



# Community Action Plan

## 2024-2029

**2026 Project Update**

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**MURTOA PROGRESS ASSOCIATION**



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# Our Community Plan

## **Murtoa: “A hidden little paradise amongst the wheat belt”**

Survey insights from 76 residents in 2024 highlighted Murtoa's strengths, assets, challenges, and vision for the Community Action Plan 2024-2029. This input shapes the trajectory of our town's next five years, guiding our forward momentum and growth together.

Over the past 5 years, the Murtoa community achieved significant milestones through the ambitious Murtoa Community Action Plan 2019-2023, including the silo art and night animation project, the pump track and toddler playground at Rabl Park, a Stick Shed visitor information centre, the Recreation Reserve master plan, and the eagerly awaited Early Learning and Early Education childcare and kindergarten centre officially opened in January 2025 in support of regional children and families.

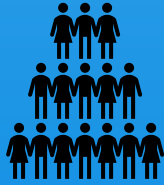
***“The community wants the town to grow”***

Our friendly community benefits from being located close to the Wimmera’s regional centre, Horsham. Our impressive tourist attractions include the Stick Shed (National Heritage listed Murtoa No.1 Grain Shed), the museum precinct (Water Tower Museum, Railway Station & Concordia College [*first Lutheran college in Australia*]), Dunmunkle Sumpoiler Engines, and the stunning Lake Marma managed by a local volunteer Committee of Management, complete with the Caravan Park and community-owned Cabins on Lake Marma and now with the silo art painted by SMUG and animated at night by Transience.

Murtoa is a hub for the agricultural industry, home to valued employers, an excellent primary & secondary school, kindergarten and daycare, local based health services and pharmacy, a healthy retail sector and quality key trades available locally. The diverse public sporting and recreation facilities and gardens are managed and maintained to a high standard by volunteers.

# OUR COMMUNITY

Murtoa is a beautiful and welcoming lakeside town with friendly people located in the heart of the Wimmera.



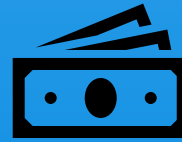
Population  
**897**



Median Age  
**48**  
(State avg 38)



Private Dwellings  
**389**  
= 84% occupied



Median Household Income  
**\$1,007**  
(State avg \$1,759)



Volunteered  
in 12 months  
**28%**  
(State avg 13%)

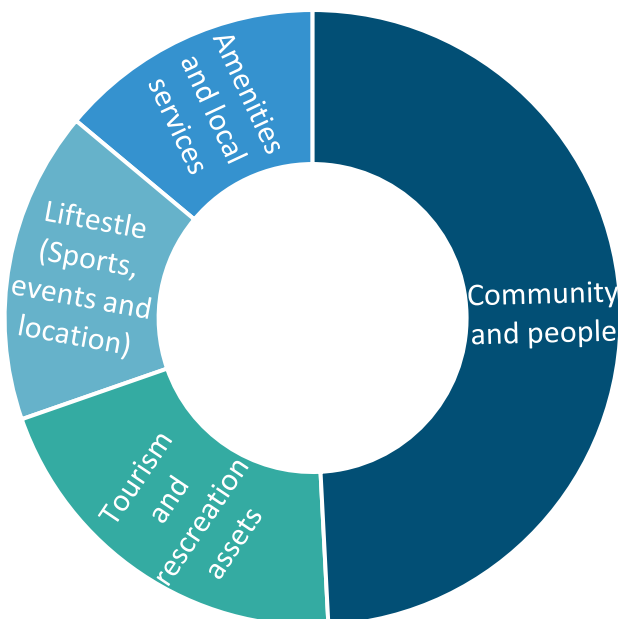
Source: ABS Census 2020

## OUR STRENGTHS

- Our People & Positive Community
- Great local businesses, services & amenities.
- Our tourism & recreation spots
- The lifestyle and Location

## OUR ASSETS

- Lake Marma and surrounds
- Heritage & tourist attractions
- Small businesses, local services & schools.
- Sporting facilities.
- Community driven, friendly people

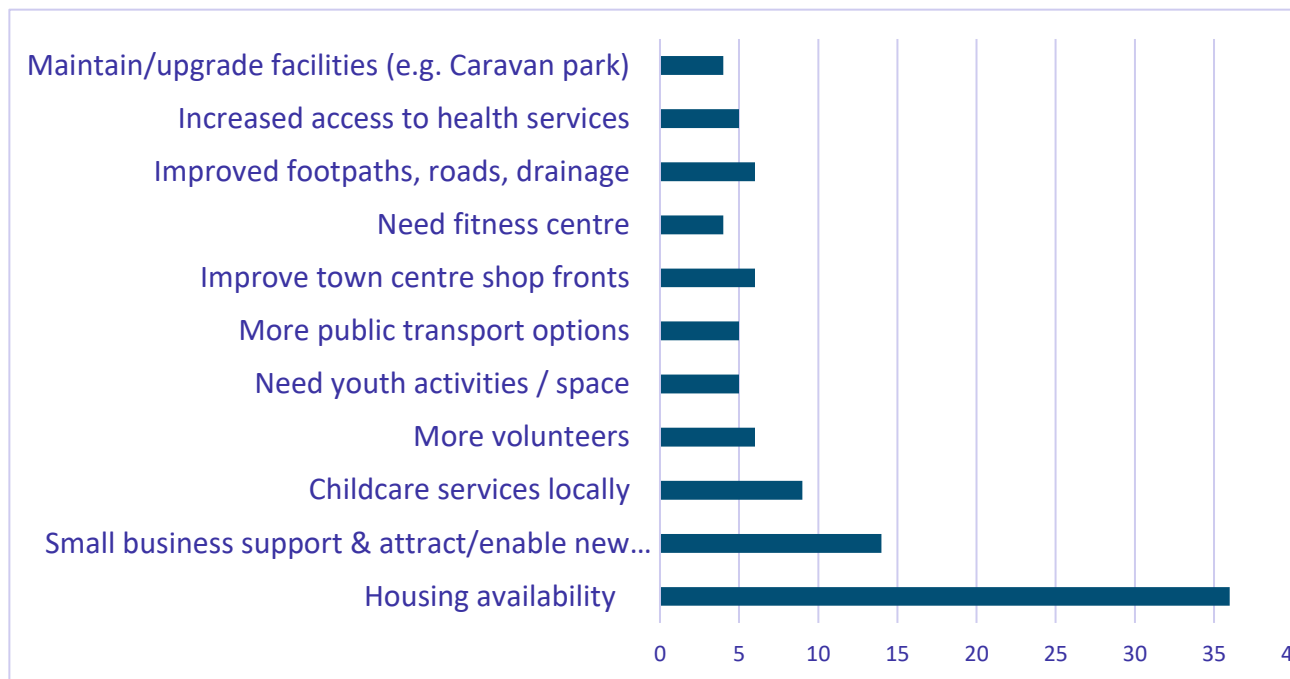


*Special mention to farming sector and location on highway and to proximity to regional centre.*

## OUR CHALLENGES

❖ **Housing availability**

❖ **Support and attract new businesses**



## OUR FUTURE FOCUS

Frequent future challenges the Murtoa community raised in 2024:

- **Housing:** Continue to grow population with more housing (land development).
- **Tourism:** Expand tourism opportunities, including events in the Stick Shed and community art.
- **Small business:** More retail and hospitality businesses able to open longer.
- **Health:** Gym / stadium built, open and readily accessible to the public.
- **Accommodation:** Increased worker and event accommodation options (glamping accommodation/ Community use public storage space / long-stay trailer park /caravan park & cabins extended).
- **Jobs:** Increased employment opportunities (including mining sector locally).

\*\*\***Achieved:** **Childcare**/kindergarten, opened 1 January 2025.

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## OUR OPPORTUNITIES

Ideas raised in the community survey that we, with our Murtoa Progress Association, can explore and lead:

### Basic Services

- Affordable housing for elderly.
- Private houses for rent.
- Private houses for sale.
- Childcare/kindergarten open 1/2025.
- Health service access increased.
- Public transport options increased, including local train services.
- Police station open 24/7
- Doctor in residence

### Health, Connectivity & Livability

- Health and wellbeing
  - Gym facilities built.
  - Stadium built.
  - Bowls club rooms upgraded.
  - Wheelchair access to pool.
  - Lake area lighting.
- Youth space accessible.
- Cinema opened.
- Community events:
  - Signage that displays upcoming events on entry ways instead of hand painted signs.
  - Permanent stage at Lake Marma.
  - Wedding arbor at Rabl Park.
  - Community storage space.
  - More light up events / animated silo
- Improved ambulant access.
- Boost our excellent schools.
- More volunteers.
- Combine community groups.
- Control cats and dogs.
- Boost competitive sport clubs.
- More trees along streets.

### Infrastructure Opportunities

- Build on agriculture centre of economy.
- Truck parking areas in town.
- Roads repaired.
- Public showers and truck parking with access green spaces.
- Footpaths improved: Wheelchair access.
- Pedestrian crossings: Breen street between lakes. Lake Street from Munro to lake.
- Land availability for development.
- Maintain current infrastructure.
- Improved planning and building support.
- Easy to access toilet at lake.
- Improved bins around town.

### Economic Development Opportunities

- Housing: Continue to grow population. More housing.
- Land development for future housing.
- Tourism:
  - Expand caravan park.
  - Upgrade caravan park facilities.
  - Hold events in Stick Shed.
  - Build on community art and a community art space.
  - Renovate Sprott Fountain at Lake Marma.
  - Build more cabins on Lake Marma.
  - Glamping tents for major events.
  - Free camping.
  - Marma Gully opened.
- Small business: More retail and hospitality businesses able to open longer.
- Increased worker accommodation options.

Jobs: Increased employment opportunities (including mining sector locally).

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## OUR MURTOA PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

The Murtoa Progress Association has represented the Murtoa Community since 1888. The purpose of Progress is to promote and support Murtoa and district in the enhancement of:

- Community connectivity, consultation and local representation
- Local businesses, services, ag-culture and economic development opportunities
- Tourism and livability
- Shared leadership and enable community leaders

Specific tasks include to manage:

- Promotion of local business and community events
- Representation of community issues, concerns and interests
- Murtoa Caravan Park and Cabins on Lake Marma
- The Murtoa website and social media
- The Murtoa Community Action Plan as a consultative process
- The fortnightly newspaper the “Murtoa and District Advertiser”

### WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

Email: [murtoaprogress@gmail.com](mailto:murtoaprogress@gmail.com)

Website [www.murtoa.net](http://www.murtoa.net) Facebook [www.facebook.com/murtoa](http://www.facebook.com/murtoa)

# OUR COMMUNITY PROJECTS (2024-2029) – By Theme

# 2026 Project Updates

## 1. Infrastructure Improvement Opportunities (Including Beautification Projects)

	Location	Project	Summary	Need	Who will be Involved	Comments	Contact	Email Address
A	Town Centre	Town Entrances	Improve Highway town entrances with trees or hedging	Town pride. Attractive entrances.	TBC	Looking for interested groups	Local resident	<a href="mailto:murtoaprogress@gmail.com">murtoaprogress@gmail.com</a>
B		Gateway Signage	Large signage at the four entrances to Murtoa, listing the major tourism attractions.	Essential information to attract and keep the tourist in our town longer.	Council Progress	Underway on June 2026	Progress	<a href="mailto:murtoaprogress@gmail.com">murtoaprogress@gmail.com</a>
C		Rezone land to recreation/ tourism	Rezone block 1471 Wimmera Highway from Industrial to Recreation/Tourism	Enable use for tourism, including overflow camping etc. when large events in region.	Shire, Stick Shed	<b>Priority</b>	David Grigg	<a href="mailto:stickshedcom@gmail.com">stickshedcom@gmail.com</a>
D		Upgrade toilets in Marma St, including showers	Toilet facilities reflect town. High use by visitors and locals out walking. Need access to showers.	Aged & not pleasant. No mirror & sanitary arrangements. Dark. Showers needed.	Shire		Local resident	<a href="mailto:murtoaprogress@gmail.com">murtoaprogress@gmail.com</a>
E		Beautify McDonald St Shop Facades	Work with private shopfront owners to paint shop facades for town beautification.	McDonald St shop fronts deteriorated	Shop / building owners, Shire		Progress	
F		Truck parking areas	Truck parking areas required in town to support local businesses (NB. Rabi Park far from shops)	Agriculture & employment. Nowhere for trucks to park & purchase items / rest.	Shire, DPT	YSC 2022 legal tpark 1 hour in any street.	Local resident	
G	Walking Tracks	Walking track to Murtoa Cemetery	Walking track from Murtoa Cemetery to McDonald Street	Residents and visitors often walk to Cemetery, which has no safe track.	Cemetery committee		Local Resident	<a href="mailto:murtoaprogress@gmail.com">murtoaprogress@gmail.com</a>
H		Walking track to Stick Shed	Walking track from Murtoa Station to Stick Shed. Town to Stick Shed.	Visitor safety walking. Connect Murtoa	Shire, StickShed	<b>Priority 2026</b>	Local	
I	Bike Trails	Promote Barrabool bike trail	Bike track brochure for Barrabool State Park	Tourism and local fitness to enjoy Park	DEECA	<i>Paused</i>	Local	
J	Lake Marma	Landscaping pool parking area	The planting of trees in the swimming pool / tennis area. (E.g. Weeping Myall)	Having more asphalted road to link into the sealed road to rotunda.	Lake Marma Committee of Management		Rod Delahunty (Secretary)	<a href="mailto:lakemarmacom@gmail.com">lakemarmacom@gmail.com</a>
K		Permanent stage structure	A stage structure at the grassed area against the swimming pool fence.	For community entertainment at Lake				
L		Tree planting plan	A plan for tree planting around Lake. Regular arborist reports to assess tree health.	Lake Marma COM				
M		Sprott Fountain	Beautify Sprott Fountain	Beautify the area				
N		Recreate 'lovers lane'	Plant shade trees on track at SE corner from channel to near cricket nets	In response to input from community				
O		Restore old well on foreshore	Maintain historic point of interest– part of early water infrastructure in Murtoa					
P		Boardwalk to wetlands	South end of lake from caravan park to wetlands	Access for fishing and bird observation				
Q		Wetland walk signage	Interpretive signage around lake	Connection of unique bird info around lake				
R		Lake track edging	Extension of track edging for accessible track					
S		Stick Shed Landscaping	Redevelop the entrance to improve attractiveness and welcoming to visitors	Stick Shed Landscape Master Plan incorporating areas identified				

T	<b>The Stick Shed</b>	<b>Stick Shed Events</b>	Change classification to allow for Public Events/Entertainment held in the Shed	Community events to be held in the ideal location. Attract tourism.	The Stick Shed Committee of Management	Considered post entrance dev.	David Grigg (Secretary)	
U		Ambulant vehicle	Purchase ambulant golf cart	Enable access for all visitors. Project after entrance redevelopment.				
V		Back of House building	Establish building for space for future management and committee operational work plus staff amenities and archive storage.	The Visitor Information and Amenities building is too small and unsuitable for the above-mentioned activities				
W		Murtoa <b>tourism boost</b>	Encourage collaboration among local groups with tourism sub-committee of Progress.	Collaboration to boost working as one for tourism improvements in town				
X	<b>Recreation Reserve / Show yards</b>	<b>Murtoa Show Facilities</b>	Install powerpoints around oval	Access for Show events and activities	Murtoa Recreation Reserve / Show yards Grounds Committee		John Hamilton (President)	john@hopefieldfarm.com
Y		<b>Asset storage shed</b>	Accommodate football club, cricket club and show.	Built near cricket nets for offseason storage.				
Z		<b>Boundary fencing</b>	New fencing on eastern side of ground to replace rural fencing	Propose pool-like fencing				

## 2. Economic Development Opportunities (Including Tourism)

	Project	Summary	Need	Who will be Involved	Comments	Contact	Email Address
A	<b>Housing built</b>	Increase private house build and houses for sale	Accommodation desperately needed (housing & rentals).	WHIP, Murtoa Housing Initiative Pty., Progress	Murtoa Housing Initiative Pty. established. <b>Plan to build 4 new houses in 2026. E2E project on former school site.</b>	Progress	<a href="mailto:murtoaprogress@gmail.com">murtoaprogress@gmail.com</a>
B		Land development through additional sub-divisions.	Land for new housing builds restricted for Murtoa. Identify opportunity for land to be sub-divided for new housing.	Shire	Ongoing focus – unsuccessful grant applications in 2024, 2025	Local resident	
C		Worker accommodation	Increased worker accommodation, including for seasonal work	Community, Progress	2026– housing developer suggested <b>motel option</b> – if land identified. .	Progress	
D		<b>Housing connectivity to sewer, water and power mains</b>	<b>Support private land sales for more housing builds. E.g. N-W block in town connectivity.</b>	Progress, Council, GWM, PowerCor	<b>PRIORITY 2026</b> Multiple council grant submissions to gov unsuccessful	Progress	
E	<b>Water reuse</b>	Water drainage and reuse option explored and implemented	Explore and implement practical water drainage and reuse options to improve water management, reduce waste and support more sustainable use of local water resources.	Council, GWM, DPT	Council water study underway 2026.	Progress	
F	<b>Heritage recognition</b>	Purchase new <b>monitors</b> for digital displays.	Tower – first floor monitor needs replacing. Hand held Tablet for visitors who can't make it up the stairs.	MDHS Committee	Devices provide important information about James Hill Taxidermy collection and a virtual tour of the Water Tower.		<a href="mailto:murtoamuseum@outlook.com">murtoamuseum@outlook.com</a>
G		Purchase <b>uniform</b> /vest for volunteers when on duty.	A black vest with the Water Tower logo will provide a more professional impression.	MDHS Committee		Sue Dollin	

H		Historical Society – Digitalization Project	Digitization of Microfiche & Microfilm Rate Records & Dunmunkle Standard.	Historical Society	Historical records need digitized for research and preservation.	Secretary MDHS	
I		Provide a larger all-weather <b>shelter</b> for the displayed <b>Wagon</b> .	A more larger roof is needed to protect the wagon even though regular oiling helps.	MDHS Committee	The flat bed platform timbers are rotting and need replacing.		
J		<b>Grounds beautification</b>	Landscaping and garden furniture at the Tower and Concordia	MDHS Committee	Mulching Concordia yard. Planting bushes & visitor seating.		
K		<b>Street Plaques</b> of Historic Businesses and Homes	Historical photo and information/ history of the location.	Progress	Unsuccessful grant applications (2024)	Progress	<a href="mailto:murtoaprogress@gmail.com">murtoaprogress@gmail.com</a>
L		<b>Marma Gully</b> private business building restoration	Building of community significance	Business	Community interest to support building preservation	Local resident	
M	<b>Community Storage and Tool Library</b>	Community storage space	Storage for community assets including the glamping tents, Murtoa Big Weekend Assets, Wine & Dine assets	V/Line, Progress	Location: V/Line sight and former railway worker yard. Located close to town centre, Railway Hotel and	Progress	<a href="mailto:murtoaprogress@gmail.com">murtoaprogress@gmail.com</a>
N		Community tool library	Tool library quality items for public/sustainable use such as trailers, ride on mowers, push mowers, etc.	V/Line, Progress	Explore connection to Men’s Shed for maintaining - based at community site [V/Line area]		
O	<b>Vehicle Charging Station</b>	Electric Vehicle charging station	Encourage people to stop as they recharge in Murtoa	Shire, Progress		Progress	<a href="mailto:murtoaprogress@gmail.com">murtoaprogress@gmail.com</a>
P	<b>Glamping group facilities</b>	Temporary group glamping facilities to accommodate large tour groups, i.e. rail visits. Economic benefit.	Encourage large groups to stay locally. Offer unique experience in small communities.	Shire Progress Other communities	Unsuccessful RTIF application 2023	Local Resident	<a href="mailto:murtoaprogress@gmail.com">murtoaprogress@gmail.com</a>
Q	<b>Additional-camping options</b>	Investigate incorporating additional camping area.	Tourism to boost local economy. Explore options and zoning.	Shire	Possible on Rabl Park. Requires community consultation [2024].	Local Resident	<a href="mailto:murtoaprogress@gmail.com">murtoaprogress@gmail.com</a>
R	<b>Businesses supported</b>	Local businesses <b>supported</b> and strengthened	Promote local businesses	Businesses, Progress		Progress	<a href="mailto:murtoaprogress@gmail.com">murtoaprogress@gmail.com</a>
S		Attract <b>new</b> businesses and employers	Attract employer businesses	Businesses, Progress	<i>May 2026 announcement of Qube ag freight terminal in Murtoa.</i>		
T		<b>Industrial</b> land identified	Land availability to attract industrial businesses	Shire			
U	<b>Wall-to-Wall Art Festival</b>	Five artists spend two days painting identified walls in Murtoa	Point of tourism interest.	Businesses, Progress	Estimate: \$70,000. Aim for Oct 2026. Murtoa Big Weekend.	Progress	<a href="mailto:murtoaprogress@gmail.com">murtoaprogress@gmail.com</a>
V	<b>Murtoa Caravan Park &amp; Cabins on Lake Marma</b>	New entrance signage with updated information		Progress	Quotes and design drafted. <i>Planned for June 2026</i>	Progress	<a href="mailto:murtoaprogress@gmail.com">murtoaprogress@gmail.com</a>
W		4 <sup>th</sup> cabin installed on green area	Increase accommodation options.	Progress	Community meeting (09/25)	Progress	
X		Park facility upgrade	Improve standards and attraction	Progress		Progress	
Y	<b>New School Facilities</b>	Strong school infrastructure is critical to town growth, student enrolments and livability	Murtoa College needs modern school buildings and facilities that meet standards, support students and help attract new families.	Progress	<b>PRIORITY 2026</b>	Progress	

### 3. Healthy, Connected & Livability Opportunities

	Theme	Project	Summary	Need	Lead & Who Involved	Comments	Contact / Submitted	Email Address
A	<b>Health, Recreation &amp; Sport</b>	<b>New community event centre</b>	<b>Priority</b> for new community centre as part of Murtoa Recreation Reserve <b>Master Plan</b> actioned that includes community, sport functions and women changerooms. Architectural drawings of community centre Soil samples for community centres	Suitable community & sport function space required. Take advantage of lakeside location. Design and soil samples enable project to be shovel ready	Rec Reserve COM	<b>PRIORITY 2026</b> Next step: Funding for soil testing, drawings, etc	John Hamilton (Chair)	<a href="mailto:john@hopefieldfarm.com">john@hopefieldfarm.com</a>
B		<b>Young people activities &amp; spaces</b>	Young people activities Reference to Rabl Park Master Plan.	Free opportunities and experiences for young people available in-place locally	Shire, schools	Connection to <b>Rabl Park Plan</b>	Local resident	<a href="mailto:murtoaprogress@gmail.com">murtoaprogress@gmail.com</a>
C		<b>Public fitness gym</b>	Encourage people into fitness. Add strength training to fitness program.	Public access to exercise equipment. Strength training. Meet and chat with like-minded community while getting fit.	Community, private businesses		Local Resident	
D		<b>Stadium</b> facility for public	Accessible stadium for sports		Shire		Local	
E	<b>Rabl Park</b>	<b>Master Plan</b> implemented	Concepts in Rabl Park Master Plan implemented.	Recreation spaces. Above projects	Shire	Underway in 2026	Local	<a href="mailto:murtoaprogress@gmail.com">murtoaprogress@gmail.com</a>
F	<b>Bowls Club</b>	<b>New club house</b> project plan & building design	Design and rebuild new club house (as an alternative option to previous extension rather than a replacement action).	Council considering draft designs to compare cost benefit of options. Aim: shovel ready project.	Murtoa Bowls Club, Shire	Limited in opportunities as need shovel ready.	Tony Baker (Chair)	<a href="mailto:tbbaker72@hotmail.com">tbbaker72@hotmail.com</a>
G		<b>Outdoor Shaded Area</b>	Need for improved outdoor spectator area	Need suitable area for spectators. Weather impacts on spectators – include heat risk from no shade options.	Murtoa Bowls Club			
H		<b>Replacement green</b>	The current surface of the green has 3-4 years of life left.	Require at least \$140,000 (April 2023) to replace				
I		<b>Landscaping / paving</b>	Landscaping project	Pavers at south of green requires new retaining wall and pavers relayed				
J	<b>Swimming Pool</b>	<b>Solar strips</b> that heat the pool replaced	The solar strips are +15 years, at end of optimal usage. Leaking, need regular flushing and strong winds move them from their placement on the pergola shade cloth.	Keeping pool to optimal temperature encourages range of patrons, especially older patrons, to access pool and regular exercise.	Swimming Pool Committee	Completed repairs on solar tubes to work for 2025/26 season.	Kristin Starick (Secretary)	<a href="mailto:murtoaswimmingpool@gmail.com">murtoaswimmingpool@gmail.com</a>
K		<b>Paving</b> at the side gate entrance	Paving at the emergency and out of hours gate entrance to the pool.	Ground uneven and a safety issue for those using this entrance, especially early morning swimmers.				
L		Entrance <b>mural</b>	Mural developed and placed in the entrance passageway	Make the entrance more welcoming while preserving the exterior mural as a lasting feature				
M		<b>Backwash tank repair</b>	Update the sand, paddles and leakages on the back wash filter system	In need of major works.				

N		Update the pool <b>operating system</b>	Continue to investigate a new system of pipes and the safe administering of chemicals.	Keep the pool running and maintain safe water quality.				
O		<b>Repaint</b> pool	Repaint interior of swimming pools	Pools need to be regularly painted for surface integrity and compliance.				
P		<b>Accessibility</b> for all abilities	Railing/ramps/lifts require major engineering planning to ensure that pool structure integrity not damaged.	Important to provide access to all abilities				
Q	<b>Golf Club</b>	<b>Water pump</b> replacement for greens	Pump repair or new pump to replace broken pump for course watering of course greens.	Maintain the essential golf course greens	Golf Club	<b>Priority</b>	Keith Elliot (Secretary)	<a href="mailto:murtoagolf@gmail.com">murtoagolf@gmail.com</a>
R		<b>Wetland area</b>	Water hazard on the 14th hole to be made into a permanent wetland for the attraction of birds and wildlife.	Promote healthy ecosystem utilising a hazard to form healthy wetland.				
S		<b>Covered outdoor</b> area for weather protection	Participant weather protection with covered outdoor area attached to the clubhouse	Winter Course. A shelter adjoined to club room enables weather projection.				
T	<b>Tennis Club</b>	Finalization of <b>top surface</b> of Court #3.	Low slip synpave acrylic court surface and final line marking to finalize fill within this area		Murtoa Tennis Club	Tennis Victoria support	Natasha Pietsch (Secretary)	<a href="mailto:tony-tash@bigpond.com">tony-tash@bigpond.com</a>
U		<b>Lighting</b> of courts	Additional lighting towers to light up #3 and #4 for a possible (more efficient) night competition.	Quality lighting and surface of Court #3 will complete tennis area.				
V		High pressure court <b>cleaner</b>	High pressure court cleaner will avoid mold buildup and further costs associated with this issue going forward.	Prevent future costly issues and maintaining courts.				
W		Maintenance <b>treatment for mold</b> and moss	Hard court service clean will enable ongoing maintenance to be more manageable for volunteers.	Quote with Sporting Court Care North Victoria for service treatment.				
X		Assistance of <b>Tennis Coach</b>	Assist accessibility of skills, funding for coach of complimentary (or affordable) clinics to youth.	Specialised clinics, and possibly run Hot Shots and junior competition.				
Y		New club <b>signage</b>	ACP panel on the north of clubhouse	needs to be updated as weathered.				
Z		Clubhouse <b>Repairs</b>	Vandalism to assets requires maintenance to return to original condition.	Replace side of Barbecue facing tennis courts, and blinds vandalised				
Aa	<b>Community Safety</b>	<b>Pedestrian crossing</b> on Lake Street	Install pedestrian crossing between Munro and Lake Marma for safe pedestrian crossings.		Shire		Local Resident	<a href="mailto:murtoaprogress@gmail.com">murtoaprogress@gmail.com</a>
Ab		<b>Pedestrian crossing</b> on Breen Street	Install pedestrian crossing to connect walking lakes on walking tracks on west of swimming pool.		Shire		Local Resident	
Ac		<b>School crossing lights</b> on Marma Street	to alert traffic of pedestrians.		Dept Transport		Local Resident	
Ad		Golf Club – <b>Security system</b>	Security alarm system for the club house.	Multiple break ins and vandalism. Support prevention and follow up.	Golf Club		Keith Elliot (Secretary)	<a href="mailto:murtoagolf@gmail.com">murtoagolf@gmail.com</a>
Ae		Museum – Security system	Security cameras for the Water Tower and Concordia Cottage buildings	Protection and vandalism deterrent of heritage buildings. Security for irreplaceable artefacts and collections.	MDHS Committee	Security cameras at Station. Need all Museum	Sue Dollin MDHS	<a href="mailto:murtoamuseum@outlook.com">murtoamuseum@outlook.com</a>

#### 4. Committed / Completed Projects from Murtoa Community Action Plan 2024-2029 (June 2024 - May 2026)

	Location	Project	Summary	Need	Who will be Involved	Comments	Contact	Email Address
<b>Progressed in 2025/26</b>								
A	Rabl Park	Basketball ring / half court	Basketball ring installed for youth and recreation	Basketball popular with youth in Murtoa. No public space to play.	Progress	Completed. Thank you!		
B		Skateboard park upgrade	Skateboard park safe & user-friendly improvements – Rabl Park	Recreational spaces for young people. Vic Health 2024. Funds need \$150,000	Shire, College	Completed. Thank you!		
C	Recreation Reserve	Murtoa Recreation Reserve Master Plan actioned	new netball facilities.	Suitable community sport function space required.	Rec Reserve COM	Completed. Thank you!	John Hamilton (Chair)	
D		Murtoa Show Facilities	Install double doors in change rooms to enable use as pavilion.					
E			Install lockable doors under stairs for use as lockable storage.					
F	Swimming Pool	Chlorine/salt water system		Keep the pool running and maintain safe water quality.		Investigated – cost prohibitive	Kristin Starick (Secretary)	<a href="mailto:murtoaswimmingpool@gmail.com">murtoaswimmingpool@gmail.com</a>
A		Outside toilets	Preventative sealing of floors and skirting boards in outside toilets.	Deterioration of build.	Swimming Pool Committee	Funded by Murtoa Progress Association Nov 2025	Kristin Starick (Secretary)	<a href="mailto:murtoaswimmingpool@gmail.com">murtoaswimmingpool@gmail.com</a>
B	Stick Shed	Landscape plan	Developed to map out requirements			Plan completed.		
<b>Progressed in 2024/25</b>								
D	Lake Marma	Water play area	Develop the North West corner area of the Lake reserve	Develop area for community-use.	Lake Marma Committee	Vic Tiny Towns grant from RDV 05/2025	R Delahunty (Secretary)	<a href="mailto:lakemarmacom@gmail.com">lakemarmacom@gmail.com</a>
E	Men's Shed	Air conditioning	Split system installed	Spilt system broke down. Year round environment comfort.	Men's Shed	Murtoa Progress Association funded Mar 2025		
F	Lake Marma	Fishing Jetty	Accessible fishing jetty installed in front of caravan park	Encourage fishing and visitors to area	Lake Marma Committee	Funded by Fisheries Vic 2025	R Delahunty (Secretary)	<a href="mailto:lakemarmacom@gmail.com">lakemarmacom@gmail.com</a>
G	Historical Society	Achieve	Document and photograph storage	Weather proof archive for heritage photographs and documents.	Historical Society	Progress funded Feb 2025.	Sue Dollin (Secretary)	<a href="mailto:murtoamuseum@outlook.com">murtoamuseum@outlook.com</a>
H	Swimming Pool	Grounds Improvement	Improvements include: paving at the dead grass; new grass laid on the west side under the shade trees; replacing a pergola between the two smaller pools; shade cloth placed on the side of the west pergola to block the sun	Works approx \$25,000. Projects designed to improve safety. A safer entrance and infant pool; easier to clean by reducing dirt. Reducing risk of sunburn/heatstroke by providing shade	Swimming Pool Committee	Pergola replaced between two small pools Shire grant and Murtoa Swimming Pool ladies committee.	Kristin Starick (Secretary)	<a href="mailto:murtoaswimmingpool@gmail.com">murtoaswimmingpool@gmail.com</a>
I		Update the pool operating system	Updated system new pumps and piping; electronic water testing system; new taps/fix leakage on backwash pipes. Introduce a chlorine/salt system; new	Reduce the running costs of our local swimming pool	Swimming Pool Committee	Funded by Murtoa Progress Association Feb 2025	Kristin Starick (Secretary)	<a href="mailto:murtoaswimmingpool@gmail.com">murtoaswimmingpool@gmail.com</a>

			sensor in the well. Reduce four hour daily testing and cost of running the pool by updating the system.					
J	Swimming Pool	Drainage in toilet floors corrected.	Area doesn't drain away. OHS and user safety issue. The Shire Building Works Inspector as provided two options to obtain positive drainage.	Important to repair so that the safety of users can be maintained while entering and moving in the toilet areas.	Swimming Pool Committee	Pool purchased non-slip mats	Kristin Starick (Secretary)	<a href="mailto:murtoaswimmingpool@gmail.com">murtoaswimmingpool@gmail.com</a>
K	Golf Club	Climate control for club house	Air conditioning split system for the clubhouse to provide warmth for golf players and supporters during Winter when the golf course is open.	There is nothing for summer cooling and the wood heater used for winter is very old and inefficient. OHS for wood handling.	Golf Club	Funded by Murtoa Progress Association	Keith Elliot (Secretary)	<a href="mailto:murtoagolf@gmail.com">murtoagolf@gmail.com</a>
L		New roof on clubhouse	New roof for the clubhouse	Roof leaks in certain conditions.	Golf Club	Completed	Keith Elliot (Secretary)	<a href="mailto:murtoagolf@gmail.com">murtoagolf@gmail.com</a>
M	Tennis Club	Two tennis courts at netball courts	New tennis courts that meet specs installed at netball courts.		Murtoa Tennis Club	Funded through Murtoa Rec Reserve project (2025)		<a href="mailto:tony-tash@bigpond.com">tony-tash@bigpond.com</a>
N	Historical Society	Museum Precinct – Security Cameras	Install security system for the Museum precinct.	Increase vandalism to community property and heritage items	Historical Society		Sue Dollin (Secretary)	<a href="mailto:murtoamuseum@outlook.com">murtoamuseum@outlook.com</a>
O	Lake Marma & Caravan Park	Security cameras and lighting	Install security cameras and lighting in collaboration with user groups.	Liaised with user groups and authorities to improve safety for users and community assets	Lake Marma Committee, Progress	In progress May 2025	Rod Delahunty (Secretary)	<a href="mailto:lakemarmacom@gmail.com">lakemarmacom@gmail.com</a>