



NARRAWONG
KANG-O-MEERTEEK
 SMALL TOWN TRANSFORMATION

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MAY UPDATE

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WHAT ART DOES

Art helps people understand, express and share their experiences, thoughts, feelings and imaginations. It gives us a way to see and experience the world through the eyes of others. Art is intrinsically valuable because it:

- tells powerful personal and community stories;
- helps us to understand other people's experiences, developing our sense of compassion and humanity;
- challenges ideas and presents alternatives;
- presents complex and conflicting ideas in an accessible way;
- helps us see differently;
- encourages the imagination;
- opens a space for critical thinking;
- brings hope – it can help us to imagine what does not exist, and give it shape;
- transforms us, our communities, ideas and situations; and
- provides a public platform for expression.

Making art with communities: a work guide. Art Victoria.

Permits, people, equipment, action!

Work has started on the new lookout at Mt Clay. DELWP have facilitated clearing of the old platform and preparing the site, and we are preparing for the concrete pad to be poured.

What happened last month?

- Finalised permits for Mt Clay
- Removal of old lookout and site preparation
- Survey about meeting place
- Listening at the Post Office
- Stall at Lake Bolac Eel Festival
- Stall at Portland Easter Fair
- Visit from RAV artists
- Community fish and culture event
- Visit from Graham from RAV
- The "invisible" planning, administration, quotes, contracts, OHS, permits, and permissions

What's next?

- More work with the community on developing a meeting place in town
- Reconciliation Week event - Sunday 3 June at Timandra, Narrawong.
- Winter walk and talk
- Community working bees at Mt Clay
- Whale event
- Community weaving workshop
- More activities with the kids at the school
- Preparing for the launch – making installation, community choir
- Mt Clay Sculpture launch October 2018

RECONCILIATION WEEK EVENT – SUNDAY 3 JUNE, 1-4PM

Join Andy Alberts at Timandra By The Sea Garden for an afternoon of music around the fire. Free entry. Devonshire teas available. Parking and entry via Vaughan St, Narrawong.

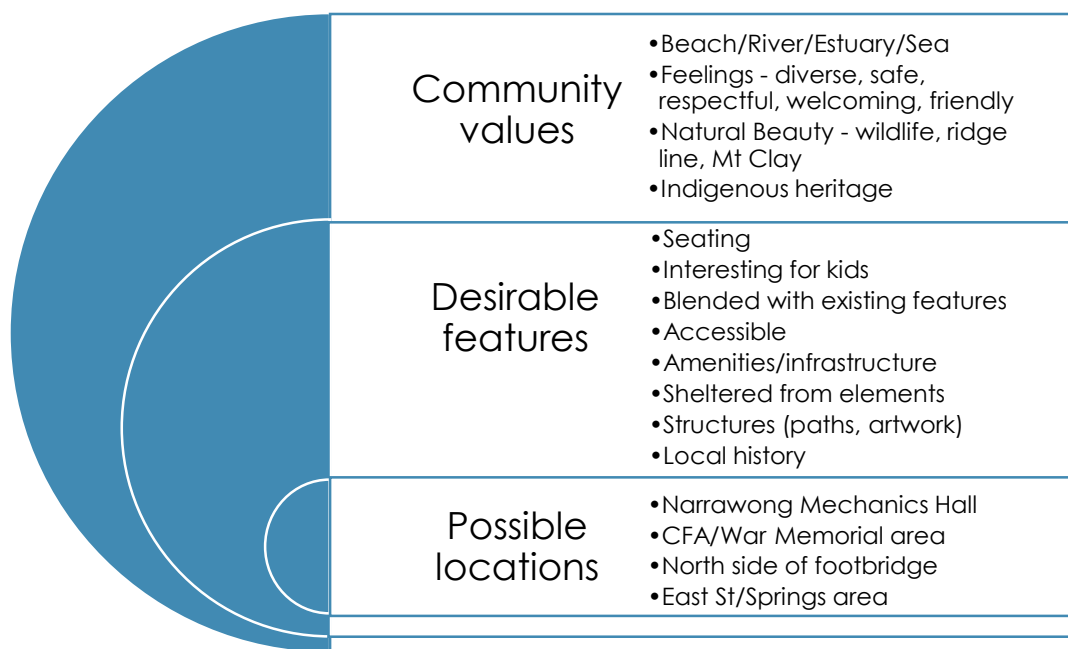
*Empathy is the starting point for creating a community and taking action.
It's the impetus for creating change. Max Carver*

WHERE ARE WE UP TO WITH THE MEETING PLACE?

We have gone back to the community for ideas. At the start of the project there was a lot of consultation, but the focus was on the Recreation Reserve; due to threat of inundation the grant can't be used there. We needed other options and community input.

We circulated a survey and spent a day sitting at the Post Office listening. People have been very generous with their time and ideas, and it was really enjoyable to meet some more Narrawong people. The Committee has collated ideas. We are very hopeful that something good will come out that we can work with. Stay tuned ☺

Themes that emerged from the survey:



WHO RESPONDED?

- Paper surveys: 9 people
- Online surveys: 11 people
- Emails, Facebook: 8 people
- Post Office conversations: 15 people
- Students at Narrawong & District Primary School

This is what the community has asked for.

Now we need to check what is legal, okay with land owners and land managers, meets with planning zones, cultural heritage, etc.

Some of the community ideas may be suitable for a future community plan.

HOW IS THE MONEY GOING \$\$\$?

Good. We are still on budget to get everything done ☺



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