

Project update

August 2014

Our Valley, Our Future Project Manager 'a familiar face'

The Our Valley, Our Future Steering Committee recently appointed Ms Tanya Hall to manage the implementation of the Mitta Valley Community Plan 2013 – 2016. Mr Mac Paton, Chair of the Steering Committee, explained that Tanya's background in community engagement, project management and event management will be especially valuable to the Our Valley, Our Future project.

"In recent years, Tanya has been employed in various roles with Council, and has worked directly with numerous community groups to achieve their goals," said Mr Paton. "With Tanya's expertise and experience, coupled with her high level of sensitivity and respect, we are very excited about the next phase of the Our Valley, Our Future project".

Tanya said that working directly with the community has been the highlight of her career with Council.

"I am extremely excited to be given this opportunity to work with such a passionate and proactive community," said Tanya. "It will be a pleasure and a privilege to assist the Mitta Valley community to build the foundations essential for a sustainable future,"

A familiar face in the Mitta Valley, Tanya has already worked with members of the Steering Committee and other Mitta Valley based community groups on various projects over the years. Tanya recently assisted the Mitta Valley Bowling Club to develop accessible pathways through the SP AusNet Community Development Fund. She was also involved in the development of the funding applications for the Magorra Park Multi-Purpose Facility.

In coming weeks, Tanya will be focusing on:

- The 'Tertiary Education Forum' assisting families with student subject selection, financial assistance and course information plus advice and entertainment from a local qualified guest panel;
- Meeting with local working groups and community members; and
- Promoting funding opportunities and training sessions.

Tanya will be based at Council's Tallangatta Office on Tuesdays and Wednesdays between 9am and 5.30pm and Fridays between 9am and 1pm. Tanya can be contacted at mail@ourvalley.com.au or on 02 6071 5100.



Website and facebook

Remember to visit the Our Valley, Our Future website and facebook page for upcoming events, news and funding opportunities.

If you have a community event or information that could benefit the whole community, please email details to Tanya at mail@ourvalley.com.au.

Visit www.ourvalley.com.au or
[Facebook.com/ourvalleyourfuture](https://www.facebook.com/ourvalleyourfuture)

Tertiary information night

Australian comedian, John Walker, has been confirmed as the Master of Ceremonies for the upcoming tertiary information night being hosted by Our Valley, Our Future. Drawing together tertiary providers, industry and government personnel plus local success stories, the evening is being designed to de-mystify the tertiary education journey for local families.

Over a delicious supper, students and their families will be able to find out information about subject selection, scholarships, living away from home and financial assistance. Meet representatives from Charles Sturt University, Latrobe University and GoTAFE and hear about how other local students have been able to approach their tertiary journeys.

When?

6pm – 9pm, Wednesday 3 September 2014

Where?

Mitta Valley Sports Complex, Eskdale

Cost?

Free!

RSVP?

By 28 August 2014 to mail@ourvalley.com.au or 02 6071 5100

Gardiner Foundation – Strengthening Small Dairy Communities, Mitta Valley “Our Valley, Our Future” Community Working Group Project Funding – Round Two

In the Mitta Valley’s Our Valley, Our Future project, the Gardiner Foundation is working in partnership with the Mitta Valley Advancement Forum, Towong Shire Council and the North East Murray Dairy to support communities to

stimulate, strengthen and sustain the valley and thrive into the future.

Gardiner Foundation has allocated up to \$60,000 in round two for Mitta Valley community working groups to assist with achieving identified Mitta Valley Community Plan 2013 – 2016 outcomes.

Visit www.ourvalley.com.au for:

- Mitta Valley Community Plan 2013-2016;
- Notification of when the funding round opens; and
- Gardiner Foundation Funding guidelines and application form.

Community Working Groups

The Our Valley, Our Future Plan was endorsed by the Steering Committee in October 2013. Community Working Groups have been formed to deliver sections of the Mitta Valley Community Plan 2013 – 2016.

Community Working Groups deliver on specific subject areas. These areas include:

- Families
- Farming
- Business / Tourism
- Community Groups
- Events
- Community Infrastructure

In the coming months the Community Working Groups will have the opportunity to gain grant funding from the Gardiner Foundation (Round 2) to achieve identified Community Plan projects.

For more information on how you can be part of a Community Working Group, please contact Tanya on 02 6071 5100 or mail@ourvalley.com.au.

