

Managing responsible growth and development

Small apartment block for single rentals.

Smaller blocks of land for seniors.

Staff of Shire should be replaced or trained up to promote speedy approvals in planning and/or building to significantly reduce the waiting time period to commencement of projects.

Stop development by preventing subdivision of land and new housing estates.

Sustainably allowing more population in.

The highlands estate is growing rapidly and access to and from it by vehicle needs to be monitored and managed eg enforce 50 kmph in Nelson St.

The shire needs to earmark and develop an area for a light industrial area (lia). This will allow some services to be carried out from Bridgetown instead of surrounding towns, but more importantly enable small manufacturing and processing industries to invest in the Bridgetown area.

The three priorities I've mentioned are dependant on state and federal government policies and measures. Local government is less equiped to achieve these ends.

The town has a poor planning record which has seen a sprawled development. Requirement for small house blocks in the main town - but probably too late.

The town is expanding. The local sub developments should have better pedestrian access with a safe place to walk/ride into town and back.

This needs to be an improved umbrella plan to cover all factors to bring about a more prosperous town. A plan that provides more incentives for both current residents to stay as their lives change and new residents to consider Bridgetown offers enough opportunities to make it worth their while settling here. The time for this is now while government is in economic recovery mode.

To be able to get approvals to your own property done at a reasonable time. As 3 months is way to long to wait for a shed to get approved. Not having to pay \$250 extra to get it approved in 2 weeks. All registered builders to be treated the same and not get continual knock backs because they aren't locals

To check bushland owned by the shire that is close to residential home for unsafe tree etc and either remove them or prune them.

Too much red tape.

Undeveloped areas to be used: Railway station and old BP station site.

Utilising all on offer by way of history and services to visitors and residents and future residents to create a growth demand while managing the process

Water
Population

We don't want the town to be like Perth?

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We need development for jobs. Our rates continue to go up so we can pay for ridiculous things like fixing up the Railway station!! Does the shire even own this rotten rundown building?
 We need to make sure money is spent on the things we really need.

We need to infill the township before anymore subdivisions. Make it easier to build here. Less restrictions on business.

We need to look at the growth the town is having versus facilities ie parking

Where is the future planning? Create a plan for improving infrastructure, parks, gardens (We need a Botanical garden!) in consultation with residents .

Will come from the first two.

A bigger range of area for rubbish collection.

Rezoning to allow 1/4 acre blocks near town.

Good sized housing in groups for independent living for over 55s with garden space around them instead of having to look at a brick wall 2 meters away from your window.

River development and parks

A greater flexibility for business and land holders to develop their holdings

A proper town planning scheme we are still modifying schemes three and four that are at least 25 years old
 The despite training as a planner the current CEO is incapable of producing a plan, schemes 5 and 6 are sitting in a draw somewhere, a lost opportunity and a shocking waste of money

Acknowledge growth will occur but it must be sympathetic to the local environment and landscape

Again we don't want to become just another suburb of Perth. Subdivision on mass and very small blocks are not the way to go.

Area beatification. It's getting better but a bit more clean up. Bridge area

As mentioned before, Bridgetown looks tired and uncared for. Requires cleaning up.

Be progressive and proactive, think ahead, this town and district is so so popular with tourists, day trippers, weekenders, caeady to reap the rewards of tourism campers, and international tourists as well.
 Lets get ready for the tourism which creates growth, employment and wealth.

Be smart about the developments approved so we don't have expansion for the sake of it and better support for people wanting to build

Being open to new ways of building sustainability.

Being proactive in promoting sustainable development and facilities to encourage people to come settle here.

Better town planning and building approvals.

Big change super market stop people shopping out of town

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Cap on residents. No more sub division. Keep as a country town. No major retailers/shopping centre or traffic lights. Cobblestone main road. Clean river behind shops. Make the Shire a place to be proud of. Not another suburb of Perth!!

Changes to the difficulty to get anything with shire approval granted, lengthy waits and extreme requests in order to do the right thing

Consolidate and integrate the community rather than allowing more subdivisions. We are a rural community not a satellite city/town.

Controlled building applications

Create opportunities for new business locations that aren't on the main highway

develop a 5, 10, 15 year development plan and communicate it succinctly to the community

Develop alternative land use including multiple occupancy, ability for individuals with a plan to be able to override policy which can inhibit change .

Development and growth in keeping with the overall natural environment, doing as little damage as possible.

Don't allow too much subdivision. Highlands still has undeveloped blocks as do the other major subdivisions Rainwater tanks for all new builds. Bridgetown is not a cold area. If you think it is you have never been to Antarctica. We have a few frosts. Ditch the black roofs and no verandas on the west side. Our houses need to be cool in the summer.

Easier building rules.

Emphasis on sustainable growth with allowance for an increasing population obtrusively spread throughout Shire to support business and culture

encourage development for potential new residents in a variety of ways , reduce paper etc , in line with the WAPC recommendations.

Encourage growth through sensible and realistic building regulations. Currently don't build, upgrade due to the regulations being too high.

Encourage others to take up opportunities, promote the region and its potential to others.

Encouragement for small business in town. E.g lower rents.
 Encouragement for light industrial development.

Ensure growth is on our term. No Perth style developments.

Ensure public facilities and services keep pace with the influx of new residents.

Ensure the local planning strategy, (which was ready in 2000 but not yet adopted) is still relevant to the desires of the community and the needs of the environment and protects the river and natural environment.

Ensure we have the facilities to maintain our population with meaning. Easy to attract people to Bridgetown - but they leave when they realise that there is nothing here. No parking. No business. No jobs.

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Environmental and climate change consideration when making economical and community decisions, be more culturally aware and promote culture and environment better

Expedite new developments with a 'can do' attitude and 'how can we help you achieve your goals' as quickly as possible.

Fix the Railway Station
 Make Bridgetown the hub for tourism in the South West.
 Clean and Clear the Blackwood River

Gain an understanding of what we the people of the shire want.
 Move towards a sustainable approach to development that allows the unique nature of our community to shine.
 Embrace the kind of sustainable practices for development and maintenance that are currently being promoted and developed by the Transition Bridgetown group... Progressive and environmentally aware.

Growth and development as in let people improve thier businesses and homes without all the Shire long last red tape bullshit.

Growth and Development in Bridgetown should not take away the heritage look of the town. Would not like the town to look to modern.

Growth and Development. Main Street shop affordability. Traffic Management.

Growth needs adequate services, and one the council is responsible for is waste management. They have a poor history and is is not improving. Rubbish continues to be blown or carried by crows all over neighbouring properties.

Areas were cleared without due regard to the unique environment of wildflowers and in particular orchids that grew in the areas.

Growth. Approach a small department store to open to give locals work and access to items. Create a bypass so trucks can travel around and leave people to enjoy a coffee on the footpah and possible spread of business area.

Growth: It speaks for itself. Beware of corporate interests chocking the little businesses and hijacking their creativity.

High density housing.

I couldn't believe my eyes when I saw what the shire is planning to spend money on. It seems to be on stuff that looks good. What about practical stuff that the locals can use, not the stuff that looks good for the passers by. Manjimup has an amazing, large park that is open and appeals to families of young kids. It also has an area where older kids can hang out and do different activities. Big, open areas.

I don't know.

Do we have a plan? What is that plan? How is it communicated to the residents?

If there are sub divisions they need to come with parks and recreation areas, paths and public transport.
 A vision of how to create jobs and industry .
 Retirement villages
 Increase in school facilities
 Better public transport from Greenbushes

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I'm more than happy to see Bridgetown grow. Growth usually means more spending. Keeping our borrowings low should be a focus - interest rates will rise.

Improve the time frame for building/ development applications

Improved timing for approvals etc for developments (housing or other)

Infrastructure

Roads

Approvals

A drive to move the town forward

Leadership and Strategy

Leave containers and get owner of Hampton buildings to maintain - raise heritage finance.

Less red tape for property and business owners. Especially in relation to property improvement and infrastructure like water (for fire and living) in Any block that is not serviced by fixed water services. Standpipe costs and cartage kill us all because of Red tape with tanks and sheds (catchment) and restrictive building envelopes on semi rural blocks.

Lets not try to get 'big' and attract any big company conglomerites. Keep a community that is strong and viable.

Limit sprawling growth in line with emissions reduction targets and ensure water will be adequately supplied into the future.

Look at the figures and make things work better

Maintain the local estates to make these areas appealing to new purchasers.

Maintain village feel and streetscape but integrate improved modern facilities and liveability. Protect landscape and environment in the face of population growth. Careful planning and maintenance of existing infrastructure such as roads and pathways and cycleways. Rural roads often appear unkempt and weedy with pot holes.

Maintain what we have got and only develop what is required by majority not just a few.

Make sure development is sensitive to the landscape of B-G.

Mindful of not losing the natural environment with housing growth.

Need to have a strategic vision that is thinking outside the square, i.e. not just job creation, growth and development as has been done in the past.

Need to make it easier to build and develop land.

No one like building here.

people living in sheds (lots of them)

Petition government to reopen rail line and foster rail tourism and getting trucks off the road. Lithium mine support industries and local employment policy and action.

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Refer to previous answers [Assisting Private estates Eg. Bridgetown Gardens with some road maintenance work .Upgrade of all foot paths along all business thoroughfares.]

Responsible growth - all growth should be sustainable and focussed on green economy ie renewable energy, local produce; ecotourism.

Responsible growth & development that embodies sustainable change that benefits all community

Responsible growth and development - maintaining aesthetics and evaluating on a case by case basis instead of a "black and white" approach.

Responsible growth and development is quite a broad area. If growth is in line with good resource and natural environment management, coupled with positive eco tourism and industry then we will have a wonderful future.

Responsible growth and development requires the shire to fulfill the projects discussed and to stop going round in circle discussing over and over the same projects and to implement them. The old buildings our supposed "heritage" buildings continue to deteriorate while discussions about what to do with them continues.

Responsible growth and development. Community consultation on what measures are being taken to aim towards reducing our impact ie carbon emissions. Conservation and collection of rainwater.

Responsible growth and development. Constructing a vision/plan for Bridgetown-Greenbushes 2030 that emphasises sustainability and maintenance of the area as a beautiful location in sympathy with the environment - but without undue problematic and lengthy laws. Encourage tourism - free wifi in town area; dump point for RV's and caravans.

Responsible growth and development. It seems that all the volunteer groups do far more to make this town than the Shire does.

Responsible growth to support the prosperity of the town and its businesses whilst protecting the historic buildings, streetscapes and natural environment attributes.

See previous answer [Encourage/subsidise more large tourist events during the year that are well funded and promoted and which can offer paid employment for these events.

Encourage/invite local producers/retailers to set up local business.

Find a use for vacant land on the main street.

Find a use for the unused train line as a tourist attraction

Open up the rail sheds to encourage local artisans (or similar) to set up shop there.

Look for potential tourist draw cards - look outside of the box.

What do other Shire do to increase tourism?

More visibility and collaboration with other surrounding Shires]

Shire to provide support and guidance not just barriers and "Road Blocks"

Access to housing that meets your needs

A responsive and helpful planning and building department that encourages applicants rather than blocks development. Building approval times are some of the slowest in the state.

AFFORDABLE housing so we maintain an interesting mix of people in the town. APARTMENT housing so we don't only get people who wants a garden, and can maintain it. BUT we have to be careful that Bridgetown don't gown so big that we lose the cohesion that makes it such a great place to be or destroy our natural environment. I know that these three goals might work against each other and will take some fancy tap-dancing

Bridgetown is historically known as a difficult place to build due to Shire restrictions. What's the benefit of stifling development and enticing new people to the shire?

Build some rental housing for lower income earners.

Building permits are taking too long and too many requirements making it difficult for people to build

Consultation with the appropriate expert body's in all these areas.

Continue removing impediments to building and development - make this a place where builders want to build.

encourage bIN FILL development rather than expand urbanisation

Encourage developer to build houses on small blocks for older/disabled people who can't manage a 1/4 acre garden but do not require entry to Geegeelups age home.

Enter into the public housing sector

Faster approvals

Housing etc. Ridiculous local by-laws etc. The same goes for cats/dogs/poultry ownership.

Housing: Options for home owners to be able to construct additional dwellings on their property to accommodate disabled relatives need to be considered. Current rental values are too high to support an individual renting on their own.

Less money to direct to things for the Shire and directed at affordable housing and more affordable rentals.

lobby State Govt for more Homeswest unit clusters.

Make shire approvals quicker less traumatic

More new independent living housing in Bridgetown needs to be available for people who need to downsize and can't maintain their current home.

More smaller blocks/houses for retirees other than Geegeelup, which has club rooms, shop, flatter land and grounds for elderly.

Much more 'affordable housing' from both the private and gov sectors

Access to housing that meets your needs

Needing more low income housing for disabilities .
 Central location for easy access for these individuals.

Not enough affordable housing.

Provide housing for seniors at reasonable prices.

There is a housing shortage in Bridgetown which needs to be addressed

To have more housing available for lower income people.

Building and maintaining local roads

A lot of local streets are gravel and poorly maintained.

A lot of roads are in bad state of neglect . I've considered relocating due to the wear and tear it is having on my car it has never been repaired in my area in four years and my property sees all the storm water come flooding into my property the council never seem to be out doing much except repairing a pot hole to make it even worse to drive on ? Quality workers needed

A lot of the local roads need to be re-sealed. In some cases roads such as Peninsula Road need to be widened in the area from where the 70km sign commences (when travelling west) to the end of where there is housing. There are a lot of trucks travelling on this road due to development in Highlands Estate and if travelling east (towards town) there is no room to get off the road without potentially ending up in the gutter which is parts is quite steep

a programme to grade and maintain all gravel roads in the farming areas on a regular basis.

A roundabout at the top of Greys Hill would be an asset

After 6 years of living in the Shire I had hoped to see Elwins Road at least partially sealed.

Apply more grants.

Assess the many dirt roads in the town boundary with regard to safety, water run off, suitable drainage and maintenance.

Budget for sealing the worst cases

A more common sense approach from council on these matters

Basic maintenance of outer town gravel roads e.g Tweede Rd. Cleaning drains, top up gravel bitumen for Tweede; Possibility of a portion being done each year until it connects to Winnejump Rd.

better general maintenance and sealing gravel roads

Better maintain the roads outer rural areas, both gravel and bitumen. They are in a terrible condition compared to roads in the wheatbelt area. The road gutters and shoulders need to be graded much more regularly as well as the gravel roads.

better maintenance of unsealed roads and their "drainage" in the rural areas, including burning of "leaf litter" in the drains.

HAMPTON STREET ISN'T THE ONLY STREET IN TOWN.

Building and maintaining local roads

Better maintenance. I would like to see a crosswalk installed at the Shire office intersection. It is getting far too dangerous to cross the road.

Better marking of roads and giveaway and stop signs - with increased population this is a priority.

Better road maintenance and increased scheduling of preventative maintenance.

Better road surface

Better signage

Both access roads to Highlands Estate are in a terrible condition. They need resurfacing and widening and better drainage to alleviate verges crumbling as they are doing now.

Bridgetown Town centre bypass. Sealing sections of high use gravel roads.

Carpark behind Civic Centre should have clear entry and exit. A number of gravel roads in the Shire that could benefit from either bitumenising or more regular grading. Some visible 'artowrks' that reduce visibility on some corners and potentially dangerous.

clean up the verges. grade the roads

Direct heavy traffic away from town centre.

Do something about the crossroads at Hampton and Steere st? Getting too dangerous there

Eastcott Ave and Cemetary Car Park need sealing. Cemetary Car Park in poor condition in wet weather and other unsealed roads near the township.

Employ more people, an area as large as BTGB needs a lot more people and equipment to maintain roads, verges, parks access. If they wish to be progressive and attract tourism and population growth then the best way is to be proactive and not reactive. The nations arteries are the roads and good roads will attract tourists, business and a willingness to travel and spend money and create employment. The formula is very simple and cost effective, fix the roads.

Fix and maintain them, clear fire hazards and fallen trees, not just the jarrah trees that have fallen.

Fix local roads asap continual program.

Fix the corrugations on the gravel roads, widen busy bitumen roads and improve the drop off on the side of the road (going past other vehicles and especially trucks is dangerous on many local roads).

For the islands in the middle of the road and some footpaths all round. Fix traffic islands (Jephson St).

Get all road sealed.

Grade roads and improve lighting - some roads are only 4x4 and intersections dangerously dark.

Grading of gravel roads more often.

Grading of gravel roads, widening of Mockerdillup Rd lots of tourists to Donelly village

Gravel roads need to be graded fully, minimum twice a year and problem areas addressed. The town needs a bypass road either west or east of Hampton St. (preferably west).

Building and maintaining local roads

Greater attention to local, rural roads. No feedback on important road issues (incompetent)

Have a specific road maintenance and improvement strategy. [gravel roads upgrade].

I understand that in a rural community that there are many smaller roads but lots of these are in a poor condition.

If there was a bad fire in the region the fire units wouldn't be able to access because the roadsides are fire hazards. Ratepayers must do firebreaks.

Improve gravel roads and repair Winnejup Road. Provide safe additional parking for main street.

Improve local roads gravel

Improved focus on maintenance of unsealed roads

Improved maintenance of local roads, water management of drains, corrugations and pot holes.

Instead of keeping on grading unsealed roads which costs money, bitumin would be better for example the area outside the Cemetery.

Local roads - most gravel roads are in poor condition at least 60% of the year

Local roads that are gravel, need to be bitumised such as Eedle Terrace.

Local roads - outer area of shires don't have much service as improvement of roads. Roadside clean up - not enough weed control eg blackberries, trimming of trees and general maintenance of outer roads and road verges in outlying area. Pay a lot in rates for not much return.

Local roads - seal local roads that are relatively central. Gravel sheeting is not acceptable (e.g. West Blackwood Terrace) so close to town and along our major natural asset which is the river.

Local roads especially gravel. They are full of potholes. Never graded.

Local roads including gravel roads need to be maintained better especially in winter and grading timed suitably to avoid further damage.

Local roads need looking at/grading.

Local roads, mainly unsealed roads, blocked culverts.

Local roads. Fix Nelson Street. Fill in potholes add bike path from Highlands to Main Street.

Local roads. Upgrade - up keep high traffic areas.

Local roadsides. Litter. Fire hazards. Bypass road would be nice.

lot more grading and cleaning up road sides

Maintain roads in good order.

maintenance of the roads and bridges

Money needs to be spent on widening roads and putting in footpaths

Building and maintaining local roads

More often and done professionally

More road maintenance.

More sealed roads, more frequent maintenance, better designed ie safer roads - a case in point - shire resealed, John St but did not include drains at bottom of this steep road - result - floods. Hampton Street. Footpaths, drains and crash barriers needed on Blackwood Terrace - Hampton Street and Coronation St.

More work on verges in outlying roads

Move trucks off main street. So more can be done to make main street more attractive

No bypass towns die as a tourist i would not turn off to visit

Outer border areas where gravel roads are very poorly maintained. Need grading more often and in some cases resurfacing.

Outside contractors for road building and more road maintenance

Plan a bypass to decrease risk of fatalities in the main street.

Poorly graded gravel roads, especially Donnelly Mill Rd and Gomme Lane - Kingston. Always enormous pot holes, very dangerous.

Proper maintenance of all roads ie clean out sumps, culverts etc.

proper speed marking in townships and the covering of gravel accessways

Pruning or removal of dangerous trees along the roads throughout the Shire. Improving Peninsula Road (widening).

Re sheet dangerous roads with gravel, maintain bitumen roads and perform more regular drain and culvert maintenance.

Remove hazardous trees and improve maintenance

Road maintenance where needed, Winnejup Rd badly.

Road maintenance. Liase with Main Roads Dept. Temporary bypass first along railway line. Longer term plans for major bypass.

Road network made a top priority. Used by all residents and visitors.

Roads - beyond town and main highway, roads are shocking and poorly monitored. Third world standards in many areas.

Roads - poorly maintained gravel roads.

Roads and drainage should be maintained - that is what we pay rates for.
Local roads should be sealed

roads are crap

Roads are my main priority for shire funds.

Building and maintaining local roads

Roads like Campells Rd and Elwins Rd should not still be gravel in this day and age. Council allowed the development of sub-divisions in KangarooonGully including Bridgetown Gardens etc and funnelled all traffic along Turner rd (Steere St etc), which also puts pressure on the junction of Steere and Hampton Rd. Upgrading Campbell's would allow people to go to the tip more readily (no rubbish collection) and get in/out when heading north bypassing town. Most people avoid gravel roads if possible.

Roads within the townsite need better maintenance and drainage.

Roads, need to spend more money on roads.

Roads.

Roads. Have a road maintenance and upgrade program and keep to it employ more outside staff and sack office staff.

rural road safety improvement

Rural roads are 3rd world standard.

Safe roads are always required

Seal more roads and fix edges of others. Many are very unsafe. Bypass road for trucks!! In Bridgetown.

Sealing Elwin Road. Grading out potholes Elwins Road regularly if can't seal it.

Sealing gravel roads to make them safer

Sealing of roads and provision of council services for all properties within a certain distance from the Post Office.

Sealing of rural roads

Sealing roads outside the town centre where people live. Alternative route to Hampton St for trucks and traffic that has no intention of stopping.

Slow traffic down in small estate areas (local traffic areas).

Some gravel roads now need to be bitumenised as lots of dwelling on roads and still gravel. Talking about town itself.

some roads in town areas need more maintenance, footpaths in some areas are nonexistent

Some Shire roads are down to 10 km/h at some time of the year, and even at 10 still a rough ride.

Some shire roads, particularly out of town are poorly maintained.

Spend more money and time on the roads that everyone uses.

Sunridge drive in turning into a speedway. Put signs up and reduce speed on Whittells Rd and Sunridge drive to 50 km.

Surface all gravel roads in the town area as ratepayers pay the same rates as others who have street lights and bitumen roads.

Building and maintaining local roads

Take better care of present roads. Allow residents to maintain road verges.

Take the trucks off the main road and make that precinct livable

That all need fixing, hopefully then the school bus won't crash

The local roads around town are very dangerous. Pot holes everywhere and hard to get off the side.

The maintaining of inter town roads ie Bridgetown to Nannup , Bridgetown to Boyup Brook, not necessarily the roads but road shoulders

The roads are in a bad way in town and in rural areas.

Repair the local rural roads, many have pot holes and sides of roads slide away when raining.

The school bus had an accident in Lefroy Road. Walter Road continually has pot holes, large at times, at the beginning of the gravel section. Bitumenising would fix these problem areas.

The Shire has good road maintenance equipment but it's not being utilized to its full capacity.

The unsealed roads around the shire need to be maintained regularly over the year.

There are lots of local roads that are gravel with high amounts of traffic using them. Most of them are dangerous and mostly always in poor condition. Connell Rd in Hester for example is always in terrible condition, dangerous to drive on. Most people have to drive on the wrong side of the road to avoid ending up in a culvert.

Think seriously about the trucks through town. A bypass?? Think about the trucks everywhere else more passing lanes.

To allow the main strip to grow and thrive BYPASS IT! Unable to enjoy the area due to car's - trucks etc. 40km doesn't remove the hazard. Don't wait for a tragedy to make changes.

To make our roads & foot paths safe.

Too many roads are still not sealed and the ones that are, don't have lines on curbs or centre. Lack of pathways, street lighting. Good bus shelters for kids catching the school bus. Over hanging huge trees over bus stops and roads, need clearing. Fire hazards too.

Traffic main street needing bypass. Trucks and heavy traffic.

Trees too close to road verge in some areas. Especially Winnejup Road. Mockerdillip, Brockman Hwy, Hester and Tweed Road to name a few.

Try to get extra funding to upgrade our roads.

Upgrading roads that have been patched and patched and are like driving on a gravel road with pot holes and corrugation but are actually bitumen

We have too many gardeners and not enough outside staff. Not enough maintenance done on roads outside of township.

Widening roads, poor edges, better footpaths to Highlands Estate.

Footpaths, trails and cycleways

(Footpaths, Trails & Cycleways) Increase the number of these to key areas eg. From the town to the recreation area (football ground) and expand cycle paths/trails in that area to create an exercise area/tourist attraction for cyclists.

5-10 km bitumised cycle / walk path for exercising.

A footpath from the big estates, highlands, Bridgetown Gardens and four seasons into town.

A footpath/cycle path along Brockman Hwy and the river path so that kids can safely ride their bike to and from town and school

Actually build footpaths trails and cycleways for a start. Work with local cycle and walking clubs to figure out what the community wants in regard to this matter instead of stonewalling every idea presented.

Again relating to tourism. The shire could connect in a positive way by assisting with funding applications to create wonderful trails for horses, bikes, walking etc. This could lead to Annual Events which would bring tourists to town hence benefiting local business.

again your footpaths and cycle paths are left to be desired. I feel like I need to hire a 4wd do navigate most of the towns footpaths, cycling paths seem to be non existent

Apply more grants.

Areas around the main township need maintenance

Better footpaths to enable walking safely in and out of town.

Bridgetown has nothing out of town. I see young kids cycling down Nelson street in the morning, on the wrong side of the road, because they don't know any better. For their safety there should be a cycling proficiency test like the uk, but also there is plenty of room to build paths there.

Bridgetown is a beautiful and natural environment but does virtually nothing to build or promote it trails and paths. Other than horse trails but I'm not going to say anything on that. I know that there is funding for the river path to be developed but this should have been done years ago. Bridgetown is falling way behind other shires that do build and promote these aspects and thereby attract lots of interest and visitation. A missed opportunity.

build footpaths in town and not horse trails. The streets are hard enough to walk with the terrain, yet alone with no safe place to walk. Horse trails in the shire benefit only a few. Footpaths benefit the whole community

Build some footpaths so folk aren't falling over going to town. There's plenty of horse trails but no footpaths, esp difficult for seniors and quite offputting

Building cycle tracks and footpaths that allow cyclists and pedestrians to move between the most popular places (housing estates)

Can we have some more - great place to walk around but lacking in footpaths

Clean level footpaths for our elders.

Construct public cycleways throughout the town.

Footpaths, trails and cycleways

Construct trails within the shire reserves for cycling, running, walking that will attract families/tourists to the area.

Create a vision and subsequent plan for non motorised movement within the shire.

Create cycling/running paths.

Create more bicycle paths and safe walking paths. These need to be well maintained as we have an aging population and some of these trails are full of potholes and we could do with more of them in this beautiful area.

Create more safe walking and riding paths that do not have pot holes and are easily accessible, again for our aging population.

Cycle trails and mountain bike trails around town and using council land would be a great addition to the area, utilising the hilly bush areas and the blackwood river banks for tracks and paths could have great benefits for local health and tourism

Cycleways - marked more clearly if any? In town cycle parking spots (bike racks).

Cycleways.

Desperate need of sanctioned trails and road safety for cycling

Develop more cycleways

Develop more walking and bicycle tracks and maintain the existing ones. i.e Jarrah walk at Brockman Highway is a beautiful walk, but very neglected. See visitors book.

Do not bitumenise any more small attractive bush paths.

Do something about providing some decent cycleways. The number of people who come to town with their bikes and yet the cycle ways are crap. Look at Pemberton and Nannup. Around Greenbushes we have great walks but they are rubbish for riding. So tourists just pass through and go to Pemberton. The trails along the river are pretty rubbish too.

Ensure that footpaths are even for walking, there are many that are currently dangerous to walk on. Pave both sides of major roads e.g. Steere St and ensure that cars are not parked on footpaths. Groups of children from the primary school accessing the swimming pool cross this busy road twice on their way there and twice on their way back. If you are walking to the Library or the Rec Centre from town you are unable to walk on the path on the side that they are located on.

Fix dangerous footpaths (Steere St, East of railway crossing in particular).

Fix the footpaths, repair the broken paving, add bins along the way.

Make walking trails more accessible to all. Some benches along the way, some photo points. Good signage. Cycleways. Do we even have any? I've never seen a sign for a cycleway.

Add some sculptures and art. Make a walk through Bridgetown whether it be on a footpath, trail or cycleway a pleasant experience and something you will tell your friends about.

Fix things as they are needed. It's all good doing this kind of thing but you do need to do stuff and finish it.

Footpaths

Footpaths, trails and cycleways

Footpaths - encourage active transport to town to reduce reliance on vehicles (both health & wellbeing / sustainable gains)

Footpaths - inadequate sealed footpaths on all roads but especially steep roads which creates safety issues. Trails - very poor cycle tracks for road bikes - Tourism should increasingly focus on the huge market that is mountain bikes and road bikes by having excellent roads and trails.

Footpaths - none to new estates - you have to walk on road to highlands, 4 seasons and Kangaroo Gully not good for children, elderly (gophers), walkers/jogger.

Footpaths - to sports grounds. It's ridiculous kids / families / anyone needs a vehicle to safely get to the oval

Footpaths + cycleways. some roads in town areas need more maintenance, footpaths in some areas are nonexisting

Footpaths and maintenance of existing footpaths.

Footpaths are non existant in Greenbushes. No curb and guttering.

Footpaths are terrible. Cannot safely travel to the Highlands estate or Kangaroo Gully via bike or by foot.

Footpaths breaking up.

Footpaths etc - some areas of this town do not have footpaths where needed and others need attention (hazardous).

Footpaths from Highland Estate are non existent and more people are walking into town and there is no safe path to use.

Footpaths i.e. uneven surface need to be maintained & kept free of debris? Cycleway footpath (dual access) to sport oval, should be priority.

Footpaths in housing areas.

Developing the maintenance track on the railway line as recreational.

Footpaths in town are good. Trails and cycleways in reserve need to be monitised for weed control and tree limbs. Maybe working with already established volunteer weed controlers and plant ground covers (native) that supress weeds.

Footpaths need to be maintained - there are too many uneven, unsafe footpaths in Bridgetown eg Steere St. More walking trails etc. to be available.

Footpaths need to be properly maintained and new ones added. The river walk starting at the River Park is in a disgraceful state.

Footpaths need up grading and bicycle paths put in.

Footpaths needed in Highland and from Highlands down to town. There is no lighting at all past Nelson.

Footpaths to estates for children, elderly.

More signage for trails

Footpaths trail and cycleways are not suitable for prams, many are not maintained and very uneven for walking on being trip hazards.

Footpaths, trails and cycleways

Footpaths, trails & cycleways. We have some of the most beautiful pristine scenic surrounds. Footpaths, trails & cycleways will protect that and share it.

Footpaths, trails and cycleways. Better footpaths for seniors. Trails needs more - cycleways for tourism.

Footpaths.

Footpaths: Footpath in Nelson Street is a disgrace - sections are constantly covered in loose stones and debris.

Footpaths, Trails and Cycleways - The only trails that have ever been used for organised events etc are equestrian. This will bring a lot of tourists to town and make many many locals happy.

Further development of walktrails along the river and bushland. Look into using the railway reserve as a cycle / walking path between towns. (also from Greenbushes north if the redevelopment of the railway is unsuccessful). Further upgrading and development of cycle and walking trails in local reserves.

get on with the job so bringing in tourism

Have the footpaths for feet not vehicles. Try to educate drivers to stop and/or show awareness for foot traffic and vice-versa.

Horse trails, mountain bike tracks, walking, hiking, get more happening will bring in people, even might cost more locals involved. (River canoes, guided tours).

I cannot believe the shire is missing out on the cycling boom that is happening in all the shires that surround us! Nannup, Balingup, Pemberton and Collie have all clicked onto the economic benefits of cyclists. The race in Nannup this weekend has 750 competitors in it, how much money is that flowing into town? The Tour of Margaret River only just makes it to our shire through Greenbushes, obviously the organisers did not get the welcome to Bridgetown they may have liked. We have ideal terrain to connect into this bike craze. It seems if you want a horse trail, funding, anything, there are grants galore and anything is possible. But the minute you mention bikes, it gets shut down. Cyclists are known for sitting in town drinking coffee etc, how good would that be having more people on the street, makes a town look vibrant. Not sure what the grant writer does but there only seems to be a limited amount of grants come into the town, mainly horse orientated, as she is a horse rider and a few others in the shire. We don't even connect to the Munda Biddi, the number of people that ride that, even from oversea, and it appears our shire has made no effort to be involved in it some how. I think missing the whole cycling community is a travesty for our shire as it is growing and will continue to as people are becoming more aware of well being.

I have submitted a request to council for pathways to be constructed from Highlands to the central area of Bridgetown but no action has been taken as yet

I recently assisted an elderly woman who tripped on the path near IGA, this path is very uneven and with a large elderly population, poses an ongoing hazard and potential compensation claims against the shire. Mountain biking options would also be great, with greater development, and public awareness of them. More promotion of activities for younger groups in general would be great.

I would like to see a cycle/walk path from highlands down to a highway over pass bridge and then divide north and maybe running next to the rail reserves the over pass would be great for the safety of children crossing the highway

Footpaths, trails and cycleways

I would like to see a greater network of cycle, mountain bike paths. A greater connection of walks around the town for example the extension of the river path.

I would love the railway line being used as a cycle, walk path connecting the towns

If the railway line is never ever going to be re-opened between Bridgetown and Greenbushes, perhaps a section could be converted to a walk trail/cycle path. At least the river walk is being upgraded, it has been somewhat needing attention for some time.

Improve and expand walking trails; there are only three decent trails in Bridgetown and lots of opportunities to increase the number as we have a really beautiful environment with very limited access.

Improvements to main street of Bridgetown. More and better parking needed.

In the area of North Greenbushes there are no footpath & many areas nowhere on the side of the road to walk creating dangerous conditions. Walkways i.e. Kangaroo Gully to be upgraded so more walkers will use them

Include walk trail, path and track maintenance as part of the Shire's budget rather than rely on the pre-released prisoners or volunteers to do the work.

Infrastructure to main town, give tourists something to do when they get here. Cycle path Btn - Mjp. Blackwood river development.

Integrate to encourage their use, for tourists and for health. Not fun watching people trying to watch people walk along Turner. cars on footpaths

Just cycleways, when your older and you have young grandchildren staying it would be nice to have riding places.

Just having footpaths with street lighting might encourage more community spirit and tourism as the area can be beautiful but no one can risk rolling an ankle on a gum nut that hasn't been swept up in over four years ?

Keep developing bike/walking trails.

Lots of our footpaths are hazardous and need attention. Many areas require footpaths especially for school children, who have to walk on the road in some places.

Maintain parks and reserves and walking trails. Provide signage promoting our history flora and fauna.

Make footpaths up Steer St, it is so uneven. My gopha (ride on scooter) has to have nuts and bolts tightened up every few days.

More bike paths - trail rides for tourism. More walking trails for disability.

More cycleways

more cycleways in place for local community and great for tourism.
 Trail rides and more walking paths for local hikers.

More easily accessible, especially surface.

More footpaths around the town. One to highlands estate.

Footpaths, trails and cycleways

More footpaths in the south of the town around Coronation St. In this area of town children (and tourists) have to walk on the roads.

More of them, a sealed cycle route along the rail would be great up keep of trails

More safe cycle ways to suit ALL ages

More trails and dare I say it, cycle ways

Most of our trails/paths are gravel would be great to be able to push a pram, take a scooter, ride a bike, walk on a smooth surface somewhere beautiful

Most of the foot paths are pretty poor with a lot of loose rubble, cycleways are nonexistent. Trails are overgrown.

Mountain bike paths - people who visit may like mountain biking. They have to go to other towns to ride. Or stay in other towns.

Mountain bike trails should be developed to attract people to Bridgetown. This includes cycles paths into adjoining areas. I.e; a foot path that leads into kangaroo Gully. Currently the footpath stops at Giblett street on the top of the hill.

Need to promote tourism - walkways need upgrading. New walk trails with signage.

Old railway line is wasted space and could be made into a dual use cycle path, as done in Manjimup.

Our biggest attraction is our beauty. When people come here they need something to do. We haven't got a Gloucester Tree or similar big attraction. We have our lovely town vibe and the beauty of our surrounds. We need to promote both.

Paths, trails etc: Marked trails but don't landscape - keep it natural. Improve trails/paths to satellite areas - Kangaroo Gully, Bridgetown Gardens, Highlands etc. to make it easier for kids to walk/ride safely. Footpath on north side of Steere St so primary school kids don't have to cross road x 2 to get to rec centre. Crossing between rec centre area and surgery

Paths/Trails: Difficult in terms of town terrain but developing things like rail corridors access and links to adjoining locations is long overdue.

Pavements are poor.

Perhaps use some of the old railway line as a walk/cycle path. Take a look at what the Shire of Manjimup have done with their unused railway line - a proactive Shire.

plant trees , and remove dead trees before they fall on someone and kill them

Poor maintenance of existing infrastructure

Provide better cycleways/footpaths along the river to Balingup to Boyup Brook to Nannup to Manjimup.

Provide more footpaths along the river and other natural attractions for people to enjoy the beauty Bridgetown has to offer.

Footpaths, trails and cycleways

Put some effort into finishing off all the mountain bike trails instead of only focusing on equestrian trails and events. If trails are finished and approved and advertised it will bring a lot of tourists and please a lot of locals.

Repair to tree roots lifting footpaths on Steere St.

Safe footpaths are very important.

Seek funding - make Bridgetown the destination for walk trails/cycle trails etc

Seeking funding to improve and develop infrastructure already in place to make the area /town more accessible to a wide group of residents and visitors , actually showcase what it has to offer

Some would be good

Spend more money on providing pathways for residents that's are safe particularly in the new subdivisions where there are no proper pathways . Kids ride to school along roads that are narrow and have no cycle pathways from their place of residence to town.

The river walk to the west is in great need of serious work. Aesthetically it's an eye saw . It could become an amazing tourist attraction for walkers and cyclists alike. It needs some serious upgrading . Especially weed management . Listen to what residents are saying .

spend some money and get grants for something other than horse trails! have 3 executive officers push for horse trails which are extremely under utilized and brings no economical benefit to the shire is a conflict of interest.

The footpaths around the town need to be improved to make access for seniors and parents and disabled much easier. Also our shire has missed out on a big area of tourism by not moving forward and assisting community groups developing trails and cycleways in the community when cycling and walking are a big drawcard to visitors and locals alike.

The river walk needs upgrading

The town is expanding. The local sub developments should have better pedestrian access with a safe place to walk/ride into town and back.

The town is lacking in providing footpaths.

To encourage people to shop locally by making the main street safer for the young with small children and older people without road trains going past main shopping areas

To make our roads & foot paths safe.

Trails I would like foot, horse and bike trails to link areas of Bridgetown to avoid having to use SW Hwy to get from one area to another.

Upgrading of footpaths and many more provided

use railway as a walking cycle way.

We need a safe footpath and cycle way to get from Highlands into town.

Footpaths, trails and cycleways

We need more tracks, walk and cycle and motorcycle trails, in the surrounding area of the shire.
We need a first nation people information track telling the positives and negatives of history.

We need more. Don't have nearly enough good walking paths around Bridgetown

Well signposted and maintained bush trails.

Art trail expanded and walk trail joining town along railway reserve.

Widening trails for accessibility by disabled. Better trail marking, mapping, shared trails (walking, horse riding, mountain biking). Improving footpaths for safety. Create disabled accessible trail for railway reserve.