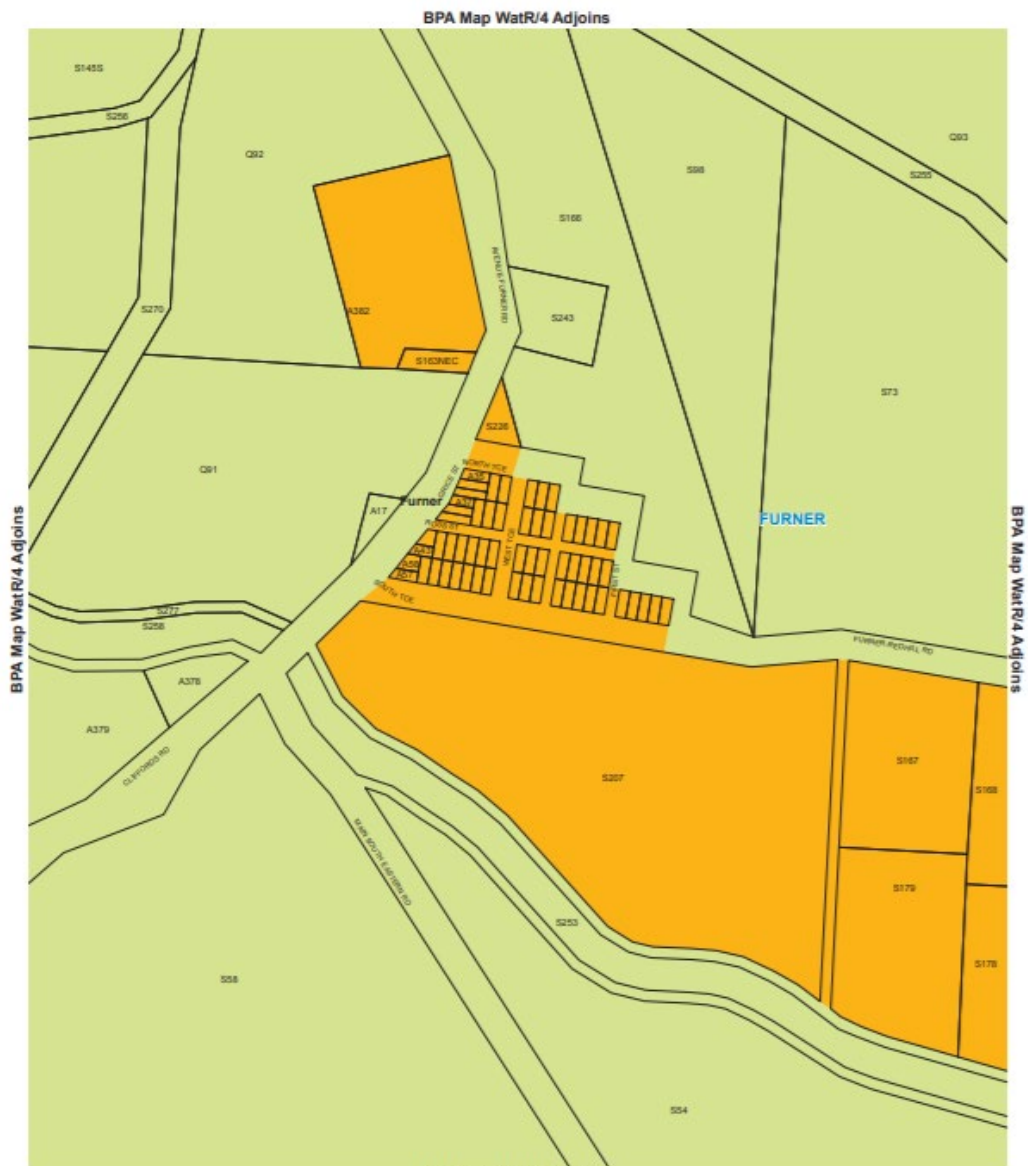


Furner Community Town Plan



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Bushfire Protection Area BPA Map WatR/19 BUSHFIRE RISK

High Bushfire Risk
General Bushfire Risk

WATTLE RANGE COUNCIL

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Bushfire Protection Map for Furner taken from the Wattle Range Council Development Plan

Executive Summary

The *Furner Community Town Plan* documents both the historical importance of the region and the Furner area of today. The document also outlines plans to both maintain and enhance the future prosperity of the township and surrounding region, creating a vibrant, local community hub for residents and visitors of all ages.

The 'Furner Projects' (see Appendix) listed contribute towards future and ongoing planning and development of the area including:

- Furner Assets & Infrastructure
- Look and Feel of Furner
- Furner Celebrations & Events
- Social Media & Furner Advertising & Promotions

The History of Furner

The Boandik tribe of the Bunganditj people, are the first nations and sovereign peoples of Furner and its surrounding regions. The name Bunganditj comes from Bung-an-ditj or "people of the reeds", reflecting the nature of the original landscape pre-drainage. In 1863, W Hanson (Engineer-In-Chief and Architect) and George Goyder (Surveyor General) inspected the Lower South East region with the vision to implement drainage in the wetlands to increase agricultural and pastoral land availability and enable more cost effective and sustainable road development to increase access. Drainage works commenced in 1864, and there is currently 1875km of drains in the Lower South East region, resulting in a 5-10 fold increase in agricultural productivity.

Furner is situated on the Reedy Creek Drain. The township was proclaimed in 1886 and was named after Luke Liddiard Furner who was a Member for Wallaroo and Commissioner for Public Works. In 1899 it had a Council office used as a school room, one hotel, the Kintore Inn, a general store and a few dwellings. Furner and the nearby Kangaroo Inn ruin, which was a licensed premises for approximately 10 years, were on or near the Old Overland Road to Melbourne.

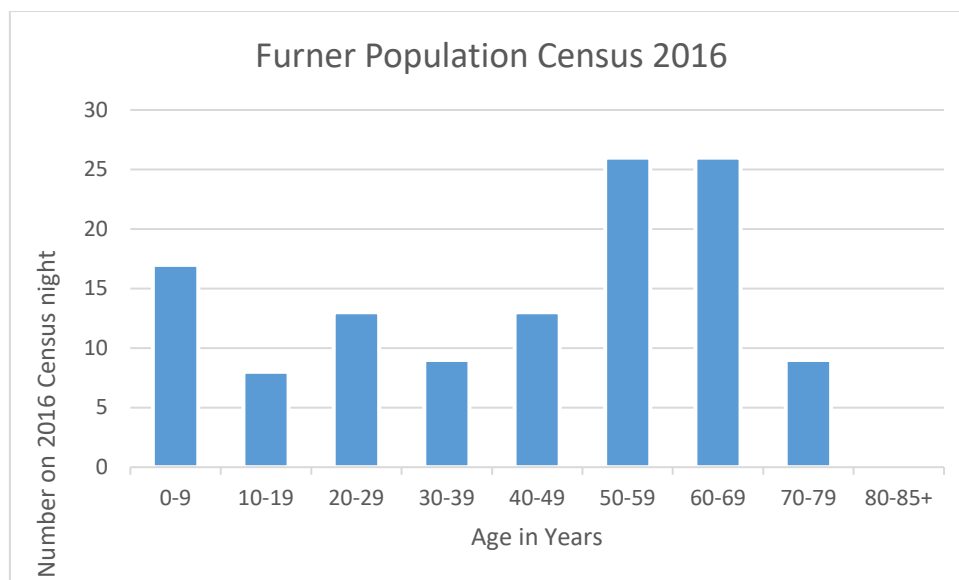
Furner is predominantly a farming community, and early pastoral activity date back to 1847, when Archibald Johnson ran the Mount Muirhead run (lease no.211), and whose home was a focal point between Robe and Mt Gambier, where many guests, including the Governor and the Judge of Circuit, enjoyed hospitality and game shooting.

Furner Today

The Furner township of today includes a sporting complex, Country Fire Service (CFS), Furner Hall, Wattle Range Council depot and Furner waste transfer resource centre. Surrounding the settlement are productive fertile lands producing a wide range of agricultural products.

Population and Employment

According to the 2016 Census Furner had 121 people with 55% male and 45% female. There were 32 families with a median age of 48 years. The population dominant age group is 65-69 years with 12.5% (15 people) of the population, children aged 0-14 years make up 16.7% (20 in number) of the population and people over 65 years made up 16.7% of the population (see chart).



The 2016 employment data provided relates to people over 15 years and there were 76 people who reported being in the workforce in the week before the Census night. There were 44 full time employees, 26 people who are part time, 3 away from work and 3 are unemployed. The top five occupations are managers (40), labourers (11), community & personal service workers (6), machinery operators & drivers (6) & technicians & trade workers (3).

The data for level of highest educational attainment for people aged 15 years and over, were bachelor degree level and above (4), advanced diploma and diploma level (7), certificate level IV (0), certificate level III (5 people), year 12 (26 people), year 11 (13 people), and year 10 (48 people).

For the industries of employment, top responses for employed people aged 15 years and over are 28.6% (14) sheep farming specialised, beef cattle farming (specialised) 20.4% (10), sheep-beef cattle farming 12.2% (6), floricultural production (outdoors) 8.2% (4) and vegetable growing 6.1% (3).

Community, Sport and Education



Furner Sports Club

The sports club has been home to a variety of sports over the years including cricket, tennis, hockey, yoga and badminton and the facility is utilised for community meetings throughout the year. Recent upgrades include new training nets for cricket and a new BBQ area to encourage the community to be more actively involved.

The Club began the STAR Club accreditation program in 2013 with a number of modules still outstanding. In 2018 it was successful in receiving a \$4000 grant in Round 35 for the Active Club Program.

The complex has clubrooms, canteen/bar, oval, courts, cricket nets, playground and toilet facilities with a BBQ area.



Furner / Beachport Cricket Club

The Furner / Beachport Cricket club participates in the senior competition. In February 2018 an inaugural 'Pink Stumps Day' event was organised raising valuable funds for breast cancer care nurses with the game held between Rendelsham and Furner/Beachport cricket clubs.



Furner CFS

The Furner CFS is part of the Wattle Range Group. The brigade responds to natural disasters (storm damage/flooding); fires - car, rubbish and other fires and rural fires - grass fires and bush fires. It has a variety of specialist equipment including chain saws, firefighting foam, and quick fill pump. The response area includes agricultural crops, grasslands and rural areas.



Furner Community Hall

The Furner Community Center Incorporated manages the Furner Community Hall. The historical stone building is utilised for a variety of events and functions including polling booth, auctions and weddings.



Furner Conservation Park

The Furner Conservation Park is owned by the Department of Environment, Water & Natural Resources with a total area of 289 ha managed by the Natural Resources South East. The Park was proclaimed on 22 November 1973. The vegetation includes open woodland with vegetation species including Messmate Stringybark, River Red Gum, Rough barked Manna Gum, Swamp Gum, Pink Gum and Drooping Sheoaks. A total of 88 species of birds has been recorded to date.

Ken Stuckey Arboretum

The Arboretum was established from the vision of Ken Stuckey in the 1980's to establish a native plantation on the land parcel it occupies, as the parcel was too small for pine plantation planting after the Ash Wednesday fires. There is a track going through the scrub and the site has a number of geocaches located amongst the trees.

Furner Cemetery



The picturesque Furner Cemetery is nestled amongst pine plantations. Originally the cemetery started as family plots with sections completely leased out by families some of which are not in use. The Varcoe and Spehr family plots are separate to the rest of the Furner Cemetery area.

The earliest grave seems to be for A. L. Spehr in 1946. A document states that a lease fee of ten pounds was paid by Adolph Louise E Spehr on 21st June 1941 for the family plot, which had a survey cost of six pounds and six shillings. The historical cemetery is located on Clifford's Road and is still in use today.

Why the need for a Town Plan?

The *Furner Community Town Plan* provides:

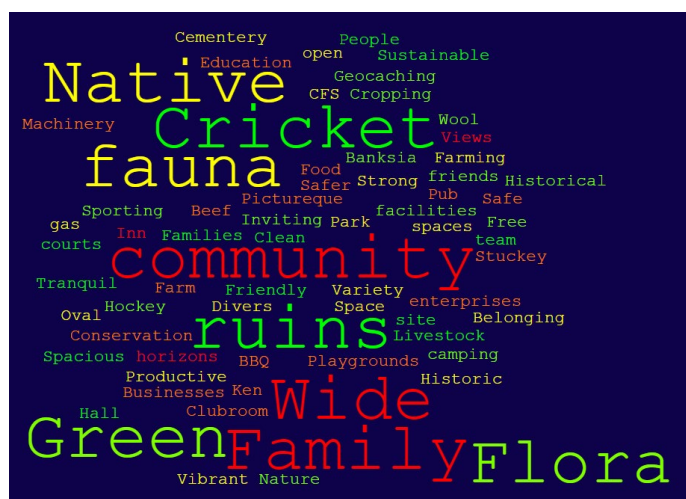
- An opportunity to articulate the issues that are important to Furner based residents
- A clear vision for the future development of the Furner township and the surrounding region
- A basis to attract local, state, and potentially, Federal funding to help achieve identified community priorities and projects
- A more coordinated approach for the social, cultural and economic development of the township and surrounding enterprises

Vision Statement

FURNER – A safe and tranquil, history rich community for both residents and visitors, with a view to enhanced future facilities, services and agricultural and pastoral enterprises.

What Makes Furner unique?

The words used to describe Furner were collected from the community meeting and have been displayed in the Wordle below:



Abortum
Banksia Farm
BBQ & gas
Beef
Belonging
Businesses
Cemetery
CFS
Clean and green
Clubroom
Community
Conservation Park
Cricket team
Cropping
Education
Family & friends
Family history

Farming
Flowers
Food
Friendly
Geocaching
Green
Hall
Historical
Hockey
Inviting
Ken Stuckey Abortum
Kintore Historic Pub
Kintore Inn ruins
Livestock
Machinery
Native flora & fauna
Native Flowers

Nature
Oval
People
Picturesque
Playgrounds
Productive
Ruins
Safe
Sporting facilities
Strong community
Sustainable
Tennis
Tranquil
Variety of enterprises
Vibrant
Views
Wide horizons
Wide open spaces Wool

Location

Furner is 50kms west of Beachport via Kangaroo Inn, 62kms east of Penola on the Claywells road and 21 km to Millicent via Furner Road & Princess Highway.

Products and Services

- Beef cattle production
- Broad acre cropping
- Cattle feedlots
- Deer Farm
- Farm Stays/ B&B
- Free range piggery
- Furner Beachport Cricket Club
- Furner Cemetery
- Furner CFS
- Furner Conservation Park
- Furner Hall
- Furner Sports Club
- Goodwindi Charolais
- Gowan Brae Poll Dorset Stud
- Hockey
- Homebased businesses
- Irrigated crops
- Kangaroo Inn Area School R-12 Education
- Ken Stuckey Arboretum
- Native Flowers
- Pine Plantations
- Sheep feedlots
- Sheep, wool & lamb production
- Transport operators
- Wattle Range Ag Bureau
- Wattle Range Council Furner depot & Furner Transfer Resource Centre
- Wattle Range Women in Agriculture & Business (WAB)
- Woonalee Stud

What do we need to attract to Furner?

- Growing businesses
- Events/festivals
- Volunteers to assist with sport & recreational clubs
- Better phone coverage
- Residents
- Niche food value adding opportunities
- Growing agricultural enterprises
- “Lifestyle” sized residential allotments (10-100 acres)

Marketing & Promotion

At present there is a social media presence from:

- Furner Beachport cricket club
- Woonallee Simmentals

At present there are websites:

- Furner Cricket Club
- Furner Conversation Park
- Baker Group
- Ken Stuckey Arboretum
- Furner CFS

Businesses in Furner:

- Baker Group
- Banksia Co
- Diamond Swamp Pastoral Co
- Goodnwindi Charolais
- Gowan Brae Poll Dorset Stud
- Kirkland Pastoral
- Wattle Range Council depot and waste recovery centre
- Woomera Homestead
- Woonallee Simmental Stud

Appendix

Furner Projects

Furner Assets & Infrastructure

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

Time Line	Project	Working Groups	Other Comments
A	Development Plan amendment township of Furner	Wattle Range Council Community	"Lifestyle" sized blocks (10-100 acres)
A+	Furner Pine Forest future use	Community and Wattle Range Council	
A	Disabled toilets at Sports Club	Furner Sports Club	Needs STAR Club Accreditation
B	Better signage for traffic heading from Claywells Road along Conmurra Road to Millicent, trucks often turnoff too early onto Furner/Redhill Road	Wattle Range Council	
A	Concealed driveways signage (3 Baker Houses)	Wattle Range Council Baker Group of Companies	
A	Tidy up/ clean up from Council Depot to Furner Hall (fencing, removal of coastal wattle)	Wattle Range Council	
	Telecommunication		
A	Mobile coverage improvement (eliminate black spots)	Wattle Range Council advocate to Black Spot Program	
	Roads		
A	Sealed entry into Furner Hall and Sports Club	Wattle Range Council	
A+	Review safety of intersection Conmurra Road/ Claywells Road (Blackspot intersection)- school bus drives this 4 x daily	Wattle Range Council	
A	Road signage consistent with new road names and road signs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cameron's Road - O'Neil's Lane - Catalpa Lane - Conmurra & Claywells Road intersection - Furner Road & Conmurra Road 	Wattle Range Council	
A	Grade edges Furner/Redhill Road	Wattle Range Council	
A	Improve material base – Redhill Catalpa & Batemans Lane	Wattle Range Council	
Ongoing	Annual grading of roads	Wattle Range Council	

A	Seal road to CFS shed	CFS	
Ongoing	Figg Road graded & signage	Wattle Range Council	
A	Widen rest of Red Hill/ Furner Road to 2 lanes	Wattle Range Council	
	Hall		
B	Oven, kitchen, sinks, bar (overhaul)	Furner Hall Committee	Investigate insurance coverage options
D	Toilets, entrance, pergola	Furner Hall Committee	
B	Driveway leading to Hall	Furner Hall Committee	
A	Wheel chair access	Furner Hall Committee / Wattle Range Council	<i>Consider grant applications available for funding</i>
B	New roof, fascia & gutters on Furner Hall	Furner Hall Committee	
C	Painting Furner Hall	Furner Hall Committee	
C	Kitchen upgrade in Furner Hall	Furner Hall Committee	
B	New windows in Furner Hall	Furner Hall Committee	
D	Extend pergola – upgrade porch	Furner Hall Committee	
	Sports Club		
B	Revised kitchen	Furner Club Committee	<i>Seek insurance coverage</i>
A	More functional toilets – large male toilet; small female toilet – swap around	Furner Club Committee	<i>Requires STAR Club Accreditation first</i>
C	Improve irrigation on the Furner Oval and around the Furner Sports Club	Furner Club Committee	<i>Apply for Council/State grant in liaison with CFS</i>
C	Painting Furner Sports Club	Furner Club Committee	
C	Roadside fencing club area update	Furner Club Committee	
C	Upgrade electricity supply into club – meter box upgrade	Furner Club Committee	
	Playground		
B	Update and add more equipment, e.g. basketball hoop	Furner Club Committee	
B	Undercover playground with BBQ	Furner Club Committee	

Look and Feel of Furner

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Time Line	Project	Working Groups	Other Comments
B	Entrance upgrade to make a statement	Wattle Range Council / community consulted	Stone & steel; or town wall entrance with picture cut out of farm machinery or trees
Ongoing	Continue to maintain the clean & tidy town	Wattle Range Council / community	

A	Coastal Wattle Clearing – Grice Street, Conmurra Road, Furner – Redhill Road and Millicent/Furner Road	Wattle Range Council	
A	Turning oval into a fire refuge e.g. upgrade irrigation	Advocacy by Wattle Range Council / CFS / Furner Club Committee	
B	Refresh existing cemetery signage	Wattle Range Council	
A	Repair car parking at Furner Club	Wattle Range Council/ Club committee	<i>Seek grant funding</i>

Furner Celebrations & Events

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

Time Line	Project	Working Groups	Other Comments
B	Bi-annual McGrath Pink Stumps Cricket Match	Furner Club Committee	On “off-year” create another charity raising event at Furner
Ongoing	Geo-caching event	Community	
C	Furner trailer reversing championships	Community	
Ongoing	Cricket season	Furner Club Committee	
A	Tennis coaching and social tennis	Community	
A	Motor Neuron Day – club event fundraiser	Furner Club Committee	
Ongoing	Father Christmas	Furner Club Committee	
B	Speed Shears – annual or bi-annual event	Furner Club Committee / community input	
B	Archery	Furner Club Committee / community input	STAR Club Accreditation

Social Media and Furner Advertising & Promotion

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

Time Line	Project	Working Groups	Other Comments
Ongoing	Social media, website and business to link into the one Furner page	Community	
A	Mobile phone tower	Wattle Range Council advocate to the black spot program	Required for safety and business

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