a base for people exploring the Limestone Coast, offering affordable accommodation choices and reaping the benefits of its central location.

## Appendix - Kalangadoo Projects

Time Line: A = 1-2 years, B= 3-4 years, C= 5-8 years, D=9-12 years, E= 13-17 years, F= 17-20 years

Kalangadoo Advertising, Promotion & (Social) Marketing			
Time Line	Project	Working Groups	Other Comments
A	Establish a local community-based Facebook social media group to highlight community events / services & promote	Kalangadoo Working Party	Completed
A/B	Establish a Kalangadoo website	Kalangadoo Working Party Council support	Could establish own independent website similar to Penola.org or have input into WRC tourism Kalangadoo page.

Kalangadoo Celebrations and Events			
Time Line	Project	Working Groups	Other Comments
Ongoing	ANZAC Day Service	Kalangadoo Remembers	
Ongoing	Remembrance Day Service	Kalangadoo Remembers	
A	150 <sup>th</sup> Celebration of Lowan Homestead	Garry & Wendy Kilsby	Held November 2018 & extremely successful
A	100 years of the Kalangadoo CFS	Kalangadoo CFS	Completed
A	Community Christmas Celebration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Light Up Kalangadoo</li> <li>• Carols by Candlelight</li> <li>• Something for the children</li> </ul>	Community Members	Community organised event for the children held with great turn out and positive feedback
A	Kalangadoo Railway Museum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Currently opens on request</li> </ul>	Peter Savage	
B/C	Development of pop up events utilising the rail lands <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outdoor Cinema</li> <li>• Music festival</li> <li>• Markets</li> </ul>	Kalangadoo Working Party.  Community Groups	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Railway Festival</li> </ul>	Council	
B/C	Walking Tours / Rail Corridor Trail / Guided Walks	Kalangadoo Working Party Interested Community Members Council	
B/C	School Holiday Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Various run experiences during school holidays for families. (Way of fundraising funds for community projects).</li> </ul>	Kalangadoo Working party Community Groups. Council	
C	Establish a rose, apple, potato festival	Kalangadoo Working Party Wagners Rose Farm, local apple orchards and potato growers	

Kalangadoo Assets & Infrastructure			
Time Line	Project	Working Groups	Other Comments
A	Accessible walkway through rail lands to school /sports grounds to avoid 'Y' crossing	Council	
A/B	Development of Rail lands <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RV waste dump</li> <li>Designated caravan / camping area</li> <li>Upgraded amenities (toilet, shower...)</li> <li>Renew / upgrade BBQ facilities</li> <li>Seating areas established throughout rail lands</li> <li>Improve playground / shade cover installed</li> <li>Nature Play Area</li> </ul>	Kalangadoo Working Party. Council	
A/B	Upgrade and seal roadways / Maintain Roadways <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cemetery Road, Slaughterhouse Road, Wepar/Avondale Road</li> <li>Seal the road leading up to the cemetery</li> <li>Sealing of Crouch Lane , Adelaide Street and Mary Street</li> </ul>	Council	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bituminise Rogers Road</li> <li>• Address flooding issue on Crouch Road</li> </ul>		
B	CFS shed upgrade and upgrade of truck	CFS. Council	
B	Mobile shelter at the cemetery for protection from both sun and rain	Community Groups Kalangadoo Remembers	
A	Wattle Range Council to take consider taking ownership of the rail corridor from the Kalangadoo Town Crossing to Lands Crossing or preferably to Krongart Crossing. This would leave a section of the main Wolseley to Mount Gambier line in safe hands. It will only be a matter of time until the rest of the corridor infrastructure is removed.	Community Groups Council	
A	Enhance internet speed and connectivity throughout Kalangadoo		
A	Enhanced mobile phone coverage		

## Kalangadoo Community Projects

Time Line	Project	Working Groups	Other Comments
A	Establish a Kalangadoo Working Party / Progress Association to oversee projects / initiatives (welcome packs, town directory) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encourage community buy in</li> </ul>		Expression of interest to join from community members attracting an array of residents, business owners and interested parties.
A	Clean up Kalangadoo Day – a yearly community event to assist with upkeep and beautification of the town.	Kalangadoo Working Party	
A / B	Upgrade of the Kalangadoo War Memorial Park and Community Sports Club (KWMPCS) facilities (change rooms, kitchen, toilets)	KWMPCS Kalangadoo Football & Netball Club Council	Works could happen in stages across a 1-4 year period

A/B	<p>Development of the Rail lands</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accessible walkway through rail lands to school /sports grounds</li> <li>• Nature Play Area</li> <li>• Free camping site and RV parking area with RV dump point, BBQ facilities and toilets/showers &amp; promotion of facilities</li> <li>• Railway Museum open to public with the support of volunteers to assist</li> <li>• Pop up café for holiday times</li> </ul>	Kalangadoo Working Party Council	Works could happen in stages across a 1-4 year period
A/B	<p>Cohesive Tourism / Historical Signage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For township and surrounding area</li> <li>• Historical Points of interest with interpretative signage</li> <li>• Walking Trails / History Walk with information</li> </ul>	Kalangadoo Working Party Community Groups National Trust Council	History Walk compiled by Sandra Young and is being processed.
B/C	Investigate and scope out the site for a Kalangadoo Community Garden	Kalangadoo Working Party	
	Community Events - Open Gardens		

Recreation			
Time Line	Project	Working Groups	Other Comments
A / B	Upgrade of the Kalangadoo War Memorial Park and Community Sports Club (KWMPCS) facilities (change rooms, kitchen, toilets)	KWMPCS Kalangadoo Football & Netball Club Council	Works could happen in stages across a 1-4 year period
A/B	Upgrade of the Kalangadoo War Memorial Park and Community Sports Club ( KWMPCS) infrastructure ( digital scoreboard, grand stand and seating, additional toilets)	KWMPCS Kalangadoo Football & Netball Club Council	Works could happen in stages across a 1-4 year period.
A/B	Development of the Rail lands <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nature Play Area</li> </ul>	Kalangadoo Working Party Council	Works could happen in stages across a 1-4 year period
A/B	Engage services to travel to Kalangadoo to provide recreational activities for all <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yoga / Pilates /dance</li> <li>Over 65 activities</li> </ul>	Community Groups	