



Coorabie and Districts Community Plan

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1 INTRODUCTION

Coorabie and districts incorporates three residential communities including Nundroo on the Eyre Highway, less than 400 kilometres from the Western Australian border.

Nundroo was originally settled by pioneering sheep graziers. Today sheep and grain production still occurs, but Nundroo is now more famous for its roadhouse, a welcome stop for many people crossing the Nullarbor Plains. The roadhouse is a licensed restaurant, with a takeaway food menu, a large bar, fuel services, powered caravan sites, backpacker's facilities and air-conditioned motel rooms.



Coorabie located between Nundroo and Fowlers Bay is the central hub of the district with a Town Hall and the original schoolrooms with the oval, old post office and tennis courts located nearby. Originally part of the large sheep run that went from Nullarbor to Point Brown, the pastoral leases were given back to the government in the late 1880's and wheat and cereal growing commenced soon after. Today these crops are still grown and sheep are prevalent, although the number of people farming has declined, as farm size increases.

Fowlers Bay was named by Matthew Flinders after his Lieutenant Robert Fowler whilst they were undertaking a nautical chart of the area. In the 1840's Fowlers Bay became well known to French and American whaling ships and even today the Southern Right Whales can be seen making their way to the Head of the Bight for calving. A colony of sea lions can be seen residing annually at Point Fowler.



Fowlers Bay is a very scenic spot with the luxury of a commercial jetty, for the crayfish season and wonderful sand dunes for the adventurous 4WD person. The facilities for tourists within this community are very modern and well kept. The main attraction in this area is fishing and the area boasts an abundance of safe places to fish and an endless variety of fish to catch.



The Coorabie and Districts Progress Association and the Outback Areas Community Development Trust officially represent the district. For a district that has approximately 45 permanent residents, the attendance to the town meeting of 12 people, illustrates the communities desire to be actively involved in planning for their future.



Collins Anderson Management was commissioned by the Outback Areas Community Development Trust and the Northern Regional Development Board to prepare a Community Plan for Coorabie and districts. The Plan will assist in planning the future of the town by establishing clear goals, objectives and strategies to be addressed by the Outback Areas Community Development Trust, Northern Regional Development Board and the community as a whole.

This Plan highlights strategies to assist the town in moving forward. Improvements in infrastructure, economic development and the environment are key issues, specifically identified by the community and subsequently addressed in the Plan.





2 VISION

*To become a thriving community with quality infrastructure,
that is protective of its natural assets.*



3 MISSION

The Coorabie and Districts Progress Association will work for the community to improve services and facilities, whilst maintaining its pristine environment.



4 KEY ISSUES

4.1 Infrastructure

- 4.1.1 Road maintenance
- 4.1.2 Poor utilisation of Transport SA depot and resources
- 4.1.3 Mobile telephone tower needed to improve communications throughout the region
- 4.1.4 Power to Fowlers Bay
- 4.1.5 School closure
- 4.1.6 No above ground permanent water supply to the district
- 4.1.7 Limited television access to district (black spots)
- 4.1.8 Limited high speed internet access
- 4.1.9 Native title and historical sites often hinder infrastructure development
- 4.1.10 Expensive freight delivery service
- 4.1.11 Lack of commercial and public transport to the district
- 4.1.12 Threat of Ceduna Council expanding its boundaries



4.2 Environment

- 4.2.1 Require an improved Waste Management Plan for the future
- 4.2.2 Need to investigate culling levels for wombats and kangaroos
- 4.2.3 Restrictions on environment due to whale population
- 4.2.4 Increasing damage to natural environment due to increased tourist access
- 4.2.5 Investigate wind and solar power for the region
- 4.2.6 Lack of signage in the district
- 4.2.7 No parking bay at Kooringabie Hall



4.3 Community

- 4.3.1 Need to increase the profile of the school
- 4.3.2 Regular doctor visits required
- 4.3.3 Increased medical service for Ceduna required (waiting list is 2-3 weeks)
- 4.3.4 No aged care facilities or support, and residents are moving to Ceduna
- 4.3.5 Regular medical courier required
- 4.3.6 Lack of local sporting competition
- 4.3.7 No access to family counselling and services - stress management, employment guidance
- 4.3.8 Travel time is consuming, especially when we need to visit Ceduna or Penong
- 4.3.9 Lack of volunteers
- 4.3.10 Increasing number of landowners who are not residents
- 4.3.11 Lack of youth input
- 4.3.12 Declining population
- 4.3.13 Decreasing number of locally organised events
- 4.3.14 No community transport



4.4 Economic

- 4.4.1 Require strategy to capitalise on tourism
- 4.4.2 Develop tourism activities and marketing
- 4.4.3 Lack of funds to support economic growth in district
- 4.4.4 Improve relationships between Nundroo, Coorabie and Fowlers Bay
- 4.4.5 Inform government to gain support for Coorabie and districts
- 4.4.6 Decline in pastoral developments
- 4.4.7 Expensive establishment costs for alternative industries due to isolation
- 4.4.8 School closure means little opportunity for settlement of young families
- 4.4.9 Lack of aquaculture industry development
- 4.4.10 Residents are forced to source an income from outside the community
- 4.4.11 Slow process for application approvals with the Development Assessment Commission
- 4.4.12 Lack of support from Economic Development Boards and government, due to confusion over district location



5 KEY GOALS & OBJECTIVES

Goal 1

Upgrade and improve the infrastructure of the district

Coorabie and districts have managed extremely well with limited infrastructure. Power supply to the district is in a variety of formats, therefore making repairs difficult and the supply of other services unpredictable. The residents have identified four key objectives.

1.1 Improve the quality of the districts power supply

Electricity supply to the district is sourced from generators and Nundroo has mains power. Fowlers Bay has no formal power supply with residents having to generate their own power.

Given the number of visitors to this area, services are often in high demand. If the areas is to develop its tourism potential then a permanent electricity supply would assist in ensuring a reliable and regular service to the visitor as well as the towns people.

Key strategies for this objective are:

- Request Outback Areas Community Development Trust seek funding to conduct an assessment of current power supplies
- Following the assessment, develop a Plan for upgrade of the electricity supply

1.2 Improved telecommunications

Given the distance between communities, the current telecommunications available in the area does not meet the districts needs. The area has limited public telephones and if damaged then the district is easily isolated. However Yalata has a CDMA mobile telephone service. The community recognises that they need to continue to lobby the appropriate authorities for coverage to the area.

Given the proximity to Penong and Ceduna, a mobile telephone tower would improve communications between the communities. It is understood that the Telstra Networking the Nation roll out will take place in this area later this year.

Television broadcast is intermittent to the district. Fowlers Bay is a black hole in the broadcast band, with no permanent power supply, however a community-viewing scheme is in place, which brings access to the wider community.

High speed internet access cannot be achieved with the current optic fibre cable.

Key strategies for this objective are:

- Lobby the Northern Regional Development Board to erect a mobile telephone tower in the district
- Request installation of additional public telephones
- Investigate television broadcast limitations

1.3 Secure a permanent water supply

Residents of the area are very conscious of their natural environment. The communities are very mindful not to waste water they currently obtain from their underground supply, of which the lifespan of this reserve is unknown.

The extreme climate changes make it difficult for residents to revegetate their environment with native species and a permanent water supply would assist them greatly in achieving this.

Innovative Fowlers Bay residents currently use windmills to pump water from a basin in the sand dunes.



Key strategies of this objective are:

- Coorabie and Districts Progress Association and Outback Areas Community Development Trust to review and assess alternative water supplies
- Develop a Plan of action to obtain further funding to provide a permanent water supply for the whole area
- Analyse funding options with Northern Regional Development Board and Outback Areas Community Development Trust
- Lobby key agencies and government bodies to obtain funding

1.4 Upgrade roads within the district

Roads within the area are repaired infrequently. Many roads off the Eyre Highway are gravel bed and are deteriorating rapidly with increased traffic and harsh weather conditions.

Residents have done well to keep roadsides clear and to reduce flooding and drainage problems to the low-lying areas.

With increased visitation to the area, parking bays will be required, especially at the Kooringabie Hall.



Key strategies for this objective are:

- Seek funding to conduct an assessment of current roads, drainage and parking for the district
- Develop a Plan to repair and upgrade the roads



Goal 2

Improve economic opportunities for the district

With an increasing cost of farm machinery, running costs and insurance, pastoral operations as a source of income are declining. The extreme weather conditions heighten the risks associated with crop production. The transportation of produce and goods is also very expensive.

Unlike other remote communities who have natural resources such as opals, salt, uranium, gypsum, etc the Coorabie district relies on farm production as the main source of income.

2.1 Capitalise on the impact of tourism for the district

The pristine environment along the coast of Fowlers Bay, offers the intrepid tourist a unique experience. Spectacular sand dunes, cliff tops and sparkling coral reefs are on offer at no charge.

The opportunity to view the Great Southern Right Whale as it takes its young back to the Bight is also a key tourist attraction. A permanently based sea lion colony can be viewed up close, and the ocean offers an abundance of sea life, including Great White Sharks.

A lack of tourist information and signage at Fowlers Bay leaves the tourist to find their own way around and many tourists only know about the attractions by word of mouth from the locals. With an irregular power supply and restricted water, facilities for tourists are also limited.

With improved signage, controlled access to areas of conservation and friendly local advice, the tourist experience could be enhanced with minimal disruption to the community.

Key strategies for this objective are:

- Form a tourism committee
- Develop a marketing theme and brand
- Improve current marketing and website material
- Improve tourist services and facilities
- Upgrade signage in the district
- Educate residents about the importance of tourism
- Lobby the South Australian Tourism Commission and Outback Areas Community Development Trust for support



2.2 *Reposition Coorabie and district with government, as an important gateway to the Nullarbor*

With the very successful Year of the Outback, areas such as the Coorabie district have been given extra exposure. Coorabie and Districts Progress Association should capitalise on this and lobby government agencies for funding, particularly in the tourism sector. Opportunities exist especially for areas such as the Great Australian Bight and the Nullarbor Plain.

Key strategies for this objective are:

- Coorabie and Districts Progress Association to lobby the South Australian Tourism Commission for support
- Coorabie and Districts Progress Association to inform relevant government departments about the proximity and potential of Coorabie, Nundroo and Fowlers Bay
- Coorabie and Districts Progress Association to establish closer working relationship with regional authorities

2.3 *Encourage additional industries for the district that will positively impact on the population*

With a declining number of farms in the area, pastoral opportunities are diminishing. A benefit of reduced farming is additional land for sale to investors.

There is some interest in developing viticulture and aquaculture in the area, however to date little progress has been made. It would be also be advantageous to examine options for increasing primary production through alternative crops and specific aquaculture produce.

Innovative approaches to land division may also enable establishment of retirement and hobby farms.

The recent establishment of the Kooringabie Hall as a craft and internet access site, perfectly located on the main highway offers an avenue for local products to be sold.

Key strategies for this objective are:

- Investigate the suitability of viticulture within the district
- Encourage expansion of the cottage industry
- Investigate options for aquaculture industry development
- Investigate hobby farming opportunities that may positively impact on population



Goal 3

Improve community and social services to the district

With a small and scattered population, providers find it difficult to service the needs of the residents. Sporting clubs have folded, retail outlets have closed and as a result work opportunities have declined.

A number of properties are owned by persons who do not live within the district and therefore do not contribute to its permanent population and are not particularly interested in community life.

3.1 Enhance standard of education and opportunities for the district

The school closed in December 2001 and students have to travel over 70kms to attend Penong School, 3 days a week.

For adults access to TAFE courses would provide personal development training and offer additional skills to obtain alternative work, although it is difficult for people to travel to Ceduna.

Career guidance for young people is not available. The lack of educational choices has meant many youth have left the district to pursue further education and career opportunities.

The key strategies for this objective are:

- The community must identify its education needs
- Provide information and lobby the relevant education providers to eliminate the gaps



3.2 Improve health, social and recreational services

Medical services to the area are limited. Residents currently have access to telephone consultation with the doctor at Ceduna and pharmaceutical supplies can be couriered from Ceduna. However couriating medical supplies to the district is expensive and there is no regular service.

A number of residents in the district are middle aged or elderly and more and more families are wanting to retire to the town. Currently there are no aged care services. In addition a number of families have young children and there is a two-week waiting period to access medical services in Ceduna.

Due to a declining population, sporting teams and clubs have folded. Any activities of this nature are conducted at Penong, with residents once again having to schedule their time to commute, which can also be an expensive exercise.

There appears to be no organised approach to improving recreational choices or social activities and therefore very few social activities occur in the district. On the social calendar there are only two events per year, which include New Years Day Sports Day and the Annual Golf Day.

As a result of the school closing, a bus is provided to transport children to and from Penong. In the case of an emergency, services must come from Penong or Yalata, which has meant that many patients are reliant on their neighbours to drive them halfway to meet these services. Unfortunately very few residents are trained in first aid.

Access to counselling services, especially in the area of stress management, lifestyle change, budgeting, unemployment and family therapy are not readily available and the lack of subsidy to travel to these services makes it out of reach for many of the residents.

Key strategies for this objective are:

- Identify the health and emergency services gaps and make representation to relevant agencies
- Identify recreational and social needs of the community and examine funding opportunities to achieve recreation objectives
- Investigate the opportunity to operate the school bus privately for community needs
- Organise social gatherings
- Identify youth needs and make representation of community to relevant agencies
- Investigate aged care/retirement services for an ageing population

3.3 Foster a united Coorabie district spirit

Due to the residents being scattered over a vast area, the only form of communication is the school newsletter. If a resident does not have a school age child, then they do not receive the newsletter and as a consequence are not aware of activities within the district. With the closure of the school, the newsletter will now be produced in Penong.

The community needs to encourage resident interaction between youth, the aged, farmers, working residents and non-resident landowners, to ensure a successful future.

To gain support from government organisations, the district must present a united front to official bodies to assist in obtaining funding to undertake improvements. District residents have not always supported community meetings where issues are discussed. Initiatives must be explored which encourage residents to attend meetings so they can voice their opinion and become involved in discussion.

Key strategies for this objective are:

- Encourage community participation in implementing the Community Plan
- Develop a district communication tool
- Develop a major event
- Investigate opportunities to work with other towns to generate services to the area

3.4 Improve transportation services

There is no airstrip within the district and no rail access, however a Greyhound bus service travels through the area on the Perth to Adelaide route. Residents who do not own a vehicle, therefore do not have access to any form of transport.

Increasing fuel prices have meant residents often do not travel to access much needed services or to attend functions in Penong.

Key strategies for this objective are:

- Identify the extent of service required
- Link into regional transport study

Goal 4

Protect and maintain the natural environment

The district has a most unique and spectacular coastal environment. The residents pride themselves on a litter free community and are pro-actively involved in programs such as “Trees for Life”, a weed control program, drum musters, recycling using facilities at Ceduna and have a Soil Board.

The majority of residents make their livelihood from the land and are very respectful of the environment and native animals. One area of concern is the increasing number of wombats and kangaroos that cause damage to crops.

4.1 *Protect the pristine environment*

With an increase in tourist visitation to the area there is an increasing risk of damage to the environment. Many visitors are novice 4WD motorists who do not appreciate or respect the coastal strip and can pose a danger to other people and the environment.

Very little signage exists to tell visitors about water restrictions, fire hazards, marine pollution, disposal of litter and flora and fauna protection.

Key strategies for this objective are:

- Identify native flora and fauna for protection
- Investigate with National Parks culling program for wombats and kangaroos
- Educate residents about culling process for wombats and kangaroos
- Establish a native animal rescue shelter
- Develop signage about the environment
- Formulate an education campaign for visitors to the area

4.2 Maintain waste management and district cleanliness

The Coorabie and Districts Progress Association currently manage the resident's waste, utilising three sites. Increasingly this management role is becoming more demanding and environmental protection regulations more prevalent.

The community could become more proactive in waste management by encouraging greening programs, revegetation schemes and recycling. A permanent water supply would assist the continuation of the revegetation program.

Key strategies for this objective are:

- Encourage a Greening Plan for the district
- Encourage recycling, dump site management and district cleanliness
- Develop an education campaign about waste management within the district



6 STRATEGIES

No	Description	Priority (1-3)	Year					Resp Agency
			1	2	3	4	5	
GOAL 1	Upgrade and improve the infrastructure of the district							
1.1	Improve the quality of the districts power supply	1						
1.1.1	Request Outback Areas Community Development Trust seek funding to conduct an assessment on current power supplies		✓					C&DPA OACDT
1.1.2	Following the assessment, develop a Plan for upgrade of electricity supply		✓					C&DPA OACDT
1.2	Improved telecommunications	3						
1.2.1	Lobby the Northern Regional Development Board to erect a mobile telephone tower in the district			✓				C&DPA OACDT NRDB
1.2.2	Request installation for additional public telephones				✓			C&DPA OACDT NRDB
1.2.3	Investigate television broadcast limitations		✓					C&DPA OACDT NRDB
1.3	Secure a permanent water supply	2						
1.3.	Coorabie and Districts Progress Association and Outback Areas Community Development Trust to review and assess alternative water supplies			✓				C&DPA OACDT NRDB





No	Description	Priority (1-3)	Year					Resp Agency
			1	2	3	4	5	
1.3.2	Develop a Plan of action to obtain further funding to provide a permanent water supply for the whole area				✓			C&DPA OACDT NRDB
1.3.3	Analyse funding options with Northern Regional Development Board and Outback Areas Community Development Trust					✓		C&DPA OACDT NRDB
1.3.4	Lobby key agencies and government bodies to obtain funding					✓		C&DPA OACDT NRDB
1.4	Upgrade roads within the district	1						
1.4.1	Seek funding to conduct an assessment of current roads, drainage and parking for the district		✓					OACDT
1.4.2	Develop a Plan to repair and upgrade the roads			✓				OACDT C&DPA
GOAL 2	IMPROVE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE DISTRICT							
2.1	Capitalise on the impact of tourism for the district	1						
2.1.1	Form a tourism committee		✓					C&DPA
2.1.2	Develop a marketing theme and brand		✓					C&DPA
2.1.3	Improve current marketing and website material				✓			C&DPA
2.1.4	Improve tourist services and facilities					✓		C&DPA, OACDT SATC





No	Description	Priority (1-3)	Year					Resp Agency
			1	2	3	4	5	
2.1.5	Upgrade signage in the district					✓		C&DPA OACDT SATC
2.1.6	Educate residents about the importance of tourism				✓			C&DPA
2.1.7	Lobby the South Australian Tourism Commission and Outback Areas Community Development Trust for support		✓					C&DPA
2.2	Reposition Coorabie and district, with government as an important gateway to the Nullarbor	2						
2.2.1	Coorabie and Districts Progress Association to lobby the South Australian Tourism Commission for support			✓				C&DPA OACDT
2.2.2	Coorabie and Districts Progress Association to inform relevant government departments about the proximity and potential of Coorabie, Nundroo and Fowlers Bay			✓				C&DPA OACDT NRDB SATC
2.2.3	Coorabie and Districts Progress Association to establish closer working relationship with regional authorities		✓					C&DPA
2.3	Encourage additional industries for the district that will positively impact on the population	2						
2.3.1	Investigate the suitability of viticulture in the district			✓				C&DPA
2.3.2	Encourage expansion of the cottage industry		✓					C&DPA
2.3.3	Investigate options for aquaculture industry development				✓			C&DPA OACDT NRDB
2.3.4	Investigate hobby farming opportunities that may positively impact on population		✓					C&DPA OACDT NRDB





No	Description	Priority (1-3)	Year					Resp Agency
			1	2	3	4	5	
GOAL 3	IMPROVE COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL SERVICES TO THE DISTRICT							
3.1	Enhance standard of education and opportunities for the district	2						
3.1.1	The community must identify its education needs		✓					C&DPA
3.1.2	Provide information and lobby the relevant education providers to eliminate the gaps			✓				C&DPA OACDT
3.2	Improve health, social and recreational services	1						
3.2.1	Identify the health and emergency services gaps and make representation to relevant agencies		✓					C&DPA
3.2.2	Identify recreational and social needs of the community and examine funding opportunities to achieve recreation objectives		✓					C&DPA
3.2.3	Investigate the opportunity to operate the school bus privately for community needs		✓					C&DPA
3.2.4	Organise social gatherings		✓					C&DPA
3.2.5	Identify youth needs and make representation of community to relevant agencies			✓				C&DPA
3.2.6	Investigate aged care/retirement services for aging population				✓			C&DPA





No	Description	Priority (1-3)	Year					Resp Agency
			1	2	3	4	5	
3.3	Foster a united Coorabie district spirit	2						
3.3.1	Encourage community participation in implementing the Community Plan		✓					C&DPA
3.3.2	Develop a district communication tool		✓					C&DPA
3.3.3	Develop a major event				✓			C&DPA SATC OACDT
3.3.4	Investigate opportunities to work with other towns to generate services to the area			✓				C&DPA
3.4	Improve transportation services							
3.4.1	Identify the extent of service required			✓				C&DPA OACDT
3.4.2	Link into regional transport study				✓			C&DPA OACDT
GOAL 4	PROTECT AND MAINTAIN THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT							
4.1	Protect the pristine environment	1						
4.1.1	Identify native flora and fauna for protection			✓				C&DPA
4.1.2	Investigate with National Parks culling program for wombats and kangaroos		✓					C&DPA
4.1.3	Educate residents about culling process of wombats and kangaroos		✓					C&DPA





No	Description	Priority (1-3)	Year					Resp Agency
			1	2	3	4	5	
4.1.4	Establish a native animal rescue shelter				✓			C&DPA
4.1.5	Develop signage about the environment				✓			C&DPA OACDT SATC
4.1.6	Formulate an education campaign for visitors to the area					✓		C&DPA
4.2	Maintain waste management and district cleanliness	2						
4.2.1	Encourage a Greening Plan for the district			✓				C&DPA
4.2.2	Encourage recycling, dump site management and district cleanliness			✓				C&DPA
4.2.3	Develop an education campaign about waste management within the district		✓					C&DPA



7 IMPLEMENTATION

It is imperative that there is community support to assist the Coorabie and Districts Progress Association to achieve the strategies outlined in this Community Plan.

The recently appointed Community Development Officer, employed by the Outback Areas Community Development Trust is available to assist all Progress Associations in the implementation of their Plans.

It is clear that many of the strategies in this Plan would qualify for external funding under Commonwealth and State programs including:

- Regional Solutions Program - Commonwealth
- Regional Assistance Program - Commonwealth
- Regional Tourism Fund - South Australian Tourism Commission
- Joint funding from operating Departments including, Primary Industries and Resources SA (PIRSA), Department of Education, Training and Employment and Outback Areas Community Development Trust
- Working Towns – Northern Regional Development Board
- Family and Community Services - Commonwealth
- Regional Infrastructure Fund – Department of Industry and Trade funds via Northern Regional Development Board
- Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal
- Community Benefit SA
- Adult Community Education, Regional Development – Department of Education, Training and Employment

It is important that a close working relationship be established with funding providers.

To ensure Coorabie and districts continues to grow and provide a pleasurable lifestyle for its residents, it is imperative that the community further investigates alternative industries and ways of capitalising on the tourism industry.

The Coorabie and Districts Progress Association must endeavour to attract assistance to improve infrastructure and services for the community and to ensure it meets the objectives of the Community Plan.

This Plan should be updated on a regular basis and strategies modified as implementation occurs.

Information in this Plan will be incorporated as part of a whole of "Outback" Plan for the Outback Areas Community Development Trust.

8 COMMUNITY MEETING NOTES

Workshop Notes Sunday 14th October, 2001

What makes your town a great place to live?

- Peace and quiet
- Lifestyle
- Strong community spirit
- Good fishing
- Great coastline and scenery

Community Balance Session – rating 1 to 10

ITEM	GROUP 1	GROUP 2
Infrastructure	1	5
Town Cohesion	7 > 8	7
Community Services	3	9
Environment	9	9
Economic Development	1	5
Recreation	1	6

Issue Identification

INFRASTRUCTURE

Positive

- Sufficient underground water
- Power – Coorabie and Nundroo sufficient
- Upgrading Fowlers Bay jetty
- No Council
- Zone allowance
- Nundroo power supply

Negative

- Lack of maintenance of roads – run down, poor condition
- Not utilising resources (Transport SA)
- No mobile telephone coverage
- Fowlers Bay – nil power
- School closure
- No water
- Fowlers Bay television, power
- Television access (black spot)
- Limited high speed internet access
- (Port Lincoln – roads are their responsibility)
- (Native title has hindered water/historical use of site another issue)

TOWN COHESION

Positive

- Regular mail service from Ceduna
- Annual golf day
- New years sports day
- Good relationship Penong/Ceduna and utilisation of outside services
- Good local community support

Negative

- Decline in population
- Non- resident landowners
- Lack of youth input
- Lack of local sporting competitions

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Positive

- Good medical/health services (telephone consultations)
- Pharmacy service
- Access to religious services (Penong/Ceduna)
- CFS and SES service
- Access to aged care facilities
- Ambulance service (Yalata/Ceduna)
- Local first aid skills
- Access to TAFE courses
- Police Yalata/ Penong
- School services (Penong)
- Silo's- farmers employment
- Need to ensure school into recess. School is needed to attract people to area

Negative

- Expensive freight for goods from Ceduna
- Distance to travel to events other services
- Lack of commercial/public transport
- School closure
- Lack of volunteers
- Local health services – locality, limited at Ceduna (hospital employees GP)
- waiting list to see Doctor....2-3 weeks
- Family services – counselling for change in lifestyle – role within community, mental attitudes, stress management, expectations of employment agencies (touch screen, training seminar) no subsidy to assist people to classes –
- Only job interview/employment assistance given
- Waste Management

ENVIRONMENT

Positive

- Outback Areas Community Development Trust subsidise Coorabie and Districts Progress Association regarding waste/refuse
- Access to drum musters/recycling facilities in Ceduna
- Soil Board
- Weed control
- Trees for life
- Clean environment
- Pristine coastal environment
- (Wombat eco tourism – what is the potential? Farms are at threat because wombats eat crops/damage soil. Increase in wombat numbers for culling)

Negative

- Protect it wombats/kangaroos culling program limited (national parks/homelands people to negotiate with) due to whale population nil aquaculture developed

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**Positive**

- Tourism increase
- Possible wine industry (Nundroo)
- Establishment of craft shop (Nundroo)
- Kiosk Fowlers Bay
- Caravan Parks and Holiday Flats
- Farming
- Historical aspect

Negative

- Decline in pastoral economic development (cost increase, return declined in produce)
- Cost of alternative industries (deer and ostrich)
- School closure
- Lack of aquaculture industry development.
- Most residents survive with outside incomes
(Alternate farming is not an option here – distance to markets, rainfall, soil, etc)

RECREATION**Positive**

- Golf day
- Sports Day (Fowlers Bay)
- Fishing
- Strawberry Fete Penong
- Sports Day School
- Scenic Drives
- Whale watching

Negative

- Organisation of events – decline population
- Distance to travel to participate (80kms one way)

OTHERS

Positive

- School buildings
- Coorabie Hall
- Tourist Info Centre
- Fowlers Bay Hall

Negative

- Development Assessment Application Approvals

TOURISM – General Discussion

- Tourist information centre - control tourism environment
- Policy issues – improve services/hotel/lobby for assistance
- Planning issues – how to cope with the numbers
- Protection of the pristine coastline
- Kooringabie Hall (newly upgraded) has internet access and craft shop, need information and signage, make it a parking bay
- Working with Ceduna Council on tourism? 4yrs ago a push – proposed to change their boundaries to the border, Coorabie fought not to have that
- Where do they fit in? Eyre Peninsula Tourism, couldn't become a member because they were changing their structure/boundaries....where is Coorabie on the map??? Denise wanted to become part of them, Eyre Peninsula Marketing not permitted
- Cannot get (l) information sign, need Council approval, tourism approval...a lot of paperwork for one single sign

General Discussions

- Sub-divisions just occurred at Fowlers Bay-\$20K allotments
- Hobby farming, small allotments (25 acres)
- Increase population, small farm allotments
- Planning issues, large allotments for now...perhaps need to change
- Recreational sheds have been built at Fowlers Bay, but no power/water/etc
- Approval from Development Assessment Commission – long process, people pull out
- Protection of identity of Coorabie and districts....where do they belong? Northern Regional, Maps, boundaries
- Population size 45 adults
- Has been suggested that Outback Areas Community Development Trust takes over the planning role, not the Development. Assessment Commission Application – these take so long Statewide

VISION CONCEPTS

- Thriving community (increased population)
- High standard infrastructure
- Tourism (controlled development)

ACTIONS

- Investigate purchasing school vehicle for community purposes (ie: grant)
- Lobby for the continuation of community newsletter to Coorabie and districts
- Initiate meeting with National Parks and Wildlife regarding control/management of wombats/kangaroos through the Soil Board
- Outback Areas Community Development Trust to gain information Do studies and research regarding feasibility of development, of aquaculture, including fish farming on land
- Outback Areas Community Development Trust to lobby government. regarding power to Fowlers Bay and investigate road situation
- Outback Areas Community Development Trust to investigate recess of school (URGENT)
- Meetings of local bodies to review current development and assessment procedures
- Form tourism committee
- Promote activities to encourage population growth – seasonal/permanent
- Television increase wattage