**Annual Report to end June 2025**

Lyonville Community Planning Group Inc was established by Council in 2020 and became an incorporated association in March 2022. This report will be presented at our annual general meeting scheduled for 10 August 2025. This report covers the period from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025.

**LCPG Inc Objectives**

The purposes of the association are:

* To develop, in consultation with the community, a community plan for Lyonville.
* To periodically review and refresh the community plan.
* To work with community members, local, State and Federal governments, service providers and others to enact the actions articulated in the current and future plan

**Activity 1 July 2024 - 30 June 2025**

**Current Membership and Office Bearers**

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| Shelley Bowen | Chair |
| Anthony Zaspel | Treasurer |
| Vicki Jackson | Secretary |
| Greg Jones | Committee Member |
| Louise Webb | Committee Member |
| David Bruce | Committee Member |

**Meetings held:** 4 August 2024, 17 November 2024**,** 9 February 2025**,** 4 May 2025

**Finance Report**

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| **Income** |  | **Expenditure** |  |
| Bank Interest | 1.42 | Insurances | 1,473.52 |
| Sale of flip charts | 560.00 | Web site development | 1,121.66 |
| Grant income - blackberries | 11,000.00 | Grant project expenses – Resilience grant | 6,735.70 |
|  |  | Lyonville signage | 620.00 |
| TOTAL | $11,561.42 | TOTAL | $9,950.88 |
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| **Balance at Bank** | **$22,505.10** |  |  |
| as at 30 June 2025 |  |  |  |

Note: The Lyonville Neighbourhood Pest Weed Control Working Group is auspiced by LCPG Inc for the blackberry grants received.

**Grant applications**

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| **Grant Details** | **Amount Requested** | **Outcome** | **Current Position** |
| Victorian Blackberry Task Force | $10,000 | Successful | Commenced |
| Hepburn Shire Council - blackberry | $1000 | Successful | Commenced |

**Advocacy**

LCPG Inc met with Daylesford Spa Country Rail to sign a memorandum of understanding outlining each group’s interest in the Lyonville Station site. LCPG Inc is interested in creating a park on the northern paddock of the site if Council assumes the lease.

**Current and completed projects**

| **Project** | **Objectives** | **Current Position** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Enhancement of western entrance to Lyonville | * Beautify the western entrance by planting a low rise garden and painting the CFA water tank | Garden planted March 2024. Further work to hide water tank to be completed. Budget up to $4.5K |
| Enhanced township signage | * Provide more visible and evocative ‘Lyonville’ signage on the main Daylesford-Trentham Road. * Replace township map linked to web site | Township signs installed, small gardens planted with spring bulbs at the base of both sites.  Draft map layout approved July 2025.  Budget up to $4K. |
| Develop street tree plan | * Enhance look of township streets * Increase canopy cover | Council planted an avenue of trees adjacent to railway land on High St |
| Develop a Lyonville Web Site | * Provide site for information on Lyonville for both residents and visitors | Web site operational and is being regularly updated and developed. |
| Resilience project | * Distribute flip chart of local emergency information * Hold training sessions on first aid and bush fire preparedness * Hold information sessions on power and telecommunications issues in local area | Flip chart printed and ready for distribution. Training and information sessions held early 2025. Purchases data projector and screen for hall. Remaining funds transferred to Trantham CFA for purchase and installation of a water tank at Lyonville shed.  Project complete. |
| Blackberry and feral animal management | * Reduce the number of feral animals by removing blackberry thickets * Educate landholders on importance of blackberry control and the means to do so | Funding secured June 2025. |

**Plans for the next 12 months**

* We will continue working on and complete the projects that are currently underway and if possible, begin work on other objectives included in the community plan.
* We will continue to advocate for improved services and infrastructure for Lyonville
* We will continue to work closely with residents and Council to achieve the goals of our community plan.