

February 2012 - PRODUCTIVITY – Economic Environment – Development Infrastructure and Information systems

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Telecommunications Assess status of communications infrastructure in township and more remote areas including TV, Radio, Mobile Phone and internet	Increase Access local TV & radio (Safety issue)			National Broadband Network rollout		Also supported by upcoming training through the Buchan Neighbourhood House	Currently underway	Businesses, Attract more residents – able to work from home, Cut down on fuel cost & time.	
	Major upgrading of internet Phone etc.			National Broadband Network					
	Assess possibility of access Optic Fibre Cable through Education Dept	School Council		Dept of Education			Negotiation to be started.		

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Access and Educate new information on farming options to support farmers choosing to stay on the land	Develop a farm to farm Program	BNH Landcare Victorian Farmers Federation (Doug Stephenson)	Victorian Farmers Federation (Nigel Hodge) BNH	EGSC – Inquiry into Farming Sector Dept of Planning & Community Development	Vichealth DPI DPCD Equivalent Ticketing for recognised farming skills program Benambra Mine		Negotiation ongoing between DPI and VFF and various individuals		
Seasonal/ Event related Market Day	This has been recently redeveloped	David W Buchan Valley Roadhouse	Anne, Andrea, Deb & Buchan Valley Roadhouse	Community businesses and individuals Buchan Bulletin Buchan Neighbourhood House Outward Bound EGSC		Success will generate enthusiasm	Propose to coincide with other events in area. Eg, same w/end at Canni Creek, Rodeo etc.	Businesses Local artists Attracts tourists Alternative income source Next Market 30 Oct Need to improve farmers' market aspect. Permanently located at Playground	
Develop Opportunities or create an environment to support new businesses	Conduct needs & viability assessment into:		Interested business people	Generally initiative of individuals who are interested in starting a business					
	Abattoir & Butcher			As above					
	Bakery			As above			Being explored by Buchan Valley Roadhouse		
	Black Marble Hut as Woodwork and Toy shop			As above			Up for sale		
	Nursery w/in Buchan to sell flowers and plants			As above					
	Boating camping and Fishing Shop			As above			These goods are for sale at General Store with limited buyers.		
	Fish Farm			As above					
	Alternative crop/farming – commercial hemp growing			As above					