



Natimuk Community Action Plan

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This plan has been prepared by the Natimuk Community Building Initiative Steering Committee with the assistance of Horsham Rural City Council. The Community Building Initiative is funded through the Department of Planning and Community Development.



Purpose of the Plan

This Community Plan has been developed as part of the Natimuk Community Building Initiative.

The plan was developed following a number of community activities including asset mapping and a community opportunity workshop that was attended by 100 people in February 2007.

The plan will be used by the community to provide a basis for action and to give an indication of community priorities for the area. A local steering committee has guided the development of the plan and the Community Building Initiative process.

The Community Building Initiative has been funded through the Department for Planning and Community Development and managed by Horsham Rural City Council.



Community Description

Natimuk is a small vibrant community of approximately 750 people in the township and surrounds located in Western Victoria near Mt Arapiles and close to Horsham. The township of Natimuk has just over 200 dwellings and is surrounded by the farming communities of Noradjuha, Grass Flat, Mitre and Tooan.

Unlike many small rural towns in the Wimmera, Natimuk is a growing community. This growth is being driven by climbers wanting to live near Mt Arapiles, more recently by members of the arts community, and also by its proximity to Horsham.

The town has a rich and active history evidenced by a high level of community activity which has started and sustained many of the community services and facilities in town; a collection of heritage buildings; and a high level of pride in the town. With nearly 50 community groups in Natimuk the saying is that from the time when you are born to the time when you die you always have a connection with a community group.



In Natimuk there are a number of businesses located along the Main Street including the Post Office / Newsagency, Natimuk National Hotel, Frasers Milk Bar, Arapiles Mountain Shop, Chemist, Mahogany House Giftwares, Arapiles Arts and Craft Centre, Goat Gallery, Natimuk Nursery, Paul Flaherty Woolbuyers, Therapeutic Massage, K and D Engineering and the Garage Arts Space (GAS) which houses a number of arts companies. There are also a number of other businesses in town including the doctor's surgery, Natimuk Nursing Home, two guiding companies, various tradepersons, and many home based businesses. Despite being a thriving town Natimuk does not have a potable water supply.

There is a primary school and a preschool in Natimuk. There are clubs and facilities for tennis, football, cricket, netball, lawn bowls, golf and gymnastics. The recently constructed skate park also provides for recreational opportunities in town. The Soldiers Memorial Hall, Natimuk Showgrounds, the various churches and the Council building are important community facilities.



The area surrounding Natimuk is farming land with broad acre cropping (wheat, canola and other grains and pulses) and grazing being the dominant land uses. In recent years the area has been affected by years of drought and in early 2007 was declared an exceptional circumstances area.



Mt Arapiles is a major asset and attraction of the town offering first class climbing that many would argue is the best in Australia. It is also a major landscape feature providing a visual backdrop to Natimuk. Natimuk Creek meanders through the town and Natimuk Lake (when it's full) offers an important recreational facility for the district. The Wimmera River, Little Desert and Arapiles Tooan State Park are all nearby natural assets.

There are many activities and events that occur in Natimuk including the Annual Agricultural and Pastoral Show, regular dances such as the 60/40 dances, dinners, cabarets, film nights and more. The Nati Frinj is a significant event in Natimuk offering and showcasing a variety of arts including that produced by local artists and arts

companies. The Frinj also makes connections in the community and strengthens the town.

There are a number of active community groups in Natimuk including:

Arapiles Art Craft Centre
Arapiles Community Theatre
Arapiles Historical Society
Arapiles Rescue Group
Arapiles Victorian Farmers Federation
Boorang Country Womens Association
Friends of Arapiles
Friends and Relatives Group
Grass Flat CFA
Lions Club of Natimuk
Masonic Lodge of Natimuk/Freemasons
Mt Arapiles State Park Advisory Committee
Natimuk Agricultural and Pastoral Society
Natimuk and District Advisory Committee
Natimuk and District Gymnastics Club
Natimuk and District Progress Association - Progress Press
Natimuk and District Soldiers Memorial Hall Committee



*Natimuk & District Progress Association
Assembling the Progress Press*



Natimuk and Goroke Parish Uniting Church
Natimuk Anglican Church - St Aidans
Natimuk Australian Red Cross
Natimuk Bowling Club
Natimuk Ladies Bowling Club
Natimuk Brass Band
Natimuk Book Discussion Group
Natimuk Catholic Church - St Johns
Natimuk Cemetery Trust
Natimuk CFA
Natimuk Country Womens Association
Natimuk Cricket Club
Natimuk Golf Club
Natimuk Ladies Golf Club
Natimuk Kids Club
Natimuk Field and Game Club
Natimuk Football and Netball Club
Natimuk Lake Foreshore Committee
Natimuk Lake Waterski Club (not so active at the moment!)
Natimuk Lutheran Church
Natimuk Nursing Home, West Wimmera Health Service

Natimuk Preschool
Natimuk Primary School
Natimuk Rifle Club
Natimuk RSL
Natimuk Sailing Group (not so active at the moment!)
Natimuk School Council
Natimuk Senior Citizens
Natimuk Showgrounds Management Committee
Natimuk Soldiers Memorial Park Reserve
Natimuk Sporting Club
Natimuk Tennis Club
Natimuk Urban Landcare Group
Natimuk Youth Group - 4CNY



Arapiles Art and Craft Centre

Salt Lake near Natimuk Photo: Pauline Barnes



Vision for the Community

Natimuk is made up of a diverse, accepting and active community, who work towards building a better town and community, benefiting our people, place and lifestyle.

Natimuk recognises and respects that cultural diversity is intrinsic to its social and economic wellbeing. It is a town that values, accepts and supports each other and is open to those who want to be part of this vibrant community.

Natimuk has a commitment to its essential character, its heritage and the wellbeing of its citizens. Natimuk takes seriously its responsibilities to environmental sustainability through existing and future activities

Natimuk has an enormous pool of different skills and experience in this small town that can be mobilized toward new initiatives, enterprises and further skill development.

Our community aims to ensure that actions taken from this plan are realistically attainable, viable and sustainable.

Key things that stick out about what people value about Natimuk:

- People – diversity of community and community activity
- Mix of old and new people/residents
- Friendly community
- Mount Arapiles
- Safe place
- Services and facilities
- Things to do – eg climbing, sport



Community Workshop - February 2007

Photo: Melissa Powell

Natimuk Assets

The following assets have been identified during the Community Building Initiative. These assets can be considered as important aspects of the town/community a basis for future opportunities.

People and Community Assets

- Awesome sense of community and amazing people/values
- People who share many diverse outdoor interests
- Varied backgrounds, skills, abilities
- Creativity in the community and support for new ideas
- People in Natimuk and its surrounds are generally community oriented
- Ability to learn from each other
- 52 Community groups – sporting, arts, service clubs, environment, history, social, infrastructure, church, farming, promotions
- Community Facilities e.g. Soldiers Memorial Hall, Showgrounds, nursing home, tennis courts, etc
- 4 Churches and congregations
- Volunteers
- Quality of Life

Environmental Assets

- Mount Arapiles
 - World wide attraction
 - Awesome climbing
 - Economic asset
 - Has led to people moving into Natimuk – the climbing community
- Chain of Lakes (even when dry!) and wetlands
- Wimmera River
- Little Desert National Park
- Arapiles and Tooan State Park

- Grampians National Park
- Sun/weather
- Natimuk Lake
 - Is an asset when full!
 - Caravan Park/camping ground and facilities
 - Natimuk Creek and environs
- Wildlife
- Fire dams to swim in

Natimuk Creek (right)



Soldiers Memorial Hall (below)



Businesses/ Economic Assets

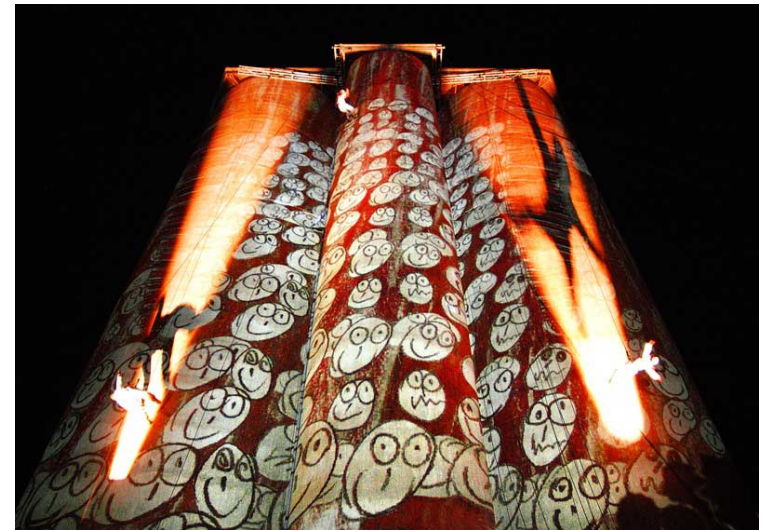
- Main street businesses and services: National Hotel & accommodation, Chemist, Newsagency/Post Office, Fraser's Milk Bar, Craft Shop, maternal nurse, doctors surgery, gas supplies, massage, plumbing supplies, wool buyer, nursery.....
- Farming, rural industries and businesses
- Climbing businesses – eg Arapiles Mountain Shop, The Climbing Company, Arapiles Climbing Guides
- Arts businesses - Y space, Transvision Arts etc
- O'Connors vegies
- Goat Gallery
- Lots of home based businesses
- Affordable housing and lifestyle
- Camping facilities at the Mount and Lake
- Silos



The Main Street of Natimuk

Services and Facilities

- Doctors Surgery & allied medicos
- Education - Natimuk Primary School and Natimuk Preschool
- Mobile Library
- Nursing Home and Day Care Centre
- Council Offices
- CFA
- Playgrounds
- Notice board
- Progress Press – monthly community newsletter with over 300 editions since 1980
- Parks
- Transport - bus to Horsham
- Close to Horsham – has positive benefits in providing employment opportunities and services/facilities
- A good mix of sporting opportunities, clubs and facilities – football, cricket, tennis, golf, bowls, gym, sailing, netball, waterskiing.
- Have some successful sporting teams



Cirque de Silo, Nati Frinj

Photo: Melissa Powell

Heritage Assets

- Natimuk has a rich history
- Heritage Trail
- Buildings in town – eg Courthouse, banks, old post office
- Heritage collection held by Arapiles Historical Society
- Our history and current historical assets
- Positive asset for the town
- Lots of 2 and 3 chain roads surrounding Natimuk
- Old Garage
- Pine Plantation near the Bowling Club
- Old Bridges and Railway Line / Reserve
- Streetscape
- Saleyards
- Rotunda



Natimuk Courthouse

Events, Activities and Festivals

- Frinj Festival
- Nati Agricultural & Pastoral Show
- Film Festivals
- 60/40 dances
- Skatepark
- Bike rides to the Lake and along the Creek

It is commitment to action and progress that makes Natimuk a special place. The Community Plan confirms the commitment for the sustainability and the need for appropriate care, maintenance and growth of these important assets.



Nati Frinj Mardi Gras

Photo: Melissa Powell

Current Initiatives and Activities

There have been a number of recent improvements in Natimuk including:

- Streetscape works from the Natimuk Urban Design Framework eg seating, rotunda improvements, work outside Council buildings
- Improvements at the Showgrounds including new football change rooms, a new multi-purpose shearing shed, netball club rooms
- Works at the Natimuk Lake Caravan Park, beaches and boating area
- The new skatepark
- Completion of the Natimuk Nursing Home
- Revegetation work around the Lake and the Natimuk Creek and an active urban landcare group
- The monthly Farmers Markets established in 2007
- A new playground near the Tennis Courts & resurfacing of the tennis courts.



The Natimuk Skatepark

These improvements have all had a positive impact in the community.

As can be seen from this plan Natimuk is an active community with many ongoing projects and initiatives. The Community Building Initiative recognises the importance and the necessity of these activities to our community, many of which are listed as assets of the community that should be retained, supported and continue to flourish. Without these activities Natimuk would not be the place that it is.



New Natimuk Football Changerooms (now completed)

Community Priorities

At the community workshop the following project priorities were identified following a process of discussion and prioritisation:

- Clean up, restore and regenerate Natimuk Creek
- Bike and walking path from Natimuk to Mt Arapiles, Natimuk Lake
- Meeting place/café for everyone / café
- Swimming pool
- Petrol supply & biodiesel
- Museum / info centre/ craft shop / tourist /café / heritage & living
- Become a national leader in zero waste and make Natimuk a greenhouse gas free community
- Potable water supply / better water quality
- Use resources that are produced in area in a value adding way – boutique brewery beer / dips
- Renovate and use council offices by community
- Public art work around town / interactive art & sculpture trail
- Upgrade kitchen facilities at the Soldiers Memorial Hall
- Water tanks on all public buildings
- Develop lake & creek – raising level of lake & bank up creek so we can have walking trails etc
- Community house / centre – skills, café, activities, singing group / learning centre / human resource in centre to manage and create links / skills workshops
- Rabbit control and extermination
- Keep school & preschool going
- Community being able to use facilities that are already here – eg gym at the footy club
- Hard Rubbish
- General insurance for public events
- Business support / industry support group / assistance with business planning / business growth

Following on from the workshop project teams have been formed on a number of these community priorities. The details of what will occur and what is hoped to be achieved is listed in the following table.



Revegetation along the Natimuk Creek

Actions

The actions listed in this section are the results of the community workshop held as part of the Community Building Initiative. In pursuing these initiatives the CBI Project Teams, the Steering Committee and other community groups will seek partnership and support from a range of agencies including Horsham Rural City Council, the State Government, the Federal Government, agencies such as Parks Vic and the Catchment Management Authority and the corporate sector. The funding sources listed in the table below are not exhaustive. As project teams progress in their work they will also seek other funding opportunities.

Initiative	What is going to happen	Who is involved	By when	Resources required
Develop a museum and activity precinct.	<p>Undertake background research into the establishment of a facility/cluster of buildings to house a museum, visitor information centre, craft shop, potential café and other community uses. Seek funding for facilities.</p> <p>Work with the Arapiles Historical Society to develop the collection for the museum.</p> <p>Work with Horsham Rural City Council to finalise restoration works to the Natimuk Courthouse.</p>	<p>Project Team</p> <p>Arapiles Historical Society</p> <p>Arapiles Arts and Craft Centre</p> <p>Horsham Rural City Council</p> <p>Heritage Victoria</p> <p>Natimuk & District Progress Association</p>	<p>September 2010</p> <p>Planning process to commence by end of 2007.</p>	<p>Funding will be required for facilities and for the collection. Possible sources include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department of Planning and Community Development • Heritage Victoria • Small Towns Development Fund • GGTACC
Develop a bike trail and walking path – from Natimuk to Mt Arapiles, Natimuk Lake and Horsham	<p>Identify preferred trail alignment and seek funding for trail for Natimuk to Mt Arapiles as the first stage.</p> <p>Develop signage and information for trail users.</p> <p>With other groups seek funding for a trail to Horsham.</p>	<p>Project Team</p> <p>Natimuk and District Advisory Committee</p> <p>Horsham Rural City Council</p> <p>Bicycle Victoria</p> <p>Parks Vic</p> <p>VicRoads</p>	<p>Trail to Mt Arapiles to be completed by 2010</p>	<p>Initial funding has been secured through the Small Towns Development Fund by HRCC for bike trail works through Natimuk. Further funding will be required. Potential sources include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small Towns Development Fund • Provincial Pathways Program • GGTACC • Department of Infrastructure • VicRoads

Clean up, restore and regenerate Natimuk Creek	Develop up an overall management Natimuk Creek that addresses weed control, pest control, erosion, revegetation, salinity etc Seek funding to implement initiatives.	Project Team Natimuk Urban Land Care Group Horsham Rural City Council Parks Vic Wimmera CMA	End 2008	Funding will be required.
	Hold a community tree planting, weed control and clean up day.	Project Team	Spring 2007	-
Making Natimuk a Zero Waste and Greenhouse Gas Emissions Free community	Investigate and pursue options for renewable resource use in the community. Undertake community education regarding resource use and waste minimization. Support waste minimisation initiatives such as improved public place recycling.	Project Team Grampians Region Waste Management Group	Ongoing	Funding will be required.
Community centre	Investigate ways of establishing a community house/centre in Natimuk including workshops/activities.	Project Team required	Under development	
	Pursue opportunities for workshops and activities in relation to suggestions raised at the community workshop.	CBI Facilitator & others	Ongoing	
Upgrade Kitchen Facilities in the Soldiers Memorial Hall	Work with Soldiers Memorial Hall Committee to seek funding for kitchen upgrade.	CBI Facilitator	Mid 2008	Funding will be required.
Water Supply	Lobby GWMWater to provide a potable water supply to Natimuk	Steering Committee	End 2007	Funding will be required.
Public Art / Interactive Sculpture Trail	Implement CBI Quick Action – a public artwork in Natimuk. Pursue other opportunities for public arts.	CBI Facilitator & Steering Committee	End 2007	Quick Action funding available. Additional funding may be required. Possible sources include the Regional Arts Fund.

Community Workshop

Small Group Discussion Ideas

A community workshop was held on 4 February 2007 and attended by 100 community members. The workshop identified a vision for the community as well as discussing projects in the following areas – recreation sports and leisure; environment; community links and well being; community infrastructure; arts, promotions and supporting events; and enterprise. A process of voting and prioritisation led to the identification of the priority projects that are listed in this plan. The workshop was facilitated by Neil Noelker from Neil Noelker Consulting.

The following points are the ideas that were identified at the community workshop – they have not been edited but represent a summary of ideas generated on the workshop day.



Casting a vote at the Community Workshop

Recreation, Sport and Leisure

Ideas from small group discussions

- Walking track along Natimuk Creek
- Rabbit shoot
- Clean up streets and backyards
- Exercise classes in new footy pavilion
- Older people's recreation
- Men's Shed
- Shire Office – community information and coffee shop
- Permanent Council parks and gardens / recreation officer
- Swimming Pool (mentioned 6 times)
- Sherwoods Dam – summer fill for climbers
- A games/ lawn area near skate ramps
- Better tennis courts (don't relocate)
- Leisure / meeting place
- Bike Path – Horsham, Nati, Mount, Lake, Rail Trail (listed 7 times)
- Walking tracks / bike tracks – linear park Nati to Lake along Nati Creek
- Support development of football, netball etc
- Yoga, Pilates, tai chi, ballet, exercise
- Creek walking track and revegetation
- More playground development – climbing structure, creative play structures
- Botanical gardens, native plants
- Bocce court
- Films / cinema
- Events at the Lake / Lake Bed
- Day Spa / Turkish Bath House
- Men's Shed/ community workshop

- Open Days at the Golf Club – like barefoot bowls
- Music / theatre events
- Kids workshops through the holidays
- Creative workshops for adults
- Local Guide / tourist info point
- Grants
- Golf Club
- Improve resources for recreation at Lake
- Oval and surrounds maintenance (water)
- Ag Show
- Cinema facilities at the Hall
- Walking tracks up Mount
- Shade over Skate Park
- Café
- Maintenance of existing club facilities
- Re-establish tennis courts
- Potable water
- Open Days at Sporting Clubs
- Move sporting facilities to a central location
- Swimming hole on creek near tennis court
- Wimmera River bank protection – dedicated area for motorbikes (old tip)
- Shade cloth / shelter for Skate Park
- Meeting Place / Café
- Classes organized for yoga, dance, Pilates etc
- Tennis club needs juniors – parents need to be prepared to assist
- Tennis courts need upgrading – courts, rainwater tank
- Public Garden – when we get rain, could be a dryland garden
- Everyone to come to the 60 / 40 dances (supports local community)
- Dog School

- Dressage arena (horse riding)
- Lake needs water!!
- Bowling Club – twilight bowls / music – other organisations to follow suit
- Food variety choices
- Markets – eg farmers market
- Access to the Little Desert from south on all weather roads
- Person to facilitate / co-ordinate grant applications for clubs
- Data Base of people with skills / knowledge for marketing / grant applications etc to help clubs
- Library / book exchange
- Museum
- Sport centralised in the same area
- Beautification of the creek – use the resources that we have, incorporate walking track, Nati to the Lake
- Film nights – up to date movies
- Historical art / trail
- Improved facilities at Mt Arapiles
- Make the lake deeper
- Development of tennis including juniors

Arts, Promotions and Supporting Events

Ideas from small group discussions

- Public art
- Better publicise what's on
- Historical mural
- Gold coin donation at events – eg Frinj
- Film nights on a regular basis
- New museum at the Shire Depot

- Town entrances
- Public art and sculpture trail
- Historical society museum - heritage and living history
- Interactive historical display
- Better notice board in car park
- Community dance – seasonal dance 4 times a year
- Upgrade / improve museum
- Promotion of our schools in the district
- More active events calendar
- Combined events for fundraising by all the sporting groups
- Ready access to a computer / internet work space for events coming to town
- Cultural officer for Nati area
- Welcome signs / approaches to town (small model of mount etc, art, farming)
- Integrate different interests – eg arts, craft, café, museum into one building
- Established events – eg Frinj
- Town museum and heritage and living history
- Tourist information centre somewhere in Natimuk (maybe existing businesses?)
- Supporting Nati Frinj and show (listed three times)
- Gas stove and upgrade kitchen facilities in the Memorial Hall
- Web site
- Museum – artifacts need to be preserved
- Reprint brochures – walking trail and make them easily available
- New postcards promoting Natimuk (not be confused with Horsham)
- Art work/mural to tell about town and community – perhaps near an area where people shop
- Natimuk and region events calendar
- Outdoor art show – similar to Fitzroy Gardens
- Cooking classes
- Natimuk Development and Supports Officer to support and develop, market and promote events in Nati – eg Ag Show, Nati Frinj, Grass Flat Fair
- Natimuk and Region Info Board/brochure
- Museum/ Information Centre/Craft Shop and ten point sign near toilets
- Broaden community involvement in arts festivals
- Annual team event to raise funds for local charities and groups – eg relay event – perhaps up Arapiles
- Natimuk Footy Club to play another long term losing club
- Natimuk Heritage – on display, open to the public
- Cinema – big one in the Hall “arty” one in the Council Chambers
- Regular cabarets
- Public art and sculptures
- Website
- Artists in School
- Community Party / BBQ – “Natimuk Day”
- Men’s Shed / community workshop / arts workshop space – “sharing of skills space”
- Build an ark to be ready for the next flood
- Public art
- Event publicity / PR crew
- Cinema
- Museum
- Community House

Community Links and Well Being

Ideas from small group discussions

- School holiday local community programs – eg Geoff Little’s racing car projection thing at the lake
- Utilising sporting skills / groups in area already
- Café / info hub / community hub
- Promotion and support of O’Connors
- Drinkable Water
- Classes utilising skills already in the community eg furniture restoring
- Cultural Officer to co-ordinate / generate – Natimuk and Regional Cultural Officer
- Fusion events between different groups eg agricultural, art and sporting groups
- Gopher track
- Community Learning Centre / community house
- School Holiday programs
- Swimming Pool – healthy living, gentle exercise
- More activities – community gym at Showground’s
- Swimming Pool
- Community Health Program – health, exercise
- Learning centre
- Yoga and exercise for all age groups
- Community Meeting Place
- Shade sails on grassy triangle next to post office
- Insurance for all community groups under one policy
- School holiday programs
- Bicycles for free
- Men’s Shed
- Gentle Exercise Program
- Walking group
- Community Singing Group
- Community centre (café style) – visiting counselor, learning new skills, variety of activities, formal and informal activities
- Yoga / dance classes
- Community house / space / learning
- Community activities facilitator
- School Holiday Activity Programs
- Childcare
- Renovate old Council building for better use of its resources and make it more accessible
- Regular community market
- Yoga and Pilates
- Holiday activity workshops for kids
- Workshop space for older adults
- Swimming Pool / hydrotherapy
- Sporting clubs promoting juniors involvement
- Expand use of Council Offices as a community space, offices for groups, workshop areas (including office equipment)
- Continue to support the gym club
- Support local groups/clubs fundraising
- Community House
- School Holiday programs
- Grants Links officer / information and assistance with grants
- Playgroup
- Men’s Shed
- Progress Press
- Wireless community web connection
- Preserve doctors, district nurse, aged care facility

- Community garden – perhaps at the Nursing Home Complex – even work with the residents
- Athletics club
- Exercise classes – like Angela used to do
- Community workshops – sharing skills more
- More use of the rotunda
- Community use of gym facilities at football club
- Community house
- Runs craft activities from craft shop
- Keep school and preschool going
- Adult and kids workshops that include art and sport
- Gymnasium with gentle exercise for the older groups in the new footy pavilion open to the public

Environment

Ideas from small group discussions

- Potable water supply
- Wind / solar energy – green power community commitment and promotion
- Plastic bag free
- Protection of old growth vegetation
- Creek maintenance from headwaters to Lake
- Water recycling / reclamation – greywater reuse
- Energy generation – wind and solar
- Car Pooling
- Controlled winter burning of crown land
- Review of landholder / primary production environmental law
- Tree planting program
- Creek and Lake Environmental Management Plan
- Creek restoration
- Better water quality
- Tap on tank at public toilets
- Wind farm / solar power
- Grey water systems for public facilities
- More trees around lake and creek
- Wind power generation
- Nati Creek to be “cleaned” up – get rid of cumbungi and lignum
- Natimuk needs to have potable water
- Clean up town including back yards
- Tree planting
- Rabbit control
- Clean up fallen trees on roadsides – locals to collect for firewood
- Clean up around public facilities
- Creek restored and renewed
- Bindii and convolvulus across the town especially sheep yards
- Better tip hours at weekends – because of rubbish dumping in creek
- Green rubbish day – pruning’s etc
- Asking Shire to bring back yearly collection
- Potable water – Horsham water
- Restoration of the whole catchment. Darragan Swamp – Nati – Lake, and awareness and development of education
- Awareness of impact of heavy minerals sands development
- Rabbits and noxious weed eradication
- Awareness of biodiversity
- Reclaiming areas affected by salinity
- Identifying areas where buloke and indigenous species can be regenerated

- New public buildings to become a showcase for good environmental practices
- Restore and regenerate Nati Creek and address cumbungi issue
- Become a national leader and for Nati to become a zero waste/greenhouse gas emitter by a certain time
- More tree planting and keeping plantings we have got
- Self sufficient water - plan to improve and filter it
- Plant more trees in the Main Street
- Clean up creek areas of rubbish to allow better flow to lake
- Large compost area installed for garden waste / veggie scraps
- Clean up creek – getting rid of weeds and stagnant water
- Herbicides/pesticides/fungicides in environment
- Rabbit extermination
- Access to less salty water
- Better use of greywater and or waste water in town
- Planting more indigenous vegetation – creek and town
- Identifying area for tree planting
- Focus on sustainability in energy/water in relation to community house
- Environmental flow or supplied permanent water in lake
- Preparation for when water comes to the lake – eg rabbits, rubbish etc
- Lake needs to be cleaned up prior to filling up
- Tree planting – in and out of town in appropriate places
- Climate change – awareness and action
- Community water storage – looking at alternative or under-utilised water run off (eg cemetery hill)
- More tanks on buildings
- Water carting

Community Infrastructure

Ideas from small group discussions

- Better public transport
- Underground the power lines
- Shower facilities for mountain users at the Garage
- Improving footpaths
- Kitchen upgrade in the Hall(8 times)
- Air conditioning at the Hall
- Area for commercial development in town
- Bakery
- Museum / court house restoration
- Trains to Nati
- Bike Path
- Petrol / Biodiesel
- More accommodation
- Coin operated public showers
- Fix footpaths
- Café / community house / reuse Shire office
- Better bus service
- Permanent potable water for travelers
- Green waste pick up by Council
- Hard rubbish collection
- Footpaths
- Café
- Pipeline
- Better public transport
- Tanks on all public buildings
- Buy water tanks for private dwellings and businesses
- Bakery / café
- Bore water for showgrounds
- Edenhope / Goroke intersection – fix up

- Fixed speed camera at the west end of town
- Footpaths and kerbing and sealing of roads round town
- Potable water
- Café
- Community hub/ space/council rooms
- Fuel
- Finish implementing the Natimuk Streetscape Strategy /urban design framework
- Fix courthouse
- Renovation and use of the Council offices by the community
- Inside locking showers for existing public toilets – token required
- Café and bakery
- Avenue of shade trees in Main Street
- Every house to have a 5000 gallon water tank and pump and fittings and filter
- Swimming pool
- Better use of council chambers
- Food / fuel / goods co-operative or supermarket
- Museum space
- Clean up of storm water system in Nati and outskirts
- Genuine café
- Courthouse
- Water supply and tanks
- Bakery
- Repairs to footpaths
- Fencing playground
- Seating in street space

Enterprise

Ideas from small group discussions

- Long term potable and non potable water strategies
- Mobile speed camera sculpture
- Don't want Nati to be another Byron Bay / Halls Gap totally dependent on tourism
- Maintenance of diversity / mixed economy
- Petrol outlet (listed 7 times)
- More housing blocks
- If lake fills encourage tourism and a kiosk
- General insurance consolidated to cover all public utilities
- A yearly community calendar for forthcoming events with a co-coordinator
- A tourist attraction
- Community outlet bulk supply
- Industry support group
- Museum / café / craft shop etc in one
- Tourist guide / bus
- More food options
- Central building to house info, craft, café, art
- More Shire presence – person just for Nati
- Pipeline to Nati Lake
- Restoration of heritage buildings
- Industry / office hub
- Develop skills in applying for and identifying grants
- Assistance or mentor in business planning, business growth, work safe, wages, work cover, super etc
- Designated industrial area
- Business hub – support services and incubator
- Dentist

- Rail Trail/ bike path
- Community Bank
- Neighborhood house
- Improve Nati Creek upstream
- Tourism – develop southern Little Desert
- Tourism initiatives
- Business Support