

our town - our future  
**AXEDALE**



# Annual Report

## 2016 to 2017



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*Stephen Mason*



## UNVEILING WAR MEMORIAL:

The War Memorial was unveiled with many friends and relatives of soldiers, and airmen of previous generations who served in battle attending. The honour roll commemorates those who enlisted from the Axedale district in WW1 and WW2. A large crowd of locals also attended.



## RIVER RESERVE SHELTER:

A picnic shelter was built on the northern section of the River Reserve to complete stage 2 of the River Reserve rejuvenation Project. This was a joint project between the City of Greater Bendigo and the Fosterville Goldmine ERC. Longlea Landcare was also involved.

## THE O'KEEFE:

In April, "Run Cycle Walk & Roll" was held on the O'Keefe Rail trail between Junortoun and Heathcote. There was an aid station at Axedale provided by a combined effort between Axedale Our Town Our Future and Axedale Primary School. Marshalling assistance was given and a BBQ was cooked for supporters of the runners.

## PLAYGROUND PROJECT:

AOTOF responded to increasing community calls to create a more enjoyable and useable year-round space at Axedale Park. This has now resulted in the installation of an irrigated watering system to encourage grass growth in the summer months to enhance picnic and recreational use by locals and visitors.

Thanks to fundraising by AOTOF and the community, we kicked off the community contribution, with a catchy video crowd funding campaign called "Green, Green Grass" which was part of the 2016 Big Give program run by the Central Victorian Community Foundation.

Our video crowd funding campaign was successful in attracting over \$800 in community donations and attracted a bonus prize of \$1000 cash contribution from Beck Legal as a sponsor of the Big Give initiative.

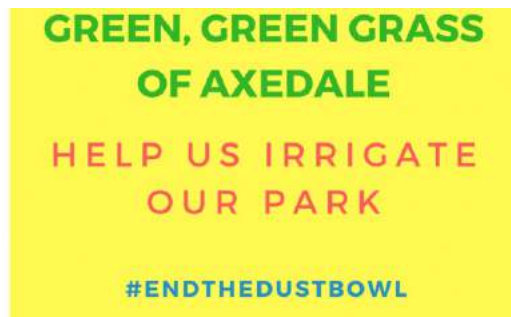
These funds were used towards the entire \$30,000 park irrigation project led by the City of Greater Bendigo being delivered to the community in 2017.

## CHRISTMAS CAROLS:

In December, a large crowd attended Christmas Carols in the Park. A new addition to the event was the Tumble Tots team, who gave us a very entertaining and energetic performance of their gymnastic skills. Carols were sung,



faces were painted, lollies were given to the children and as usual the arrival of Santa on the fire truck caused much excitement.



## EMERGENCY PLAN FOR AXEDALE:

During the second half of 2016, one of our community members, Ian Ralston, undertook a Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment for the community as part of a university assignment. Five major hazards were identified:

Road crash / hazardous truck accident

Bush and grass fire

Storm / trees down

Town fire water pressure

Campaspe flood

Road Crash

This year Ian is building on the Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment to develop an Emergency Management Plan for the community. The Emergency Management Plan will form part of the Axedale Community Plan which will be submitted to Council of Greater Bendigo.



## LIBRARY:

After many years of service, the mobile library was discontinued and many residents were concerned that this would be the end of a library service for our community.

However, a library agency is now located in the hall, staffed by Goldfields Library staff and assisted by local volunteers. It's very pleasing to see increasing numbers using the library.



**Goldfields  
Libraries**

## ANZAC DAY:

Anzac Day drew a huge crowd of more than 200 people, on what was a very wet day. Due to the weather the service was conducted in the Axedale Community Hall. We were very fortunate to have the Bendigo Pipe Band attend. Axedale in Harmony and the Axedale Primary School Choir sang for us.



## RURAL COMMUNITIES:

I felt very privileged to represent Axedale Our Town Our Future on the Greater Bendigo Rural Communities Committee.

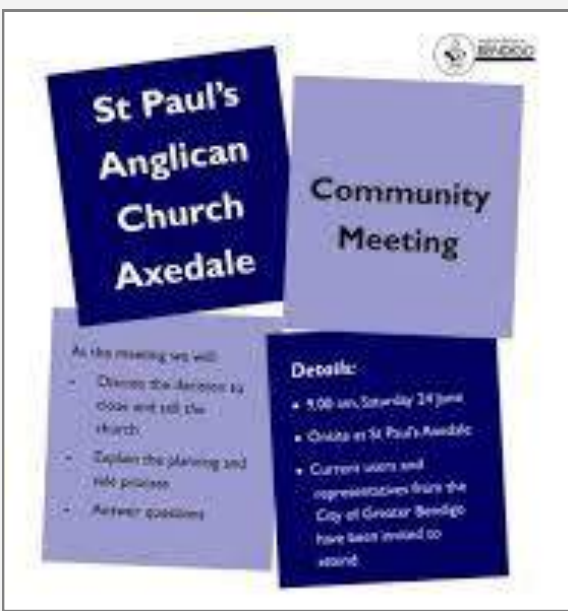
The committee meets quarterly to provide a forum to discuss actions and community issues relevant to rural communities. At this forum participants are able to present to Council any issues that they feel are priorities in their community.



## HEALTH AND WELL BEING FORUM:

I very much enjoyed being the Axedale Our Town Our Future representative on the City of Greater Bendigo Health and Wellbeing Forum. The aim of this forum was to contribute to and support the development of the Greater Bendigo Public Health and Wellbeing Plan.

Key people from many areas of public health and local agencies also attended and contributed towards the plan which was presented to Council in August 2017.



**THANKS:**

A big thank you to all members who were involved in working groups and sub-committees during the year, ensuring that these events and projects were successful. We are very fortunate to have volunteers on our committee who are always ready to put their hand up to help out.

Without you we would struggle to be such a presence in our community.

**THANKS**



**ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH:**

The Anglican Diocese and City of Greater Bendigo held a community meeting at St. Paul's Anglican church to discuss the upcoming sale of the church. Interested and concerned community members attended and expressed their dismay that the community was going to lose the church and the adjoining vacant land. As a result of this meeting Axedale Our Town Our Future have formed a working group which includes members of other groups in Axedale, to examine the future possibilities of the church being kept for the use of the community. We applied for a Grant from the Heathcote & District Community Bank to enable us to have a feasibility study prepared.

Unfortunately we were not successful in receiving the grant, so it is time now to consider the next steps to be taken. The media have shown interest in our community trying to save the church and we have been featured in print television and radio.



**FINANCE SUMMARY @ 31/08/2017**

General Account (Sub A/C)	\$1,274.77
Australia Day Account (Sub A/c)	\$299.41
Rolling Fund (Sub A/c)	\$0.00
Cinema Account (Sub A/c)	\$0.00
Axedale Antics (Sub A/c)	\$1,820.46
History Account (Sub A/c)	\$0.00
Anzac Memorial (Sub A/c)	\$138.45
Turf (Sub A/c)	\$0.00
Platypus Ops Account (Sub A/c)	\$697.31
<b>Platypus Bank Cheque A/c Balance</b>	<b>\$4,230.40</b>

Term Deposit **\$7,726.65** Bendigo Bank Term Deposit (Due 11/10/2017 @ 1.70 %)

<b>\$11,957.05</b>							
	Trust Account	Project Platypus	History Funds	Anzac	Memorial	Antics	Turf
	(Inc Interest)	(Inc Interest)	(Inc Interest)	(Inc Interest)	(Inc Interest)	(Inc Interest)	(Inc Interest)
	\$4,313.89	\$727.76	\$670.69	\$11.50	\$1,002.81	\$1,000.00	
	Petty Cash on hand						
	\$52.60						