

Hatherleigh Community 10 Year Town Plan

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1. Executive Summary

The 10 year Hatherleigh Town plan is about the community of Hatherleigh coming together to discuss future direction, needs, wants and suggestions.

Working in conjunction with the Wattle Range Council (Council), the idea of the town plan arose out of initial discussions between Council staff and the Hatherleigh Sport and Recreation Association.

Hatherleigh is proposing a variety of items listed on pages 9-10 with focus on improvements and projects that may require community assistance or Council assistance to reinvigorate Hatherleigh to become a place for people to visit.

The plan will be reviewed monthly amongst the community and yearly with the Council.

2. Location

Driving from Adelaide travel South East for approximately 400kms or travel North West for approximately 500kms from Melbourne and you will arrive in Hatherleigh.

Located along the Princes Highway just a stone's throw from the beautiful coastline of Beachport and Southend, 15kms from Millicent, this little town is surrounded by fertile farmlands supporting large scale cropping, hay production and livestock enterprises.

3. Hatherleigh's History

We acknowledge the Boandik People as the first nations people and traditional custodians of Hatherleigh and recognise their spiritual connection to land, sea and waters.

We pay respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

We also acknowledge all first nations people across Australia.

Map sourced from <https://aiatsis.gov.au/explore/articles/aiatsis-map-indigenous-australia>

Hatherleigh was previously known by the name of Greenhills, in some early surveys until being proclaimed Hatherleigh on the 29th November 1879.

There is controversy over who named the town. Was it Governor Jervois or Lt Governor Samuel Way? Governor Jervois's family seat was in Devonshire where the



namesake is Hatherleigh, meaning Hawthorn wood. Or did the naming occur whilst Governor Jerboa's was on temporary absence from the colony? The records indicate that it was bestowed by Lt Governor Samuel Way.

Historical records indicate families with the name 'Way' were associated with Hatherleigh in England in 1562, 1607, 1610 and 1770. Additionally, records indicate a Samuel Way attending Shebaa College in 1847 - 48, which was located approximately 11 km North West of Hatherleigh.

Prior to Hatherleigh becoming the prosperous cropping, grazing and sporting district that it is today it was often inundated with water during the Winter period, leading to the installation of large drainage infrastructure during the 1870's. During the drainage excavation, the skeletal remains of the diprotodon were discovered, with diprotodon meaning 'two forward teeth', it is currently known as the largest marsupial to have ever lived.

After the installation of the drainage network, the farming back bone of Hatherleigh was established through the allotment of 100 acre parcels tended by Hatherleigh's pioneer farming community. These early periods were difficult with farmers experiencing significant stock losses from ailments such as coast disease, which was eventually overcome through the use of copper and cobalt drenching.

Overtime many public services of Hatherleigh have ceased operation. However, while some services are no longer available, its community spirit continues through a thriving sport and recreation center and town hall that continues to shape the Hatherleigh people and town.

4. Hatherleigh Today

Hatherleigh is a small country town situated within the Kintore Ward of Wattle Range Council.

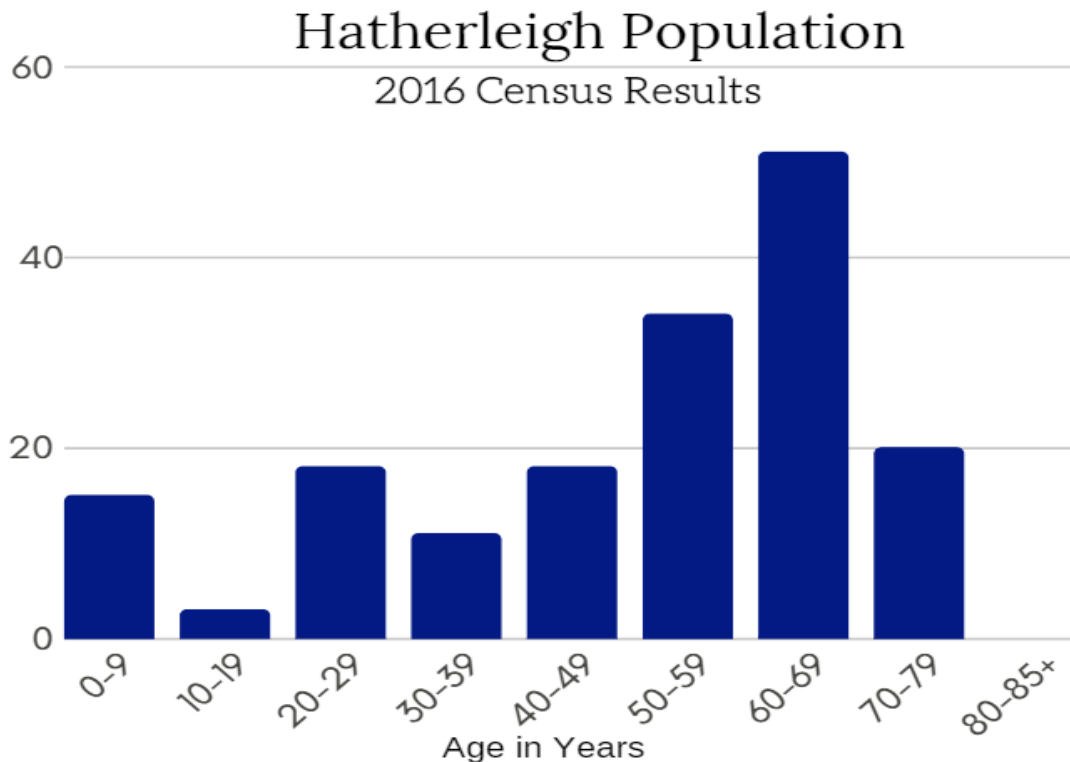
Proclaimed on the 20th of November 1879, Hatherleigh is characterised by its cool damp coastal climate that supports a distinctive collection of native wildlife and flora.

With its name being derived from its shrub land meadow environment Hatherleigh epitomises country serenity with beautiful views of the sweeping landscape that are framed in a kaleidoscope of purples, reds, oranges and golds as the sun sets beyond the horizon. After the rays of sunlight have faded the clear skies open up to reveal the majesty of the Milky Way in all its ethereal glory while the stars silently twinkle like tiny diamonds in a sea of black. However, for all of the inherent beauty Hatherleigh has to offer, it is the generous and resilient community that are the foundation of this welcoming town.

5. Population and Employment

According to the 2016 Census, Hatherleigh had 131 people residing in the Area. This consisted of 53% male and 47% female and a total of 45 families with a median

age of 54 years. The Population dominant age group was 60 – 64 years, which represented 12.4% of the population, while children aged 0 – 14 years consisted of 13.2% of the population. Residents over 65 years consisted of 24.8% of the population. As per the chart below:



2016 employment data shows there were 60 people (over the age of 15) who reported being in the workforce in the week before the Census night. This consisted of 30 full time employees and 30 part time. There were 7 people listed as unemployed.

The top five occupations were managers (12), labourers (12), technician & trades workers (10), machinery operators & drivers (7) and professionals (6).

The highest educational attainment (over the age of 15) were bachelor's degree level and above (7), advanced diploma and diploma level (7), certificate level IV (8), certificate level III (18), year 12 (12), year 11 (16), and year 10 (21).

For the industries of employment, records indicate 19% in primary education, 12% sheep-beef farming, 12% sanitary paper product manufacturing, 7% sheep farming (specialised) and 7% in site preparation services

6. Vision Statement

Maintain the Beauty

Increase the Views

7. What Makes Hatherleigh Special?



8. Businesses in Hatherleigh

Products and Services Listing

Community Town Hall

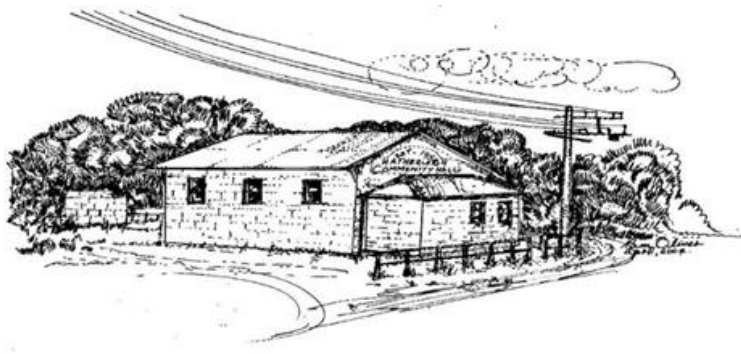
Farming Enterprises focusing on

- Beef
- Broad beans
- Olives
- Sheep
- Canola

Sport and Recreation Centre

- Football
- Netball
- Golf
- Cricket Nets
- Playground

9. Community Town Hall



The Hatherleigh Town Hall was built by Ralph Zanello and Tony Buffon, officially opening on July 17th, 1954.

The Hatherleigh Community Hall holds the towns spirit. Through donations from Mr Frank Skeer and the community coming together to form a committee the stonework hall was embedded into Hatherleigh's culture.

Once used as the footballers dressing rooms the hall received a loving makeover in 2008 with volunteers showing their appreciation of the Community Town Hall.

The Hall is a fully functional community space that is hired for Birthdays, Wedding Receptions, Christmas Parties and more.

The Town Hall Committee

Hatherleigh's town hall is proudly owned and run by the Hatherleigh Community and managed by the committee.

Currently there are seven (7) committee members who meet three (3) times a year with the Annual General Meeting (AGM) held in August.

If you would like to get in touch with the group, they are on Facebook or alternatively you can call 0428 485 831.

Town Hall Craft Group

The craft group commenced in the hall in February 1992. The group meets every second Wednesday February to November each year 10am - 3pm.

Approximately 20 members take part in the group with its own committee formed, the membership fee is \$50 and \$5 on the day you come to Craft.

10. Sport and Recreation Centre

Let's go Eagles! The emblem of the Hatherleigh clubs is a gold eagle on a royal blue background. Hatherleigh is home to very successful football and netball teams and a picturesque golf course.

The Sporting and Recreation Centre was officially built on November 15, 1976 and today consists of the football oval, netball, tennis courts, toilets and playground.

All Hatherleigh clubs have commenced the 'StarClub' accreditation process.



Football Club

Established in 1946 the Hatherleigh Football Club has won premierships in the Mid- South East Football League in 1971, 2002, 2005, 2008, 2013 & 2018.

The club only engaged in social matches during its first season before commencing in the Mid-South East Football League the following year.

Netball Club

In 1971 Netball arrived at Hatherleigh replacing basketball in the Mid-South East. The club started strong, competitive and successful and has remained this way throughout the years.

Recently court facilities have received an upgrade to accommodate their growing success.



Golf Club

A popular golfing course with picturesque views, consisting of a par three 9-hole course.

Majestic gum trees, yakkas and the natural wetlands adjoining the course make a perfect home for native wildlife. The course has lush, watered greens and is extremely sheltered, providing the perfect location for a casual or professional game of golf set amongst true Australian native fauna and flora.

11. Hatherleigh's Projects

1-2 YEARS B = 3-4 YEARS C = 5-8 YEARS D = 9-12 YEARS E = 13-17 YEARS F = 17-20 YEARS

Look and Feel

Timeline	Project Name	Working Groups	Other Comments
A	Welcome to Hatherleigh Signage in and out of Hatherleigh <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Princes Highway 	Wattle Range Council Jessica Robinson	Hatherleigh would like to receive a sign before April next year for when the geocaching event is occurring.
B	Update the current signage off the Highway, showing what is in town to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Town Hall Sport and Recreation Centre Football Oval Netball Courts Golf Course Cricket Nets Tennis Courts 	Wattle Range Council Sport and Recreation Centre	Inspiring visitors to stop and look
A	Have a game day sign which is put out on the Highway and brought in after the game	Sport and Recreation Committee	
C	Additional tree/ shrubs throughout the township	Wattle Range Council	General Street Planting
A	Hatherleigh needs grass cut regularly at the entrance of the town and around with a small mower, not a slasher	Wattle Range Council	The slasher leaves the area too rough and it needs to be neater

Social Media and Advertising

Timeline	Project Name	Working Groups	Other Comments
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A	Hatherleigh Sports and Recreation website needs updating	Hatherleigh Sport and Recreation Committee	
A	Promotion of the Hatherleigh Hall for Hire – Parties, weddings etc.	Community Town Hall Committee	
A	Utilise Facebook, websites and social media to get message out about events in Hatherleigh	Hatherleigh Residents	
B	Continue to develop the Craft Group meeting in Hatherleigh Community Town Hall every second Wednesday 10sm – 3pm BYO Lunch	Craft Group Community Town Hall Committee	

Celebrations and Events

Timeline	Project Name	Working Groups	Other Comments
A	Market Days, Boot Sales and Auctions	Hatherleigh Residents	Looking to have this occur in February / March 2020
B	Reunion of the old school students from Hatherleigh	Hatherleigh Residents	The Hatherleigh school closed in 1967
A	Golf Course Annual Phil Keatley Cup	Sport and Recreation Committee	
A	Movie night during Autumn after Daylight Savings finishes	Hatherleigh Residents Sport and Recreation Committee	
A	Fringe Events in Hatherleigh	Hatherleigh Residents	

Asset and Infrastructure

Timeline	Project Name	Working Groups	Other Comments
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A	Installation of a Hatherleigh RV / Camping area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shower facilities • Power points • Faucets (Water for rain and bore) • Installation of an RV Dump 	Hatherleigh Sport and Recreation Committee Wattle Range Council	Hatherleigh would like to have this up installed in time for summer visitors
A	White poplar trees along highway very invasive. Over 20 years and need eradicating	DPTI	
A	Annual Slashing of Lens Lane and Blearing Road	Wattle Range Council	
C	Improve current mobile phone coverage and NBN coverage	NBN Residents Wattle Range Council	Hotspot to be identified by residents
A	Establish a defined safe refuge or place of last resort in the township	CFS	
	Tree obscuring view at intersection of town	Residents	
A	Mow Grass in front of Hatherleigh oval entrance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specifically, around drain bank • Weed control on the drain bank 	Drainage Board Wattle Range Council	Beautifying the roadside entrance to township
B	Possible control and awareness of weed tree Italian buckthorn taking over native vegetation in roadside vegetation	Saxon Ellis Chris Skeer	
A	All weather viewing area at the oval	Sport and Recreation Committee	Grant funding required

Community Projects

Timeline	Project Name	Working Groups	Other Comments
B	Nature play playground in the Sport and Recreation Area	Wattle Range Council	Potential active club grants

		Sport and Recreation Committee	
A	<p>Increase the golf club's usage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Automated Play Station for Golf and RV • Covered BBQ Area at the Golf Course • Camera Surveillance at Golf Course Entrance • Assessing football, frisbee and soccer golf 	Sport and Recreation Committee	<p>Applying for Grant funding</p> <p>Contact Schools about using the facilities for lessons</p> <p>Golf training days</p> <p>Contacting Golf SA</p>

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