

Draft Community Recovery Plan – Chapter Seven Summary

This week draft Recovery Plan Chapter Seven – Buildings and Infrastructure is available for your thoughts and comments. This chapter will be disseminated by email link to our website (madrecovery.com) and hard copies will be available at the Recovery Hub and the Genoa Pub for those not connected to the internet.

But didn't you release Chapter Four last week? What gives? Where are the missing chapters?

Chapters One to Four of the draft Recovery Plan provide analysis and information to aid decision making on recovery projects by external agencies, such as funding. Chapters Five to Nine of the draft Recovery Plan contain those project suggestions. Chapter Seven is the largest of the project chapters, as well as the most developed as we strive to take advantage of current funding opportunities. So, no missing chapters, just some chapters are more progressed than others.

As COVID-19 restrictions ease, we are planning our 'face to face' community consultation process. This is likely to take place early in the New Year, once peak holiday season is over.

Thank You

Before jumping into Chapter Seven, it's important to acknowledge the many community volunteer organisations working hard on recovery initiatives. Community led recovery is about identifying gaps and putting forward solutions based on local preferences and priorities. This is a large part of our role as a 'voice for our community'. But without dedicated project owners, there is a limit to what can be achieved. Current project owners include the Halls and Rec Committee, Surf Life Saving Club, Genoa Town Committee, MDBTA, Friends of Mallacoota, SES, the Sanctuary, Genoa Hall Committee, Genoa Sports Club and the Coast Guard.

What's in Chapter Seven?

In Chapter Seven, we look at future proofing and fireproofing our critical infrastructure and enhancing our community and visitor facilities. We also look at items of cultural and heritage significance. These items must be considered within a broad town planning context. Improving our overarching economic infrastructure – communications, energy and access – is also a high priority.

Some of the projects in Chapter Seven have yet to be endorsed by community and/or do not have project owners. Other projects pre-date the fires but now have an additional recovery focus; for example, refurbishment of the Main Hall. Some new projects, such as the swimming and hydrotherapy pool, are undergoing community consultation.

The table beneath is a summary of the items in Chapter Seven. Alas, funding is not likely to be available for all of our desired projects. But we'll never know if we don't have a go!

Category	Project
Town Planning (Mallacoota, Genoa and Gipsy Point)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conduct a comprehensive independent fire safety audit• Review and update MAD planning overlays and frameworks• Expand the industrial estate
Emergency Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Refurbish the Main Hall• Expand the Emergency Services to include a home for the Coast Guard and Surf Life Saving Club equipment.

Category	Project
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Genoa Community Fire Shed and emergency firefighting equipment • SES equipment at Genoa • Emergency fuel storage
Community and Visitor Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parks, lakes and beach infrastructure • Accessible boating and canoe facilities • Skate park upgrade • Swimming and hydrotherapy pool • Information boards and signage • Genoa Tennis Courts • Genoa Sports Club Rooms • Mud Brick Pavilion • Mountain bike trails • Recreation spaces and parks • Bike track Mallacoota to Eden via Gipsy Point and Genoa • Mallacoota Village Square • Township works Genoa • Mallacoota sports clubs which lost facilities and/or suffered damage to grounds in the fires.
Heritage and Cultural Sites Note: Aboriginal Healing and Culture will be addressed in Chapter Five.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Genoa Bridge • Old Genoa School site • WW11 Bunker Museum
Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NBN network • Improved mobile coverage
Energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mallacoota Sustainable Energy Group (MSEG) projects for our district • AusNet emergency battery and generator
Access and Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Road repairs and upgrades • Road signage • Develop and implement a footpath plan for our district. • Develop and implement a kerb and gutter plan for our district • Bastion Point Boat Ramp emergency issues

Is it too late to send in our ideas?

The Plan is a dynamic document and will change over time as projects are completed and new ideas emerge. Please keep the ideas coming! Any suggestions can be submitted via the MADRA suggestion boxes outside the Post Office and Genoa Pub, by email to mallacoota.district.assoc.2020@gmail.com or by letter to Locked Bag 1005 Mallacoota VIC 3892.

Comments on Chapter Seven can also be sent via these avenues.

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