



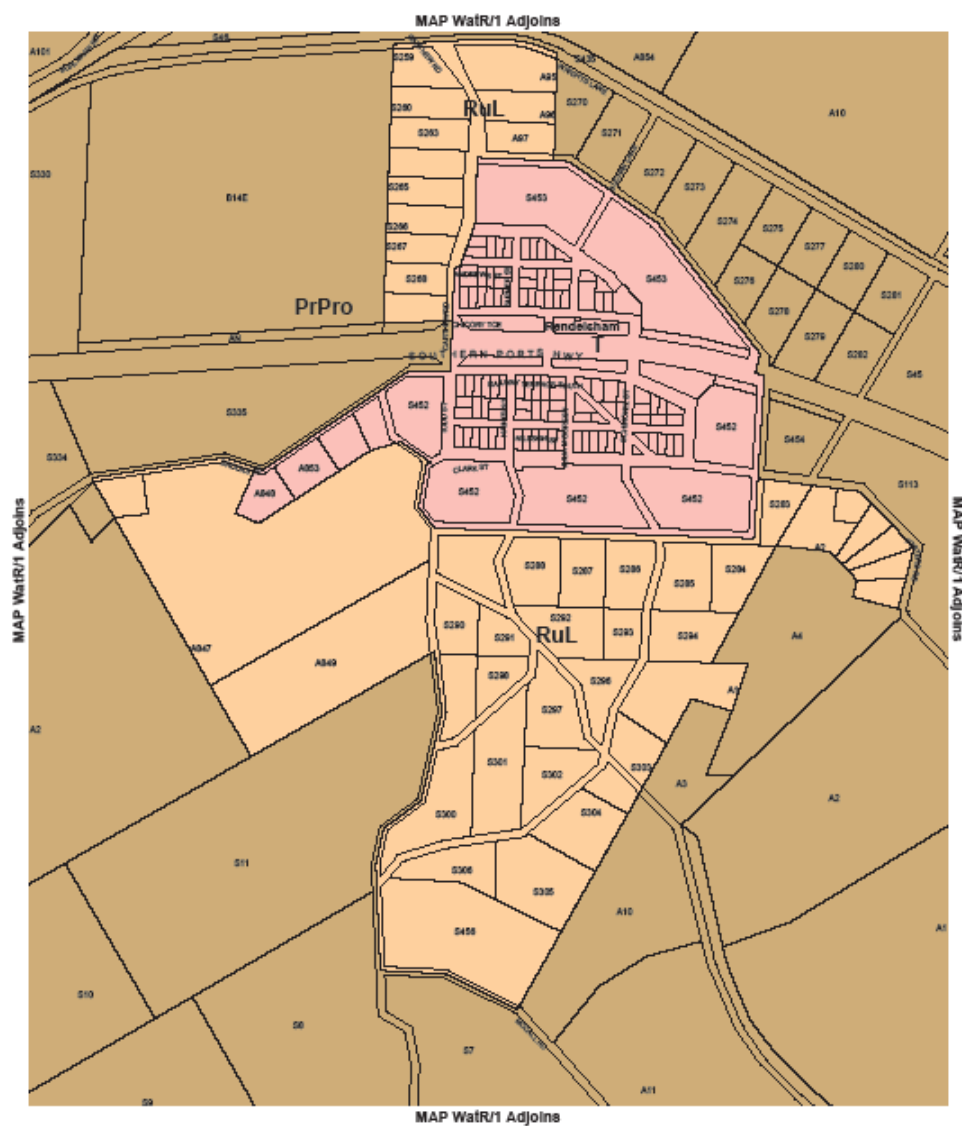
Rendelsham Community Town Plan



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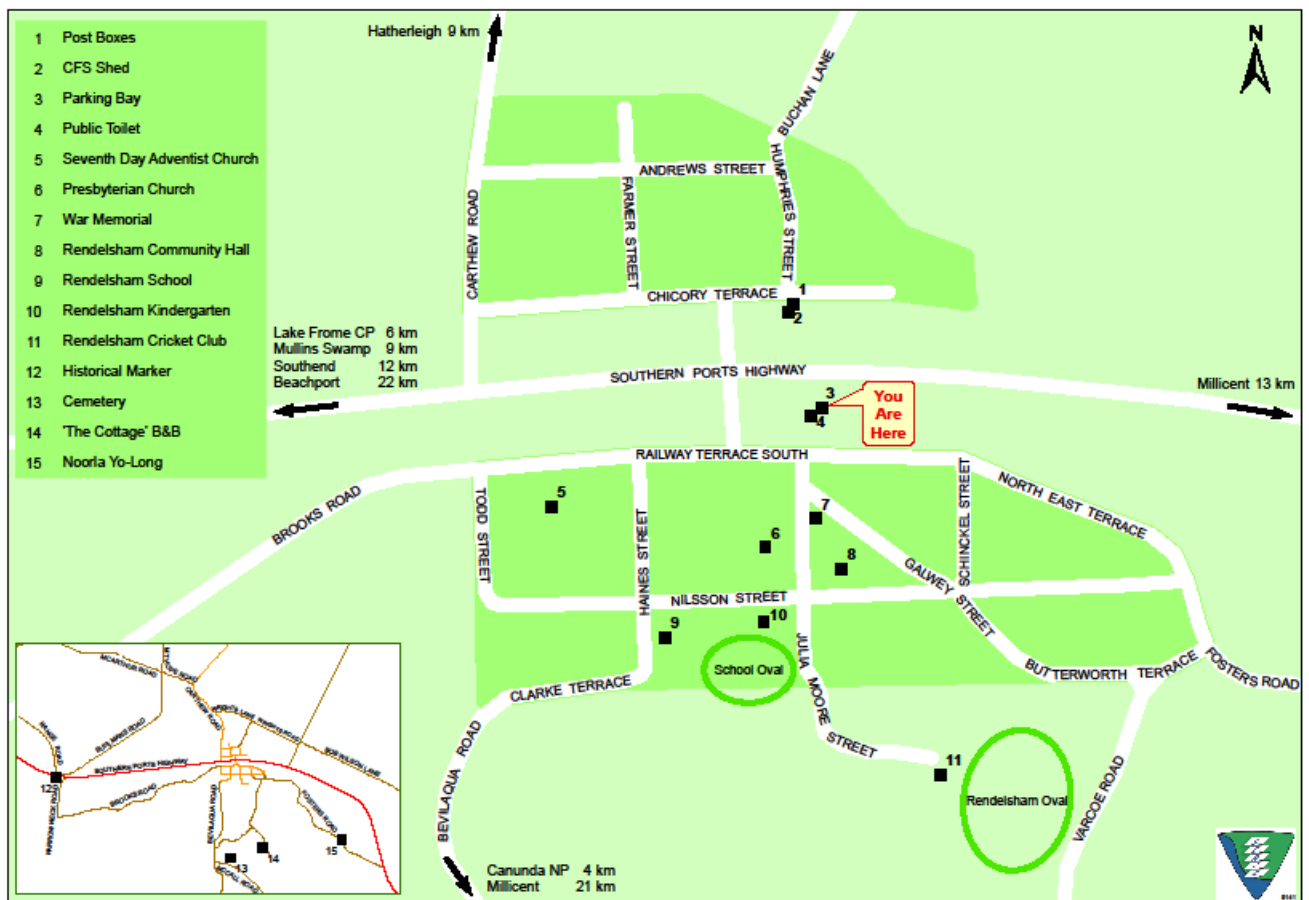
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Zone Map WatR/15

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- | Zones | |
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| PrPro | Primary Production |
| RuL | Rural Living |
| T | Township |
| | Zone Boundary |



Executive Summary

The *Rendelsham Community Town Plan* is a starting point; a blueprint, to aid the future development and prosperity of the Rendelsham township and the surrounding region.

There are five priority types outlined in the Rendelsham Community Town Plan, with each to address developing projects, funding, costings and working groups for the following elements:

- Rendelsham Celebrations and Events
- Rendelsham Assets & Infrastructure
- Rendelsham Projects
- Social Media and Rendelsham Advertising & Promotions
- Rendelsham Community Projects

The focus of the plan is to make Rendelsham a more pleasant place for residents to live and work in, and to attract visitors to the area. The Community Town Plan is a starting point for the future development and prosperity of Rendelsham from a social, economic, recreational and environmental perspective.

The History of Rendelsham

Rendelsham was gazetted in 1880 following the opening up of agricultural land and as a result of an extensive drainage system being implemented. It is named after the Rendel family of engineers from Great Britain. The Mt Gambier to Beachport railway line passed through Rendelsham and was at one time the fourth busiest in the state. The station closed in 1956. In 1955 a bushfire raged through the area destroying 11 homes and the school house; because of the peat soils it was months before the fires were brought under control. Crops of potato, chicory and carrots have historically provided a living for hardworking farmers of the district. Cattle, sheep and dairy featured. Bark from black-wattle trees was harvested for tanning works. In earlier times, Rendelsham was served by shops, post office, church, school and the railway.

Rendelsham Today

Rendelsham is located approximately 10 kilometres north-west of Millicent on the Southern Ports Highway. It is 10 km east of Southend, 20 km south of Beachport and 60 km west of Coonawarra via Millicent.

The charming local rough limestone and Mount Gambier limestone buildings of Rendelsham give it an historic and welcoming impression. The town is intersected by the Southern Ports Highway, is set amongst fertile peat flats and against the Woakwine Range.

Local industries include high quality prime lamb, wool and beef production, dairy cattle, cropping, small seed production, hay and silage located on the fertile peat soils.

The school and kindergarten are hubs for the local children to complete their primary education. The local cricket club attracts players from around the district. The nearby youth training and development facility, Noorla-Yo Long, attracts visitors of all ages who venture to complete the high ropes challenge. Currently, the only church remaining open is the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

Community Groups

The town is supported by a number of community focused groups:-

Rendelsham Sport and Progress Association which formed after the 1980 Centenary, maintains a focus on the overall progress, development and improvement of the town.

It organises community events throughout the year, working bees for any maintenance that needs doing, as well as contributing to town projects for which it has been successful in obtaining grants from federal, state and local council sources. Achievements of the Rendelsham Sports and Progress Association include development of the Parking Bay with tourist information, shelter and public toilet; improvements at the Cemetery; garden beds; the town entrance walls and the refurbishment of the war memorial located in the Community Hall grounds.

The Rendelsham Village Market, held in February and coordinated by the Rendelsham Sports and Progress Association, has raised thousands of dollars for community projects and improving town facilities. It is a fun, family day-out with food and drinks, market stalls, car boot sales and an auction all accompanied by live music.

Each year the Rendelsham Community Christmas Street Party is held several weeks before Christmas. This chance for the community to get together is hosted by the Rendelsham Sport and Progress Association.

There is also a Rendelsham Sport and Progress Friendship Group which meets monthly to share interests and outings.

Country Music performances organised by the Rendelsham Sport and Progress Association have proven popular with audiences from near and far as well as providing funds for projects.

Rendelsham Hall Management Committee is appointed by Wattle Range Council to oversee the function and improvement of the Rendelsham Community Hall which is a valued amenity of the town. Hall use includes meetings for local groups, funerals and wakes, school Christmas concert, the Rendelsham Seniors' Christmas dinner and is available for hire. It has recently been successful in securing co matching funding from Council to renovate the kitchen facilities.

Rendelsham CFS provides a critical emergency service to the local area as required.

Rendelsham Cricket Club is active throughout the season at the picturesque Rendelsham Cricket Ground known affectionately as the 'RCG'.

Threads and Thimbles Craft Group meets regularly at the Hall.

Exercise Group – recently formed by young mums with a focus on fitness and wellbeing.

Education

Rendelsham Primary School provides education with a strong literacy and numeracy focus. Indonesian lessons are provided through Open Access College. Information and Communication Technologies are entrenched in the teaching and learning practices by the school. Students live locally or travel by bus from Southend. It has an enviable setting and delightful grounds. Small classes ensure students' needs are accommodated. There is strong parent support through the Governing Council, Parent Club and involvement generally. There is close interaction with nearby schools including the Coastline Sports Day. The school hosts long held traditional functions of the annual Christmas Concert and the Beach Picnic at Southend.

Rendelsham Kindergarten offering programs for a variety of ages, supports young children in both the Rendelsham and Southend communities. It is located on the same site as the Rendelsham Primary School.

Seventh Day Adventist Church services are conducted according to their program.

Attractions

There are a number of attractions in Rendelsham including:-

- Noorla Yo-Long (Youth Development Program)
- Lake Frome Conservation Park
- Mount Hope Drain Weir
- Canunda National Park
- Kindergarten and Primary School
- Free camping at the Parking Bay
- Cricket oval
- Parking and information bay
- Cemetery
- Seventh Day Adventist Church
- Mullins Swamp Wetlands
- War Memorial
- Rendelsham Hall
- Rendelsham Cricket Ground
- Narrow Neck and the Drainage Equipment Display
- Chicory Kilns
- Close to recreational fishing and 4wheel drive sites
- Monarch Butterfly breeding site
- Bird watching
- Capped drilling wells
- The coastline
- Fatbike Adventures

Why the need for a Town Plan?

The idea of a *Rendelsham Community Town Plan* arose out of initial general discussions between Wattle Range Council staff and the Rendelsham Sport and Progress Association. Essentially, the *Rendelsham Community Town Plan* provides:

- An opportunity to articulate the issues that are important to Rendelsham based residents
- A clear blueprint for the future development of the Rendelsham 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
- An opportunity to enhance the reputation of Rendelsham as a tourism destination.

Vision Statement

RENDELSHAM – A place where people can enjoy a future in a clean, safe community

What Makes Rendelsham unique?

Agriculture	Fishing	Quiet/Peaceful
Beef / sheep / cropping	Fun	Rural lifestyle
Birds	Generous	Safe
Caring	Good weather / climate	School
Central	Great people	Self-sufficient
CFS	History	Sports orientated
Clean environment	Honest	Stands out
Close to – education, national parks, beach	Mateship / friendly	Tranquil
Convenient	Mixed farming	Unique
Diverse from land to sea	Open space	Walking tracks
Encouraging	Proximity to sea and national parks	Wildlife abounds

Location

As a gateway to the Southern Ports, Rendelsham is located approximately, 10km east of Southend, 10 kilometres north west of Millicent on the Southern Ports Highway, it is 18 km south of Beachport and 60 km west of Coonawarra via Millicent. The township is ideally located on the major tourism route that links Mount Gambier to Robe and Kingston along the scenic coast of the Limestone Coast. Canunda National Park is nearby.

Products and Services

- Noorla Yo-Long - a facility of the Blue Light / Police Department offers a program for personal challenge and development
- Accommodation - available at the Stonewalls Cottage, Seagulls and The Cottage
Overnight free camping at the Parking bay
- Agriculture – sheep, cattle, wool, cropping - grains, beans, canola, small seeds, hay, silage, milk production
- Postal Service – post boxes provided by the Rendelsham Sport and Progress Association, located at the CFS shed. Daily mail service from Millicent sorted into the boxes.
- Newspapers – delivery to the CFS shed daily by arrangement
- Residents who offer trade services – carpenter, earthmoving & landscape, electrical
- Agricultural contractors
- Fatbike Adventures

What do we need to attract to Rendelsham?

- High standard internet and mobile phone services
- Businesses
- Tourism enterprises
- Events/festivals
- Energetic, community minded people
- Volunteers to assist with community projects
- A shop / food outlet / van
- Students at Primary School
- RV friendly town
- Locally produced products

Marketing & Promotion

Current:

- Wattle Range Council web site & events pages
- Wattle Range Council Face Book

Suggested:

- Combined Rendelsham Face Book page
- Community email list
- Website
- Promotional video / Brochure
- Community Noticeboard
- QR Codes (with school involvement)
- History & current interest stories published e.g. on social media site

Appendix

Rendelsham Projects

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

Look and Feel of Rendelsham

Time Line	Project	Working Groups	Proposed Cost	Other Comments
B	More tree plantings, living structures (trees) in the open space areas in the centre of the township.	RS&P School		Encourage local propagation
B	Develop township corridor to include nature play area, art and activities.	RS&P Arts Council Community interest groups		
A	Complete street numbering. This currently prevents people from obtaining certain licenses, passports etc.	WRC		For emergency vehicles & business reasons
A	Paint exterior walls of the hall and install new guttering.	Hall Committee		
A	Review and provide additional direction signage to Hall, school, cemetery and other assets at the main intersections and further out			

Social Media and Rendelsham Advertising & Promotion

Time Line	Project	Working Groups	Proposed Costs	Other Comments
B	Develop a promotional brochure for Rendelsham and surrounding opportunities including Canunda National Park.	RS&P WRC		
B	Promote Rendelsham as the Gateway to the Southern Ports.	Community		
A	Develop a QR code walking trail around heritage listed sites in the township and nearby area.	RS&P School		Relevant to current STEM focus of district schools
A	More promotion through Air B&B, Wikipedia, etc. especially for local B&B's.	Responsibility of the business		
B	Place cut outs or Instagram photo opportunities in the town centre area to encourage people to stop and promote Rendelsham on line.	RS&P		e.g. picture frame Connect with Instagram
A	Better consolidation and promotion of township webpages, social media and Facebook pages.	RS&P		Seek interest of local resident
A	Better promotion of the Rendelsham History book.	RS&P		Visitor Centres

Rendelsham Celebrations and Events

Time Line	Project	Working Groups	Proposed Costs	Other Comments
B	Promotion of and an event/festival surrounding the history of the Railway and the Chicory Industry			
A	Expand Markets with new opportunities	RSPA		
A	Music event for the town to build on the successful Country Music events already held.	Local musicians RS&P		Possibly to include Poets open mike. Music in the cemetery event? Variety event?
B	Create an annual photographic competition for locals and visitors in the hall	RS&P		Potentially linked to Market Day (e.g. Photos taken within a 5km radius of Rendelsham)
A	Promote on the main road through signage when the cricket club is open and a match or event is on. To attract passersby.	Cricket Club		

Rendelsham Assets & Infrastructure

Time Line	Project	Working Groups	Proposed Cost	External Funding
B	Devise a box and stand area for the parking bay to hold promotional material of things to do in and around Rendelsham. QR code	RS&P Local businesses		
A	Parking bay promoted as Free Camp, RV Friendly status site. Toilet Upgrade at the parking bay to include an RV dump point. Include an upgrade to existing cement tank infrastructure.	WRC		WRC consider parking bay as approved overnight stay
A	Seal town parking bay	WRC		
A	Arrange for the installation of free Wi-Fi for town parking Bay area.	WRC		
B	Nature play space	RS&P WRC School students		Include public art projects eg. fountain, maze, sculptures, installations
A	Investigate opportunities for 4G (or later) mobile phone coverage and NBN coverage for the township.	WRC State & Federal governments		
A	Develop a dedicated walking or bike trail, possibly to link from Millicent through to Beachport.	WRC		Considered to be a district project
A	Food outlet/van in the Parking Bay area.	WRC RS&P		
C	Install electric BBQ at the parking bay. Installation of BBQ tables and WRC chairs.	WRC RS&P		

A	Opening up of Housing blocks for rural living in and around the township.	WRC		There is currently little opportunity for growth. Rezoning required.
A	Examine bridge infrastructure in the district with regard to current/potential width to ensure the capacity of farmers to move larger scale machinery.	WRC Drainage Board RDA Interested parties		
A	Road sealing and curbing: 1 Finish Nilsson Street 2 Andrews Street, Humphries Street, Farmer Street and Butterworth Street 3 Brooks Road 4 Varcoe Road 5 Fosters Road 6 Julie Moore Street to the cricket oval	WRC		
A	Improve directional signage at Millicent towards Rendelsham.			Rendelsham Road/Ridge Terrace George St/Ridge Terrace
A	Improve township street lighting.			Front of Community Hall on Julia Moore Street
A	Extend the town rubbish collection beyond the current township area, to prevent dumping. Reintroduction of bins at the Parking Bay.			Brooks Road, extension of Mt Hope Road were considered to be 'rural living'
B	Sand and surface town hall main floor in supper room.	WRC Hall Committee		
B	Seal hall carpark.	WRC Hall Committee RS&P		
B	Upgrade playground equipment at the cricket oval.	Cricket Club		

A	Install no through road signs on Varcoe Road.	WRC		
A	Maintain safe vegetation control around township for fire safety. Maintain mowing and weed spraying.			Current program is appreciated, please continue Reinstate mowing in front of western entrance wall

Rendelsham Community Projects

Time Line	Project	Funded by	Working Groups	External Funding
B	Upgrade outdoor area of the Hall include eating and shade areas.		WRC Hall Committee	
C	Public Art proposal for the exterior of the Hall area or the Main Road verges.			
C	Development and promotion of a Rendelsham men's shed.			
C	Develop a Tourism drive to include Mullins Swamp, Belt Hill Conservation Park, Mount Hope Drain, Narrow Neck, Noorla Yo-Long and Butterfly breeding site.		WRC RS&P	
A	Promote the kindergarten and school to ensure people continue to use it.		DECD Rendelsham Primary School Rendelsham Kindergarten	
A	Consider the need for speed reductions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fosters Road and Railway Terrace. 60kph speed limit through the town 		WRC DPTI	May require that 80kph speed limit signs to be moved further out WRC requested examine current speed limit signage at approaches to town
A	The community to drive a model to attract more volunteers to the Hall Committee, and		WRC RS&P	

	Sport and progress Association, CFS and school.			
A	Develop a model for a mobile library / toy van.		WRC	
B	Geocaching event			