



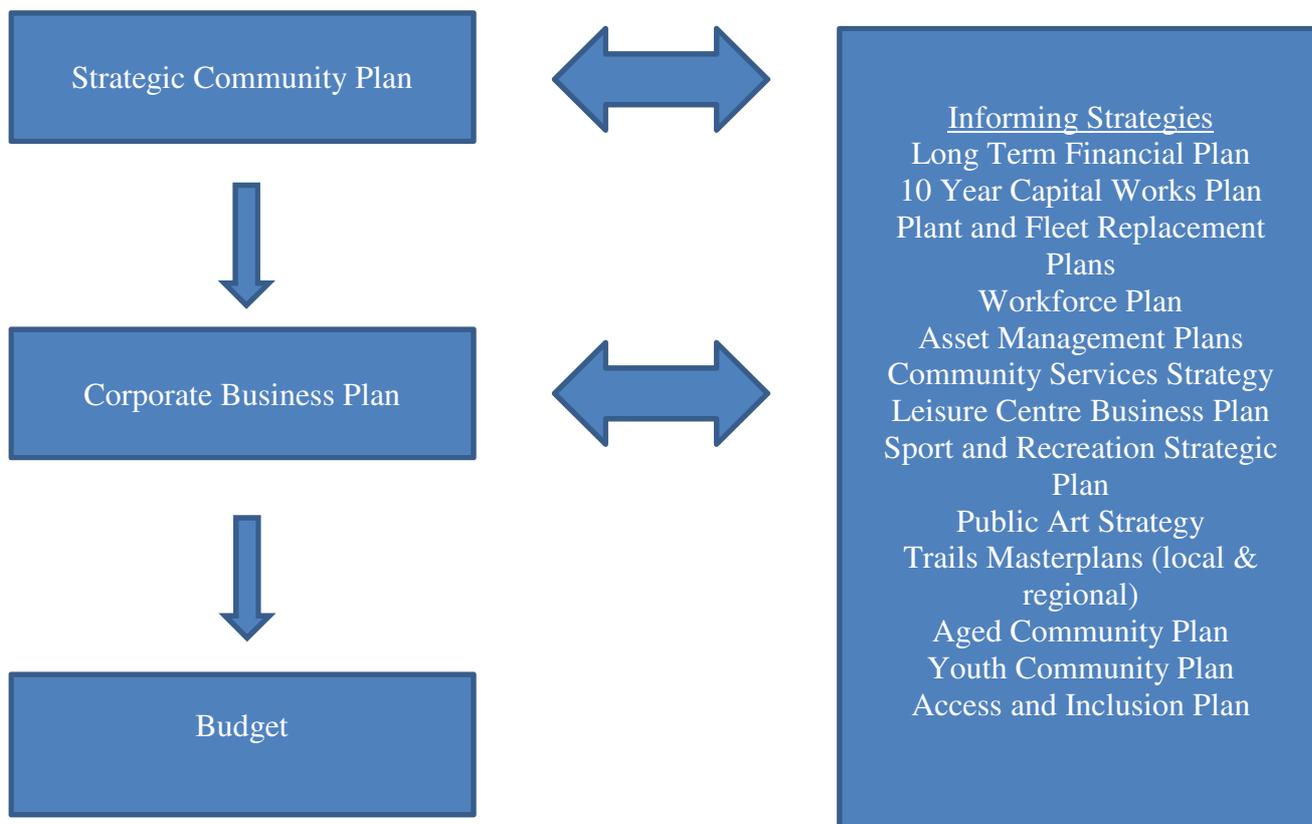
## Community Engagement Strategy Full Review of the Strategic Community Plan 2016/17

### Introduction

In 2016/17 Council will be conducting a full review of its Strategic Community Plan (SCP). The SCP was initially adopted in June 2013 and was subjected to an internal desktop review in 2015/16 where current strategies were reviewed and the wording tidied up where required. The intent of Council in completing the desktop review in 2015/16 was to be able to present a current SCP plan to the community for assessment and consideration in the community engagement process associated with a full review of the SCP.

### Council's Integrated Planning Framework

The figure bellows set out the suite of documents that together form the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes Integrated Planning Framework.



### **Recent/Current Community Engagement for Key Informing Strategies**

The following key informing strategies have either recently been reviewed or are currently under review and the findings of these will feed into the review of the Strategic Community Plan:

- Sport and Recreation Strategic Plan
- Age Friendly Seniors Plan
- Youth Friendly Plan

These reviews incorporated their own community engagement processes.

The review of the Sport and Recreation Strategic Plan was undertaken and completed in 2014/15 and involved consultation with many sporting clubs/groups.

The review of the Aged Friendly Seniors Plan involved direct consultation with the seniors sector and included workshops in Bridgetown and Greenbushes. This review was completed in 2015/16.

The review of the Youth Friendly Plan commenced in April 2016 and is expected to be completed in November 2016. This consultation is being aimed directly at youth and involves a number of interactive engagement processes.

A number of the other informing strategies are reviewed annually but do not involve direct community consultation. These are the reviews of the Corporate Business Plan, 10 Year Capital Works Program, Asset Management Plans and Leisure Centre Business Plan.

### **Community Survey 2015/16**

A community survey was released in August 2015 and was available for interested members of the public to participate over a 6 week period. A total of 211 persons completed the survey of which 191 (92.3%) were residents of the Shire with 16 (7.7%) being a non-resident property owner.

80.8% of the respondents were in the 40-79 year age bracket and only 0.5% in the 0-19 year bracket. Typically persons in 0-19 year age bracket are not high participants in general surveys and the best method of engaging with this sector is via specific youth orientated consultation. Hence the current review of the Youth Friendly Community Plan is extremely important and will be used to influence the strategies in Council's Strategic Community Plan.

The 2015/16 Community Survey allowed respondents to

- To rate their level of satisfaction with the Shire's overall performance.
- To rate and provide comments on how important 24 specific project proposals and new initiatives are for the future development and community well-being of the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes.
- To list and comment on additional projects/initiatives which they considered to be important to the future development of the Shire.

- To list and/or describe their greatest wish for the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes in 10-15 years?
- To describe what to them makes the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes a special place to live.
- To describe how they would like the environment to be in 10-15 years' time.
- To describe how in 10-15 years' time what economic prosperity will mean to them and how should it shape the community.
- To describe how in 10-15 years' time what social well-being would mean to them and how it should shape the community.

The 2015/16 Community Survey has provided good quality information on:

- The community's view of the Shire's overall performance;
- The community's view of current service delivery; and
- The community's view on possible future projects and initiatives.

A summary of the findings of the survey has been compiled in a report titled "Review of Strategic Community Plan; Report of Findings Community Survey 2015/16". A full copy of the results of the survey, including a list of all comments provided by respondents has also been prepared. Both documents are available for viewing in the library or online at [www.bridgetown.wa.gov.au/your-shire/publications](http://www.bridgetown.wa.gov.au/your-shire/publications) (click on "Strategic Community Plan")

The community engagement process for the full review of the Strategic Community Plan in 2016/17 will include community workshops and a public submission period. It is intended that at the community workshops a summary of the main findings of the 2015/16 community survey will be presented and used to facilitate further community engagement at those workshops.

### **"Bridging Success" Workshop Findings**

In December 2015 a "Bridging Success Workshop" was held in Bridgetown as part of the Emerging Community Leadership Program undertaken by local resident Lee Steinbacher. Whilst the aim of the workshop was "to ensure community groups flourish" there was a great deal of information recorded that could feed into the full review of Council's Strategic Community Plan. Council determined that the feedback from that workshop will be referenced in the review process.

A brief summary of the main findings of this workshop will be provided at the four community workshops to be held for the full review of Council's Strategic Community Plan.

### **Community Workshops**

Four workshops are proposed to be held, one each in:

- Bridgetown (Lesser Hall)

- Greenbushes (Greenbushes Hall)
- Catterick (Catterick Hall)
- Yornup (Yornup Hall)

An external facilitator will be engaged to facilitate the workshops. The workshops would be held in the evening over four consecutive days (Monday to Thursday).

A preliminary structure of these workshops is:

- Presentation on the makeup and structure of the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes Integrated Planning Framework
- Interactive session on why people are attending the workshops and the expectations they have in attending
- Presentation on the findings of the 2015/16 community survey
- Interactive session to discuss those findings – are they considered to be valid?
- Update and general discussion on the results of consultation on the Sport and Recreation Strategic Plan, Age Friendly Seniors Plan and Youth Friendly Plan
- Presentation on the progress and achievement of the key strategies contained in the 2013 Strategic Community Plan.
- Facilitated single group and small group visionary sessions to address the same questions that were contained in the 2015/16 community survey, being:
  - Projects/initiatives important to the future development of the Shire.
  - How they would like the environment to be in 10-15 years' time.
  - What economic prosperity will mean to them and how should it shape the community.
  - What social well-being would mean to them and how it should shape the community.

It is proposed that information such as the main findings of the Community Survey 2015/16, the “Bridging Success” workshop and reporting on the delivery of strategies in the 2013 Strategic Community Plan will be displayed at each workshop.

### **Community Drop-In Sessions**

Many people are either unable or disinclined to attend formal workshops therefore other mechanisms are proposed to seek their input into the review of the Strategic Community Plan.

With the community workshops being held in the evenings over four consecutive days there will exist an opportunity to hold several informal sessions in order to engage with passing members of the public. These sessions can be arranged either within a hall or outside such as at the Bridgetown Community Stall, a community garden or a sporting event such as a mid-week training session.

The specific format of these sessions will be determined in consultation with the workshop facilitator and councillors.

### **Community Engagement Dates**

It is intended the community workshops and all other community engagement will be completed by 31 December 2016 allowing Council time to formally adopt the full review of the Strategic Community Plan well before the due date of 30 June 2017.

The actual dates for the workshops and community drop-in sessions will be determined once a facilitator is appointed and will factor in the availability of the facilitator, councillors, key staff as well as considering other events or commitments that could potentially restrict participation by the community.

### **Community Engagement Report of Findings**

At the conclusion of the community engagement processes a report will be prepared and presented to Council with an overview of the findings of the various forms of community engagement.

Council will have regard to this report of findings when determining the review of its Strategic Community Plan. A Councillor workshop will be held (facilitated by same person as did the community workshops) as part of the Council considerations before a draft Strategic Community Plan is prepared and presented to Council.



**Review of Strategic Community Plan  
Report of Findings Community Survey  
2015/16**

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## 1. BACKGROUND

Section 5.56 of the Local Government Act 1995, requires WA local governments to Plan for the Future of the district. Amendments made in August 2011 to the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 state a Strategic Community Plan and Corporate Business, together form a Plan for the Future of a District.

In June 2013 Council adopted its Strategic Community Plan. This plan shares our visions and aspirations for the future and outlines how we will, over the next decade, work towards a brighter future for the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes community. The 2013 Plan was developed with full community participation including a survey, workshop and visioning session.

The Strategic Community Plan is a strategy and planning document that reflects the longer term (10+ years) community and local government aspirations and priorities.

The Strategic Community Plan responds to three questions put to the community and the local government:

- Where are we now?
- Where do we want to be?
- How do we get there?

The Strategic Community Plan prioritises community aspirations giving consideration to:

- Social objectives
- Economic objectives
- Environmental objectives
- Civic leadership objectives
- Factors such as changing demographics and land use.

The Integrated Planning Framework and Guidelines of the Department of Local Government and Communities states that at a minimum a desk top review of the Strategic Community Plan should be undertaken every two years (following Council Elections), and a full review and renewed long-term visioning process be conducted every four years thus ensuring the community priorities and aspirations are kept up to date and relevant.

Council values the input of electors and residents of the district highly and for this reason a survey of community attitudes about the services provided by the Shire and important issues that affect our whole community is undertaken.

The responses to these surveys will be used to obtain valuable feedback and ensure that the strategic priorities of the Council reflect these attitudes.

Initially the intention of Council was for the results of this survey to feed the desktop review of the Strategic Community Plan with that review to be completed by 30 June 2016. However advice received in December 2015 from the Department of Local Government and Communities clarified to all local governments that the deadline for full reviews of Strategic Community Plans was 30 June 2017 whereas many local governments (including the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes) had been working on the assumption that the full review process could occur four years after the adoption of the Strategic Community Plan and not that it had to be completed within that four year timeframe. This would have allowed the full review of the Strategic Community Plan to be commenced after the 2017 local government elections which was believed to be the intent of the Integrated Planning Framework and Guidelines. Council however has noted the advice from the Department of Local Government and Communities and will ensure that the full review of its Strategic Community Plan will be completed by 30 June 2017.

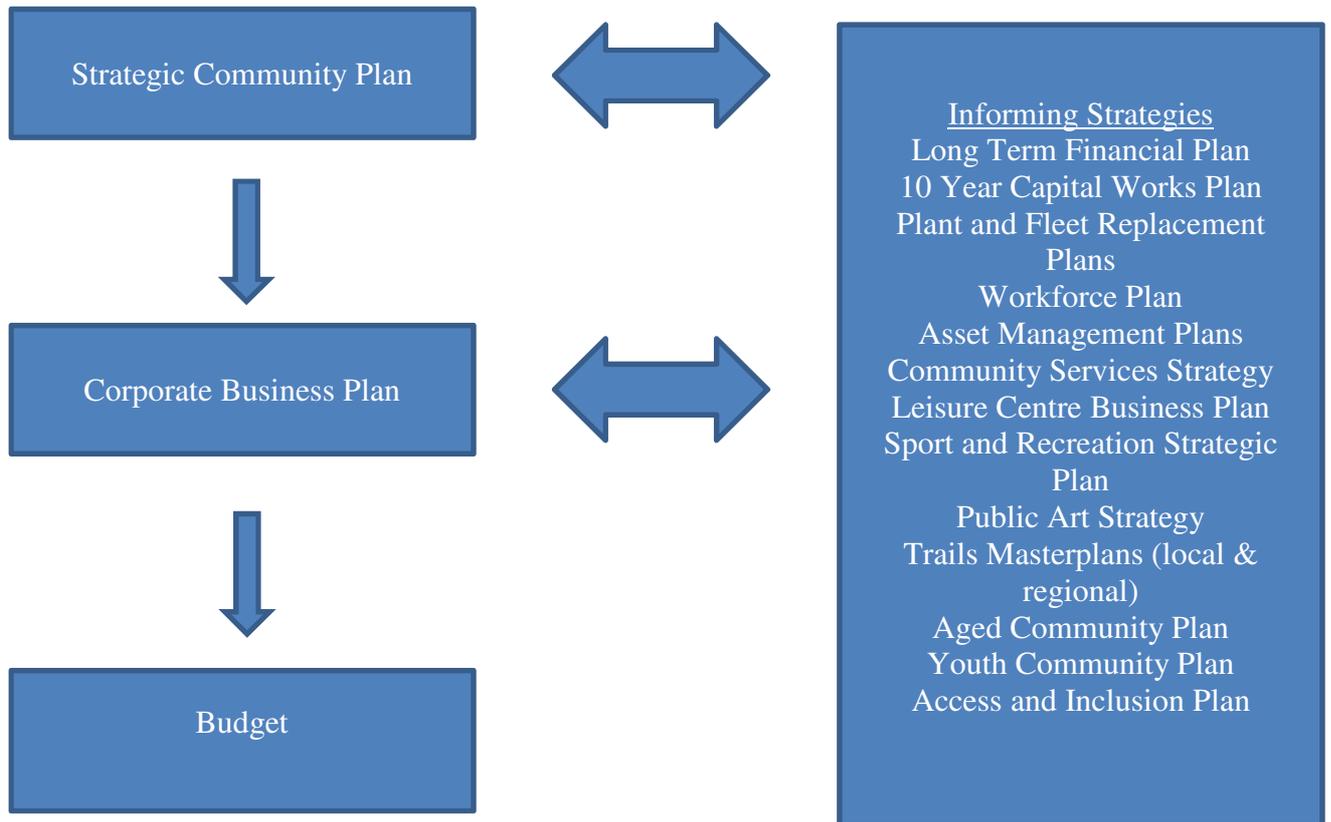
At the time of receiving the advice from the Department of Local Government and Communities this survey had been completed and assessment of the survey was being undertaken as part of the desktop review process. With the advice from the Department of Local Government and Communities in mind Council determined:

- To limit the desktop review process to a review of current strategies to confirm whether the strategies are still current as well as tidying up some of the wording of various strategies.
- To defer consideration of the community survey 2015 results with these results to feed into a full review of the Strategic Community Plan scheduled to commence in early 2016/17.

The community engagement process for the full review of the Strategic Community Plan in 2016/17 will include community workshops and a public submission period. It is intended that at the community workshops a summary of the main findings of this community survey will be presented and used to facilitate further community engagement at those workshops.

## 2. SHIRE OF BRIDGETOWN-GREENBUSHES INTEGRATED PLANNING FRAMEWORK

The figure bellows set out the suite of documents that together form the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes Integrated Planning Framework.



A number of the informing strategies have either recently been reviewed or are currently under review and the findings of these will feed into the review of the Strategic Community Plan. Some of these reviews incorporated their own community engagement processes, including for the Sport and Recreation Strategic Plan Access and Inclusion Plan, Youth Community Plan and Aged Community Plan.

### 3. METHODOLOGY

#### 3.1 Data Collection

At its April 2015 meeting Council endorsed the wording of the 2015 community survey.

The survey was released in August 2015 and was available for interested members of the public to participate over a 6 week period. Notice of the existence of the survey and response advice was provided via an Insight Newsletter article, Facebook posts, email notification on the 'Shire Bytes' email notification service. The survey was able to be viewed online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/bgstrategiccommunityplan2015>

The preferred means of completing the Survey was via online means however persons unable to complete the survey online were able to contact the Shire customer service staff to arrange for a hard copy to be forwarded to your mailing address. No such requests were received and all respondents participated online.

The survey consisted of 14 questions:

- Questions 1-4 were for the purpose of identifying the characteristics of the respondent – residential location, age and household structure.
- Question 5 was for respondents to rate their level of satisfaction with 34 different services or facilities. Respondents were able to provide comments to explain their rating if they wished.
- Question 6 was for respondents to rate their level of satisfaction with the Shire's overall performance.
- Question 7 allowed respondents to rate how important 24 specific project proposals and new initiatives are for the future development and community well-being of the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes.
- Question 8 allowed respondents to provide comments on the projects and initiatives listed in Question 7.
- Question 9 allowed respondents to list and comment on additional projects/initiatives which they considered to be important to the future development of the Shire.
- Question 10 asked respondents to list and/or describe their greatest wish for the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes in 10-15 years?
- Question 11 asked respondents to describe what to them makes the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes a special place to live.
- Question 12 asked respondents to describe how they would like the environment to be in 10-15 years time.
- Question 13 asked respondents to describe how in 10-15 years time what economic prosperity will mean to them and how should it shape the community.
- Question 14 asked respondents to describe how in 10-15 years time what social well-being would mean to them and how it should shape the community.

### 3.2 Participants

A total of 211 persons completed the survey although it is noted that not all persons responded to every question in the survey. 191 (92.3%) of respondents were residents of the Shire with 16 (7.7%) being a non-resident property owner.

The age breakdown of survey respondents is shown below:

<b>Age Bracket</b>	<b>Response %</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
0-19 years	0.5%	1
20-39 years	17.7%	37
40-69 years	70.8%	148
70-79 years	10.0%	21
80+ years	1.0%	2
Answered Question		209
Skipped Question		2

Australian Bureau of Statistics data from the 2011 Census confirmed that at that time the age breakdown of the Shire's population was 25.8% for ages 0-19, 15% for ages 20-39, 47.5% for ages 40-69, 7.7% for ages 70-79 and 3.1% for ages above 79 years. The most significant discrepancy in assessing the age of survey respondents and the Shire's age structure is the low level of participation in the 0-19 year age bracket. Typically persons in this age bracket are not high participants in general surveys and the best method of engaging with this sector is via specific youth orientated survey. Such a survey is currently being undertaken in the review of the Shire's Youth Friendly Community Plan and the results of that survey will be used to influence the strategies in that plan and ultimately Council's Strategic Community Plan.

Survey respondents were asked to best describe their household structure with a summary of these responses shown below:

<b>Description</b>	<b>Response %</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
Young single or couple with no children	4.3%	9
Family with oldest child aged under 12 years	18.8%	39
Family with oldest child aged 12-17 years	13.0%	27
Family with oldest child aged 18+ years still living at home	7.2%	15
Older single or couple with no children at home	49.5%	103
Other	7.2%	15
Answered Question		208
Skipped Question		3

Australian Bureau of Statistics data from the 2011 Census doesn't break down the data for singles and couples with children to the age of the children. The 2011 data does show that 51.3% of households are a couple without children and 35.5% are a couple with children. These statistics are comparable to the household structure of survey respondents.

### **3.3 Sampling Error**

Sample surveys take into account the study of a very small section of a population, so, there is always a certain amount of inaccuracy in the information obtained. This inaccuracy can be defined as sampling error. The estimated maximum sampling error for this survey with a sample size of 211 surveys is plus or minus 6.75%.

### **3.4 Ratings Questions**

Respondents were asked in separate questions to rate their satisfaction with the Shire's overall performance, their satisfaction with current services or facilities provided by the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes and to rate the level of importance they placed on a number of project proposals and new initiatives that could contribute to the future development and community well-being of the Shire.

## 4. SURVEY FINDINGS

The survey questions were designed to determine the following:

- The community's view of the Shire's overall performance;
- The community's view of current service delivery; and
- The community's view on possible future projects and initiatives.

A summary of the findings of the survey are presented below. A full copy of the results of the survey, including a list of all comments provided by respondents can be obtained from the Shire Library or online at [www.bridgetown.wa.gov.au/your-shire/publications](http://www.bridgetown.wa.gov.au/your-shire/publications) (click on "Strategic Community Plan")

### 4.1 Overall Shire Performance

Respondents were asked to rate their opinion on what best describes their level of overall satisfaction with the Shire's performance using the options of 'Highly Satisfactory', 'Satisfactory', 'Neither Satisfactory or Unsatisfactory', 'Unsatisfactory' and 'Highly Unsatisfactory'.

The responses were scale rated as follows:

Highly Satisfactory – 10/10  
Satisfactory – 8/10  
Neither Satisfactory or Unsatisfactory – 6/10  
Unsatisfactory – 4/10  
Highly Unsatisfactory – 1/10

Of the 181 responses received:

- A mean rating of 7.54 shows respondents considered performance to be just below satisfactory.
- 11.6% of respondents were highly satisfied and 61.8% satisfied with the Shire's overall performance.
- No respondents were highly dissatisfied and 8.3% dissatisfied with the Shire's overall performance.

### 4.2 Service Delivery Satisfaction Ratings

Respondents were asked to rate their satisfaction with 34 different services or facilities. The responses were scale rated as follows:

Satisfied 10/10  
Not Satisfied 1/10  
No Opinion 5/10

The results, listed in descending order from highest satisfaction rating to lowest are set out on the following page.

Answer Options	Satisfied	Not satisfied	No opinion	Rating Average	Response Count
Public Toilets	153	20	11	8.72	184
Visitor Centre Services	143	13	26	8.64	182
Community 'Christmas in the Park'	133	4	45	8.57	182
Playgrounds/Town Parks/Skate Parks	145	26	13	8.38	184
Entry Statements/Town Centre Gardens	144	30	10	8.26	184
Shire 'Insight' newsletter	133	19	30	8.24	182
Australia Day' breakfast	124	8	50	8.23	182
Street Lighting	138	28	18	8.14	184
Waste services - rubbish tip	134	27	21	8.09	182
Summer 'Outdoor Movie' festival	119	12	51	8.01	182
Provision of walk trails, bridle trails, cycleways	133	29	21	8.00	183
Street/roadside tree pruning	124	27	30	7.83	181
Town roads maintenance	129	35	19	7.76	183
Thank a Volunteer' function	106	9	66	7.73	181
Waste services - rubbish/recycling collection	124	35	22	7.65	181
Recreation Centre	125	39	21	7.54	185
Festival and event funding support	103	26	52	7.27	181
Crime Prevention (cctv, lighting, etc)	102	29	50	7.18	181
Support for volunteers	90	16	71	7.18	177
Provision of car parking areas	120	51	12	7.16	183
Community engagement	104	39	30	7.10	173
Support for arts and culture	100	45	37	6.76	182
Rural roads maintenance	94	39	47	6.74	180
Shire website	87	31	62	6.73	180
Disabled/Infirm parking	73	19	90	6.59	182
Bridgetown Sportsground facilities	78	28	78	6.51	184
Cemetery management	51	16	115	6.05	182
Weed control - shire reserves	71	46	61	5.96	178
Aged services	55	28	93	5.93	176
Support and facilities for the aged	62	37	79	5.91	178
Shire Facebook page	42	15	119	5.85	176
Greenbushes Sportsground facilities	31	10	140	5.64	181
Weed control - road reserves	70	68	43	5.43	181
Youth services	38	66	74	4.58	178
<b>answered question</b>					<b>189</b>
<b>skipped question</b>					<b>22</b>

### 4.3 Project Proposals and New Initiatives Importance Ratings

Respondents were asked to rate the importance they placed on 24 project proposals and new initiatives – the importance being assessed by each respondent on how it would contribute to the future development and community well being of the district.. The responses were scale rated as follows:

- Essential Importance 10/10
- Important 7/10
- Not Important 1/10
- No Opinion 4/10

The results, listed in descending order from highest satisfaction rating to lowest are set out below:

<b>Answer Options</b>	<b>Essential</b>	<b>Important</b>	<b>Not important</b>	<b>No opinion</b>	<b>Rating Average</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
Shire financial support to community groups (community grants/service agreements)	90	67	10	7	8.09	174
Preservation of historic buildings	91	63	16	5	7.93	175
Development of dedicated youth facilities	92	55	16	12	7.82	175
Greater funding of local tourist promotion	71	68	25	5	7.28	169
Improvement of sporting facilities	51	100	10	16	7.25	177
Shire funded development of aged accommodation	68	73	20	14	7.24	175
Enhancement of Visitor Centre services	66	77	24	5	7.23	172
Improvements to disability access	55	83	12	21	7.18	171
Improvement of town parks, entry statements, town centre gardens	56	95	21	4	7.17	176
Sustainability projects (air emissions, transition towns, food miles programmes)	64	65	25	18	6.93	172
Development of new playgrounds/enhancement of existing playgrounds	45	91	28	11	6.62	175
Development of public art	47	76	37	13	6.31	173
Provision of an annual white goods kerbside collection	42	80	37	14	6.20	173
Development of building for accommodation of community groups	57	62	49	8	6.16	176
Introduction of an annual greenwaste kerbside collection	49	68	43	11	6.16	171
Development of an outdoor performance venue (stage, lighting, etc)	43	76	41	11	6.12	171
Development of recreational/adventure/extreme sports trails	37	77	42	16	5.90	172
Extension of sewerage scheme in Bridgetown	39	62	42	27	5.73	170
Extension of kerbside waste collection services into areas not currently serviced	27	79	38	31	5.63	175
Introduction of a kerbside organic waste collection service	35	66	57	15	5.37	173
Improvements to cemeteries	13	77	33	45	5.25	168
Expansion of street lighting	20	71	61	20	4.87	172
Development of a Bridgetown to South Coast regional bridle trail	20	59	56	36	4.75	171
Local Government Reform - Potential amalgamation with one or more other local governments	22	38	78	28	4.07	166
<b>answered question</b>						<b>181</b>
<b>skipped question</b>						<b>30</b>











**4.9 When you think of the future of the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes in 10-15 years time, what will economic prosperity mean to you and how should it shape the community?**

The above question was posed to survey respondents. The term “economic prosperity” was defined in the question to mean what sort of jobs and businesses will be in the respondent’s town.

The most common responses were:

- Need more local jobs
- Jobs for younger people
- Tourism is a potential growth area for jobs
- Food tourism is a potential focus area
- Need to remember agriculture is an important part of our economic base
- Support our existing small businesses
- Support the establishment of home businesses and cottage industries
- More light industry lots
- Need for residents to shop local and create job growth

The word cloud on the following page provides an overview of the responses. The most common responses are reflected as larger and bolder text.





## 5 CONCLUSION

Council, at its March 2016 meeting resolved:

That Council:

1. *Adopt the revised Strategic Community Plan 2016 following the desktop review process with the following minor changes (not listed here for the purposes of brevity).*
2. *Undertake to complete a full review of the Strategic Community Plan, including further community engagement, by 30 June 2017.*
3. *Request the CEO to report back on the findings of the community survey 2015 by July 2016.*
4. *That the findings of the community survey 2015 and the “Bridge of Success” Workshop book of proceedings be used to initiate the community engagement process for the full review of the Strategic Community Plan in 2016/17.*
5. *Request the CEO to report back by May 2016 on the recommended community engagement process for the full review of the Strategic Community Plan in 2016/17, including budget considerations.*

Instead of reporting to the May 2016 meeting on the recommended community engagement process the CEO raised the issue for discussion at the budget workshop held on 4 May 2016. Via this discussion an amount of \$15,000 was recommended for allocation in the 2017/18 budget to cover the costs of an external facilitator to run the community workshops and any other community engagement initiatives.

It is intended the community workshops and all other community engagement will be completed by 31 December 2016 allowing Council time to formally adopt the full review of the Strategic Community Plan well before the due date of 30 June 2017.

In December 2015 a “Bridging Success Workshop” was held in Bridgetown as part of the Emerging Community Leadership Program undertaken by local resident Lee Steinbacher. Whilst the aim of the workshop was “to ensure community groups flourish” there was a great deal of information recorded that could feed into the full review of Council’s Strategic Community Plan. Council determined that the feedback from that workshop will be referenced in the review process.

The community workshops will feature an introductory section where the findings of the community survey and the findings of the recent or current reviews of the various informing strategies will be summarised for those in attendance. This will hopefully avoid too much repetition of the issues addressed in those informing strategies, noting of course that if those in attendance at the community workshops wish to further discuss those matters that can be part of the workshop considerations.



## **REVIEW OF STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLAN RESULTS OF COMMUNITY SURVEY UNDERTAKEN IN 2015**

Note this document contains the full data from the community survey. A condensed report of findings document has been prepared and is available for inspection

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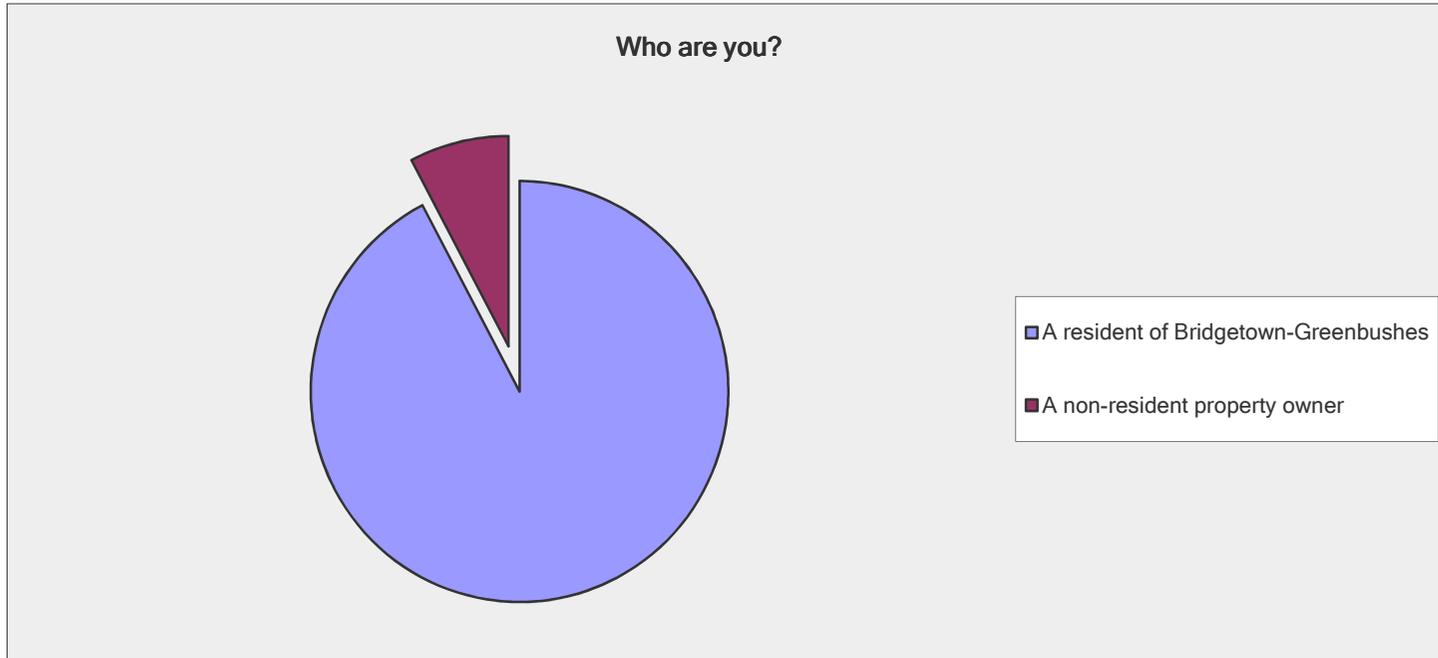
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Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Name	99.3%	150
Address	97.4%	147
Address 2	15.9%	24
City/Town	98.7%	149
State/Province	97.4%	147
ZIP/Postal Code	98.7%	149
Country	84.8%	128
Email Address	94.0%	142
Phone Number	84.1%	127
	<i>answered question</i>	<b>151</b>
	<i>skipped question</i>	<b>60</b>

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### 2. Who are you?

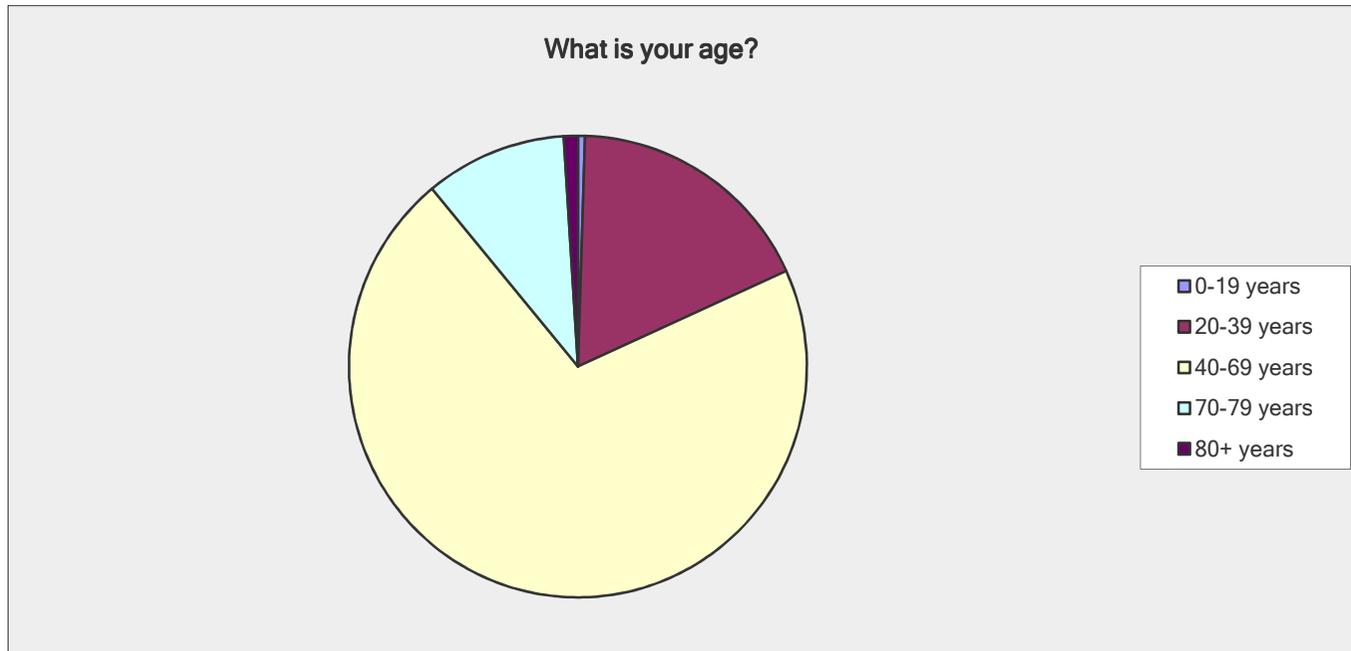
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
A resident of Bridgetown-Greenbushes	92.3%	191
A non-resident property owner	7.7%	16
<i>answered question</i>		<b>207</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>4</b>



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### 3. What is your age?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
0-19 years	0.5%	1
20-39 years	17.7%	37
40-69 years	70.8%	148
70-79 years	10.0%	21
80+ years	1.0%	2
<i>answered question</i>		<b>209</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>2</b>

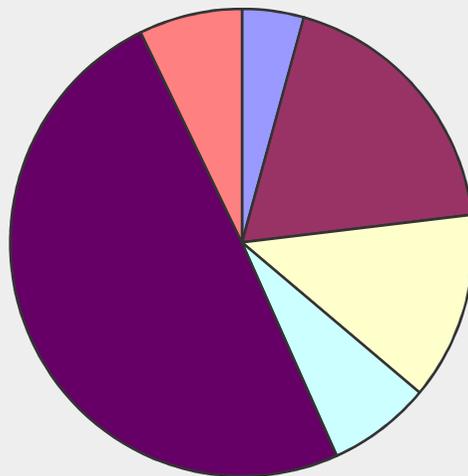


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### 4. Which of the following best describes your household?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Young single or couple with no children	4.3%	9
Family with oldest child aged under 12 years	18.8%	39
Family with oldest child aged 12-17 years	13.0%	27
Family with oldest child aged 18+ years still living at home	7.2%	15
Older single or couple with no children at home	49.5%	103
Other	7.2%	15
<i>answered question</i>		<b>208</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>3</b>

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- Other

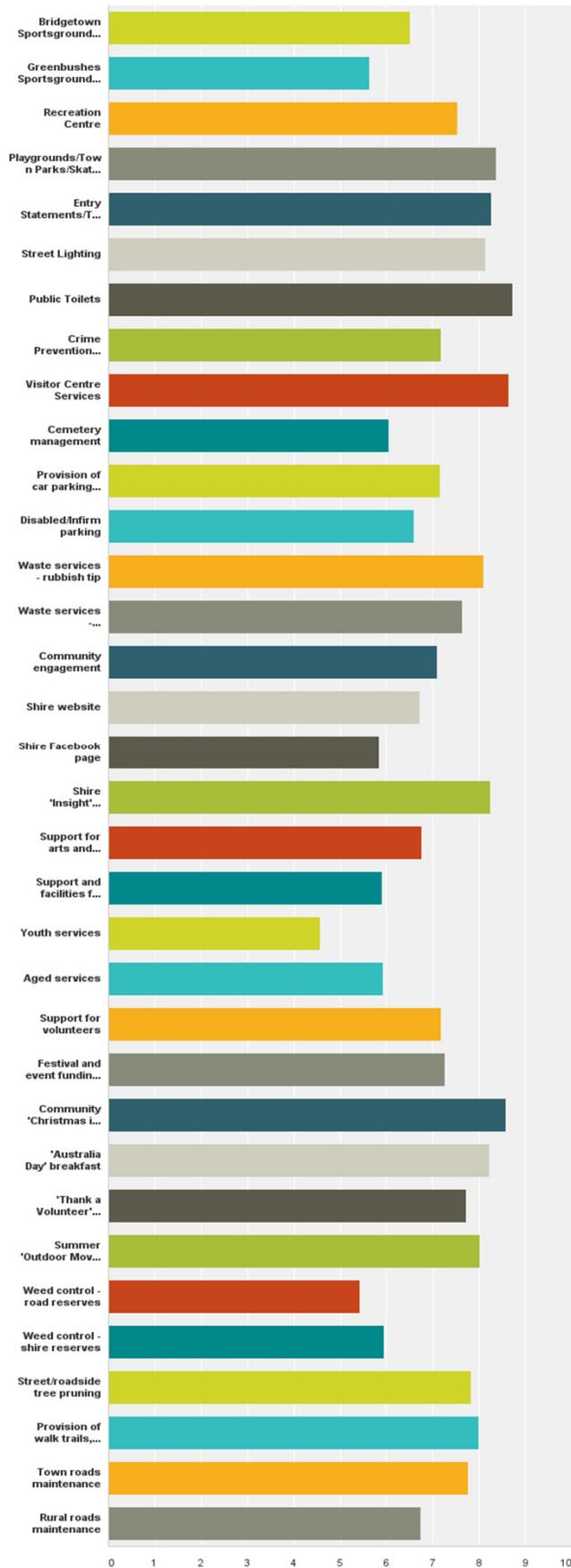
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Please rate your level of satisfaction with the following services provided by the Shire (Data tabulated in order of satisfaction from high to low)

Answer Options	Satisfied	Not satisfied	No opinion	Rating Average	Response Count
Public Toilets	153	20	11	8.72	184
Visitor Centre Services	143	13	26	8.64	182
Community 'Christmas in the Park'	133	4	45	8.57	182
Playgrounds/Town Parks/Skate Parks	145	26	13	8.38	184
Entry Statements/Town Centre Gardens	144	30	10	8.26	184
Shire 'Insight' newsletter	133	19	30	8.24	182
Australia Day' breakfast	124	8	50	8.23	182
Street Lighting	138	28	18	8.14	184
Waste services - rubbish tip	134	27	21	8.09	182
Summer 'Outdoor Movie' festival	119	12	51	8.01	182
Provision of walk trails, bridle trails, cycleways	133	29	21	8.00	183
Street/roadside tree pruning	124	27	30	7.83	181
Town roads maintenance	129	35	19	7.76	183
Thank a Volunteer' function	106	9	66	7.73	181
Waste services - rubbish/recycling collection	124	35	22	7.65	181
Recreation Centre	125	39	21	7.54	185
Festival and event funding support	103	26	52	7.27	181
Crime Prevention (cctv, lighting, etc)	102	29	50	7.18	181
Support for volunteers	90	16	71	7.18	177
Provision of car parking areas	120	51	12	7.16	183
Community engagement	104	39	30	7.10	173
Support for arts and culture	100	45	37	6.76	182
Rural roads maintenance	94	39	47	6.74	180
Shire website	87	31	62	6.73	180
Disabled/Infirm parking	73	19	90	6.59	182
Bridgetown Sportsground facilities	78	28	78	6.51	184
Cemetery management	51	16	115	6.05	182
Weed control - shire reserves	71	46	61	5.96	178
Aged services	55	28	93	5.93	176
Support and facilities for the aged	62	37	79	5.91	178
Shire Facebook page	42	15	119	5.85	176
Greenbushes Sportsground facilities	31	10	140	5.64	181
Weed control - road reserves	70	68	43	5.43	181
Youth services	38	66	74	4.58	178
<i>answered question</i>					<b>189</b>
<i>skipped question</i>					<b>22</b>

**Q5 Please rate your level of satisfaction with the following services provided by the Shire:**

Answered: 189 Skipped: 22



Comments Provided with Responses to Question 5
<b>Bridgetown Sportsground Facilities</b>
Can only comment on the Bowling Club, Tennis Club and Golf Club. All excellent
Facilities are poor and out dated
Work needs to be done to improve the facilities
We hardly have anything, just the Trotting Ground where they also play football
Only a football field, not well maintained or suitable for general sporting use.
its good quite central easy for people to get to.
It is a barren place needing extensive landscaping improvements
More lights are needed
To scattered and hard one to resolve. Main town oval is out of town and under-utilised by the average resident. It would be great to see the shire help the Showgrounds people to upgrade that oval and its facilities, use it more for town events as it is within walking distance of town.
Bridgetown oval requires a revamp
Don't use them
No multipurpose sportsground
Don't use these
but with the proviso that the changing rooms are sub standard and urgently need upograting please!
yet to utilise facilities
toilets need an upgrade
Would love a heated pool!
I rarely go there, but when I do it seems satifactory
Too far from town and not really available for use outside of sporting events
Needs an upgrade
Our pool is still yet to be completed and sports oval lacks facilities
No Soccer grounds within Bridgetown
Taking too long to build pool.
Be good to see a small playground for young children like other towns have
I think we have good facilities for a small town
change rooms and Shire owned kiosk need upgrading
Some upgrade is always needed
It's fine as it is
I've not used them so not in a position to comment
<b>Greenbushes Sportsground Facilities</b>
Needs parking, including better access for disabled.
dot go to greenbushes often
Never been there
you have grounds that arent looked after but some in good quaity but don't get used

The grass needs to be treated for weeds and mown regularly. We love going there and use the hockey goals for soccer for the kids. The oval is full if holes which mean you can easily twist an ankle. The basketball/netball courts are great but the net on the rings need to be replaced.
No shade
Don't use these
i have no need to use greenbushes sports ground
I go a couple of times during the summer soccer competition. I are very satisfied.
Although a cover over the courts would be good.
I've not used them so not in a position to comment
<b>Recreation Centre</b>
Services have declined with the closing of the creche. Now less classes available and less equipment with the new configuration. I will not be renewing my membership next year unless more class times
An excellent venue with great activities
Need to recify gym overcrowding and have improved access
Waiting and watching developments could be more plus more disabled parking
Very good
The moving of the gym equipment to the downstairs room was a really bad idea! Not enough space
Gymnasium too small, roof leaks EVERY winter, only summer ventilation are the doors opened
Satisfied however there is room for improvement.
waste of money
Great staff, excellent facility. Looking forward to the complex being merged with the new pool area.
Not suitable or available for dancing. A popular pastime and recreation
though concerned about the gym in smaller space
very good
Excellent, great equipment
Limited hours
The gym has moved and is to cramped
very noisy some nights with instructors shouting
Gym needs extended hours, Friday night and over weekends
Have never used it but it is an asset to town
Closed over Christmas and New Year when we want to exercise; hope the joining with the pool will mean longer open hours and better numbers.
Don't use these
but why was the Gym moved downstairs without any community consultation to determine if this new use of facilities was the best for overall community needs - the new gym facility is very small
there should be a heated indoor hydrotherapy pool of at least 10 metres
Too many changes without good reason
Gym needs to be extended. Equipment been out of order for over 3 months waiting for an electrician. Needs more weight equipment ie kettle bells , ladders, spin bike
Not cater for aged with minor disability
I am unable to attend due to no creche facilities being available
i would like to see more air ventilation options during the summer months
Need a heated pool or hydrotherapy facility

Would be nice if the outside area by gym could be used eg for boxing and crossfit workout.
A creche is required
Better with a creche
I go once a week. Everything is great.
A great pity about the decision to close the creche for those parents who have small children.
I am satisfied with the kids activities, but admit I dont use the gym as the hours are a bit all over the place. Not happy about the creche closing - what a mistake!!!
Need to maintain regularly gym equipment very annoying when you pay for a service and equipment is out of order
Although a grand stand for seating would be nice.
A crèche is needed for us mums!
Not Much if anything for people with disabilities or any activities for those who may not be as fit or can't get up and down off the floor. Hopefully the new pool will be more assessable for people with
There needs to be family membership and a payment plan to make it easier for families and FIFO workers.
Very unhappy to lose the crèche. I now have to wait until child attends school to go to the gym. This means you lose about four years of full fee membership from me.
The pool revamp should of made the pool indoors to get usage all year round
No Creche
Old gym equipment, but gym classes are great.
Loss of crèche facilities.
Absolutely pathetic, can't just go and shoot a few hoops on the weekend . Should also be FREE to shoot hoops with children
Great to hear a 24 hour gym will be made available
Parking needs some serious attention
Although with the age of population and indoor pool facility would have been better utilised all year round
Disappointed that a open air pool was selected but at least the ducks will have somewere to swim again and pollute the surrounds
<b>Playgrounds/Town Parks/Skate Parks</b>
Skatepark has so much potential, but desperately needs upgrading, shade sails. Consult the kids using it. Please develop a Nature Playplayground, perhaps around Somme creek.
There are many ideas for childrens playgrounds which encourage the children to explore and use their imaginations rather than just the sterile plastic models which seem to be the rage. Yes I know that there is the duty of care etc however they could be much more imaginative.
The parks in this shire are used on a regular basis by lots of different people which I think shows that the standard is of a high level. The only regret I have is that there isn,t an enclosed area for people to exercise their dogs off the leash.
Bridgetown is well serviced with parks - River Park, Somme Creek, Memorial Park
Highlands families would really appreciate a playground for the kids
We only have one park in town with any facilities, more parks would be great
Absolute joke. grass left all over the paths from mowing and the dog shit. go and have a look
The park at highlands should have been developed by now. There are enough ratepayers there
Skate Park needs a bit of an upgrade
Memorial Park playground could be a bit more innovative
Take young grandson to parks and skate park.
always well maintained
Playground needed at Highlands Estate
They have been improved a lot and are much better

Good variety. Well maintained
greenbushes skate park needs a bit of love
nice to have a youth centre
all the one I see has well used
Excellent, river park, memorial and skate all frequented by our family
need more nature play type playgrounds, bring back wooden stuff including the Barque Bridgetown
Skate park has so much more potential, needs maintenance
Would like to see more of similar venues for youth
when are we going to get the appropriate (not heavy metal units) units in nthe Somme Creek fitness trail - there are plenty of excellent wooden isometric systems that would get much greater use
I would like to see more dog friendly (off leash) areas in the shire
Great for a town this size - but can we afford it?
water fountain needs fixing
More nature play based areas would be a nice option for families to visit
Need another playground near the library, skatepark & swimming pool to occupy younger siblings
Envy Manjimup Timber park
Would be great to have fitness equipment in Boat Park so can exercise whilst children play. Not safe at Somme Creek for young children
Skate park could offer a lot more
Neat and tidy. Safe and welcoming
The skatepark half pipe is incomplete and dangerous. However the other parks are lovely
Parks are wonderful the skate park being extended or covered would be great for kids
Not entirely dissatisfied, but parks could contain more interesting structures for children. Take a look at the timber park in Manjimup, their resources are outstanding. I regularly take my child there because of that park's quality, and inevitably I do some shopping while I am there. If our parks had all those great pieces of equipment, more of my money would remain in this town!
Very happy with the "boat park", library park and river park
Great, safe parks for kids.
Playgrounds are ok, river and town. Toilet facilities are always grotty, and are disgusting at the scare park
Play equipment needs updating by river and the boat park for kids 8 and up like a zip line
skate park needs finishing for users safety
Skate park needs completion
Great for teenage boys and younger. Not sure how well attended it is by young girls though
very well kept; clean and tidy
No rubbish or graffit
Road surface can be improved
information bays need updating.
plants not watered no flowers its not bright and welcoming
Should be more investment to encourage passing traffic to stop. Bigger Welcome Statements
some are stunning at certain times of the year - the entrances could be enhanced
Maintained well; the new trees by the old railway line and paved area is beautiful; entry walls are great.

need more imagination, who thought up "simply beautiful" , absolutely wishy washy
The shire building should have plants in the brick box areas on Hampton St
Miss the Giant Wheelbarrows
bridgetown is a beautiful town
Looks good.
The east entry and info area is looking a little sad.
I love Bridgetown
ground maintenance - grass full of prickles
Doing a lovely job here, keep it up.
Although the rock work entry statement on both sides of town look great, it is hard to read what it actually says.
No shade on new railway reserve paved area
<b>Street Lighting</b>
No street lighting where I live and the nearest is at the end of the street on Giblett St
Would like it to look more in keeping with the history of the town. Make it look Victorian while maintaining the quality of the light.
It would be good to have the Council progressively convert the current lights to solar powered lights such as what has occurred in Manjimup
though still need to carry a torch to walk along the footpath or road verge
Definitely need a street light at the corner of peninsula and Hampton. This is the road going to the hospital and there are no lights either side of this street
The new carpark next to the town news agency has no lights on at night. No lights at night for the lower stretch of Phillips Street before reaching the new Lodge. .
Needs regular checks to make sure they are working.
Need a few more light especialy towards Peninsular Rd
Good enough on main routes.
black holes with in the street lighting , who replaces lights when they aren't working
Very dark in Spencer St which is in town
Very poor lighting outside of the town centre
town is well lit but then it seems very dark around the rest of the suburbs
in town the street lighting is ok but the outer streets i think could have more
I don't often go to town at night, but it seems ok.
Certainly could use some more lighting for those who walk at night
i don't go out much a night but when I do, the places I go are well lit.
I do not have street lights in my area
More needed outside the schools especially St Brigids
Needs more near schools.
Out side St bridig's school would be good
Pioneer St needs lighting
<b>Public Toilets</b>
Always clean and tidy
I only know of one public toilet and that is in the centre of the town otherwise need to go to one of the hotels

Toilet in Hampdon St needs better cleaning
Block in the middle of town (adjacent to the Emporium) often in a poor state
Council keeps them clean, very important.
very shabby. need an upgrade
Usually kept very clean
During the Blues last year the main street toilets were closed far too early. People were lining up and the doors were locked.
Disabled/Parent's toilet at River Park needs a baby change table as advertised on the door
The Shire offers a lot of public toilets for visitors and locals however I feel that the River Park toilets should be cleaned more regularly during peak periods such as when there are events or school holidays
full points to the cleaner. we have the cleanest toilets in the south west
need painting and a good clean
Never used them
These have improved a lot in the last few years.
Need to be wheelchair and disable friendly
Would like to see some more somewhere in the town square where visitors park
They're always disgustingly smelly. No paper towels. A poor reflection on the town
very good
The skate park one is always horrible; the others okay
Poor toilet paper and difficult to use
Kept very clean compared to toilets in other Shires
always very clean
Need to change brand of toilet paper as it shreds and shreds....impossible to get out without leaving a mess! Some soap dispensers would be good
Perhaps clearer signage, particularly for visitors
Need to provide condom vending machines
Greenbushes toilets need to be cleaned more often and they also need to tidied up eg painting. Bridgetown toilets are cleaned everyday therefore are very nice to use
Clean and functional
Could be better maintained.
Would be useful to have toilets at the other end of town (lolly shop end)
Clean, tidy, accessible and plentiful
Always clean and well placed
Toilets always clean
Not always clean
Disappointed. Very dirty
very clean
Always clean.
Very well kept and clean and tidy; good job!
The lattice at the toilets near the Christmas Shop has been broken for over 2 years - looks terrible and needs fixing
<b>Crime Prevention (cctv, lighting, etc)</b>
Unaware but perhaps that means it is good

I have no information to be able to commentary
We have no cctv as far as I am aware
should be more and monitored
there should be cctv in places that have vandalism and it should be signposted
Definate improvement since cctv has been installed and lighting at Memorial Park is excellent.
Insufficient tension to vandalism and theft
Lived here for six months never seen a police car on the roads
Don't think it will be necessary in a small town like this.
Lighting at night see above comments
Need cctv at community garden - vandalism happening
Need more especially when the get the swimming pool up and going.
I do not like CCTV or the use of it though I do understand that it has its uses in hotspots
More CCTV units required
Increase if budget available
Fine - not a fan of CCTV
Do not support cctv
More would be better.
do we even have cctv
Can't say that I have noticed these.
Need further lighting
Can we have a community officer who sticks around for longer than 4 years.
Would be good to see cctv on Main Street
I think the police do an excellent job of crime prevention. I'm not sure cctv is necessary everywhere.
Crime seems to be on the increase - maybe bored kids?
Don't feel informed enough to comment.
We like (unforunately that we need it these day) the cctv
<b>Visitor Centre Services</b>
Dariel and the volunteers are friendly, helpful and efficient.
The Visitors centre is well placed for passing tourists however parking of large rigs is an issue. The Visitors centre offers very helpful service which is reflected in the comments and feedback from visitors
Good service from staff (volunteers). Shame about the building they have to work in.
We have a Visitor Centre but visitors don't seem to be able to find it; I work as a volunteer and when I talk to visitors I have to tell them where it is
not sufficient parking; too dark inside and needs to be more visible
the visitor centre windows would look nice updated
Excellent services provided.
Excellent
Always helpful but transactions seem to take too long!
Outstanding
Staff & Manager are extremely helpful and very friendly

very helpful staff
What is available seems ok, but not friendly staff. But I've discovered a lot of Bridgetown people don't like newcomers to town.
being in the main street makes it visible to travellers
great service very friendly
Services are well done however the centre is your intro to the shire and needs to be brightened up and made more appealing some how.
Should stay on main street
They don't seem to be very proactive
excellent - I refer people there
Great
why are accomodation businesses being told that the visitors centre has enough accomodation on the books and being denied management
Excellent service
Staff/volunteers always polite, friendly and helpful
Great Service but not easily accessable to tourists
Excellent facility and staff and volunteers
Not friendly enough
I never use the center
Sorry, but I find the Visitors Centre very drab and dated. It is dark and uninviting.
The building and interior is looking less contemporary as the years age it. I think it needs a good clean up and refresh
Lovely, helpful staff.
Have been happy with service when I have used it
Easy to book train tickets
Didn't know we had one.
Waste of Ratepayers money
The location needs more accessable parking for caravans; move it?
<b>Cemetery Management</b>
The committee is trying to make the cemetery at Bridgetown more "User friendly" for persons attending funerals, they always have to work within the budget restraints.
A beautification program including a lawn cemetery should be developed.
Would love to see a pathway up from the end of Nelson Street pathway to the cemetery.
more resources
While my last visit was over 12 months ago, I did not look forward to returning. Hopefully the previous feedback has resulted in the planting of trees, addition of a water fountain and seating for the elderly, frail and those with young children
Could do with a little bit of seating.
Needs funds to upgrade
never been there.
Must admit I haven't had any reason to find it yet
There are graves un covered with damaged stones; flowers blown all over and very little love and attention given to this area.
Perhaps students could become involved in a history / environmental project and help to create a respectful atmosphere.
Our cemetery is very ugly.

i have always thought that more could be done at the cemetery- some more benches, lawned areas, gardens
I have never once stepped inside the B'town cemetery grounds.
Don't feel informed enough to comment
<b>Provision of Car Parking Areas</b>
Not an easy solution. Would prefer themain street to have no parking....it's too dangerous and limited anyway. Perhaps develop the carpark that is next to the bakery into a multilevel carpark instead
Improving but always need more. Need more education of people re the use of disabled bays so that they are always available for those persons who have the correct license
I feel that there should be more car parking facilities around the main area of town
There are enough parking areas, however the slope of the car parking facilities at the bakery car park and the town hall car park make for damage to car doors as people allow their doors to open onto the
Could be more parking near bakers too steep car doors cause damage
Signage showing where off street parking areas are for visitors
Access to main street parking and safety due to high traffic and heavy goods vehicles remains a concern
Parking seems to be taking over the centre and edge of the CBD. I understand why it's happening but maybe look at using areas a little way our of town, with good signposting, for any new parking
Too hilly for elderly to access shopping Other level car park too far away
Probably the concern of the supermarkets but, because the town is so steep and I am elderly, I find the car parking near the shopping centre too steep for comfort or safety
Like the extra length street bays
Put down bitumen down on the last section behind the shops
Not enough everywhere
Railway station car park great asset, well used
Parking bays on Main Street narrow, more difficult to find parking
Mostly good but getting scarcer to find easily
very difficult to find parking on weekends
Issue at IGA - and Fresh food works
Difficult issue with the layout of the town
Only lack of parking is to Visitors Centre
Would have supported the idea of creating a street cafe landscape by closing a couple of parking bays
One of the joys of living in a small town - always easy parking
Need larger parking bays for country vehicles
Insufficient parking at recreation centre
I have never had a problem finding a convenient place to park
Hard for aged care injured to do big food shop in Bridgetown due to sloping land very hard to manoeuvre trolleys cross roads safely road safety is very poor in the town trucks thundering through ruin the
Very good around town
Car parks are absolutely ridiculous in town especially with four children
We need more parking at the schools and down town
shire workers park in car park across from Newsagency. Park in town square instead
On road parking awful. Can't see to come out
Didn't know we had one ever enough bays, too small on bakery side
Not enough
Street parking has always been difficult in terms of holding up traffic on the main street and the bakery carpark is not user friendly for senoir or aging people

Town hall carpark- still being used by shop staff and shire staff. Can we free up parking by shire staff, eg health officer parking in railway car park, no further than residents are asked to walk to shops
Size of parking bays in main street and carparks needs to be looked at as most have 4WD or utes in them and this leaves space problems between vehicles re door opening in car parks and accessing
Disabled/Infirm parking
<b>Disabled/Infirm Parking</b>
Limited availability on the Main Street.
Comment as above.
This is a difficult issue to completely satisfy due to the topography of Bridgetown
Having an acroyd car sticker. Find not enough in town or they are used by the General public
I think we need more of these types of car bays because of the number of elderly and disabled living in the town. Also they car bays are used by perfectly healthy people but never see these people get a
though probably needs to be more bays
needs to be remarked as heaps of people park there
Have not had the need to use so cannot provide an educated opinion
not sure where they are.
But there appears to be some appropriately located
When using the street parking there appear to be sufficient bays.
As good as can be expected
Disabled bays on slopes or near drains make use by disabled/infirm almost unusable
I have no need of these services
As above
as above regarding shire workers parking in carpark across from newsagency
Although there are designated parking areas, 2 of them open onto a large street drain - not very suitable for drivers or their passengers with disabilities
far more needed
<b>Waste Services - Rubbish Tip</b>
Most unfortunate that the tip is closed on Monday and Tuesday, realise that staff need to have time off but would be greatly appreciated by many if there was some alternative arrangements for the 2 days following weekends. Even Tuesday/ Wednesday or Wednesday/Thursday would be a better option for the ratepayer.
Waste management needs to be better planned into the future
Wish there could be yet another big for garden waste
We don't have our rubbish taken away as we are 8 k's from the highway
I agree with what they are doing in suburbia; I think we need a separate bin for garden waste
We would love rubbish pickup and are just 500 mtrs from someone who has it
More information would be welcome, i.e. development of new tip space, success or otherwise of recycling. widening the range of recyclables
Seems to be very well organised. The tip shop is a great idea
I am just outside the rubbish run - I took my household rubbish in the to the tip and they took a whopping 15 punches out of my card for one load!! Plus I feel the tip is not open long enough for people who
Polite helpful staff
There have been times when the tip has not been open as per the opening times guide.
Staff at the tip need to be a lot more friendlier & don't think everybody is trying to sneak illegal goods into the place
No service to me though I live in the town boundary and have no vehicle to pull a trailer

Due to our road apex groove not being sealed at the very end, we have had some issues with rubbish bin collection
Fridays hours at tip could be longer
Should look to assist weekend visitors who own land and homes here
Should be open every day and noon closure is much too early!
Opening times could be extended
Good dump - but would be good to see a 'Tip Shop' more active
I have only used once and that was fine
Very impressed.
The hours are not relective of the communities needs ie very few residents would use early winter mornings but would use more in afternoon
tip needs to be open 7 days a week
Excellent
Recycling area is great - thank you!
All seems satisfactory.
The red bin idea is pathetic and the amount of clicks of a tip card for household waste overfill is never enough to last the whole year when they take so many clicks!
Is seriously expensive if you don't have tip pass
I'd like it better if the tip was open past twelve on weekdays, and earlier than 9 on weekends. I'd like it even better if rubbish collection didn't cease right before my driveway!
Rubbish tip is a joke!
Red bins too small
Monday opening would be a bonus, if gardening/cleanin up on sunday limited to 4pm or hold til wednesday
Waste Services - Rubbish/Recycling Collection
Still need to exucate people on what is possible to recycle. Would be a good idea if there were stickers on the rubbiish bins with what is allowable, eg plastic with allowable numbers, washed tins etc.
Plastic bags are not acceptable down here however in some areas people are encouraged to include them in their recycling bin.
Often both my recycling bin and rubbish are taken at the same time by the same truck. Obviously not being recycled.
See above
Need bigger bins
Very good
It's not easy to remove your own rubbish when you live out of town unless a male is available
Would like to see the inclusion of a 'green waste'collection weekly or bi-monthly.
More detailed info on what can be recycled, i.e. plasticised paper ?
should expand
Bins are far too small. Even in a house with two adults, we still have animals and visitors etc. suggestion would to provide an optional green waste bin.
More bins are needed for businesses
As above
As we were on a farm for 13 years we took our own rubbish to the tip. That definitely improved in the last few years
I am not happy about the amount of recyclable materials that is just taken up the back of the tip and dumped instead of being recycled. It is misleading and a worthless endeavour for those of us trying to
Larger Green Waste bin - the red bin provided is too small.
excellent
Okay but very noisy at 5.30am

i dont get waste collection but tip card is ideal as driveway would make a bin impractical
Public education required. My neighbours mix their rubbish in both bins.
would be nice for a green waste bin
We know it is in transition, hopefully for a more sustainable method and cost
The rubbish bin provided is too small
We need bigger rubbish bins
Need more clarification as to what can go in recycle bin
We have no collection service
I don't use this service
More bins for segregation
As above- red bins is a total waste of time when you are a family! A weeks worth of rubbish never fits and bun man is disgraceful the way he drives around!
Need bigger red bins for family's would be great to have recycling collected weekly
I would love to know where our recycled rubbish go. Is it actually recycled?
See above comment
We currently have no colletion out to flintoff rd.
We have to take our own to the tip
Too expensive bins too small
<b>Community Engagement</b>
Utilise the FB page better to advertise current events. The community often feels like they are on a need to know basis, this is perceived in a negative way.
Needs a stronger focus on different sectors of the community
More information needs to be nadei
Need more Arts focused events
Council needs to be more proactive in promoting Bridgetown.
Is quite good but need some kind of public transport to assist people who can't drive
I believe the community is given a lot of opportunity to provide feedback to Council on a number of issues
what does it mean?
Could do with a bit more engagement.
Twice I have emailed you through your website and was not replied to at all
need to market better
everyone I meet is involved in some good works plus some creative activities
this is the first I had heard about this survey. better advertising of community feedback
There is very little community engagement by the Shire; I read insight, but hardly see anythign else
seems to be communication problems between shire admin and community, constantly being spoken about in the community and on social media, needs to be more one on one engagement
Opportunities are there for residents to engage.
dis engagement springs to mind
Consultation not always inclusive and encouraged. Supposed to be a process that listens to us.
The biggest strength of Bridgetown is its active and engaged community
Needs to be more Youth focussed.

Community members were not engaged at all when the creche was closed! We were just informed it was closing.
could be better
Not meeting needs of families with little children eg closing creche without public consultation.
Engagement of who with whom, exactly?
questionable
Advertising needs to be addressed. So many wonderful things happen but people don't always know about it.
Love that there is always someone happening in our town
More youth activity needed.
What community engagement
Great volunteer involvement
Consultation on road safety matters non existent, restricted access vehicle not controlled, extractive industry not controlled, shire trucks not controlled, if doing a good job, then consult, if not doing a good job, hide, school bus curfews need to be put in place for all log trucks, all gravel trucks and all shire gravel trucks,
No ward meetings?
<b>Shire Website</b>
Hard to navigate- organise info into logical tabs. Update information, especially fire dates so they are consistent with fire services.
Only used to obtain a copy of the minutes of the monthly meeting
Don't use
However some information has been hard to locate or not at all, eg, latest fire reg's.
Improving, but not always current
The font is too small for the elderly and most people over the age of 50. In addition it does not provide enough white space for clarity.
The current website is a vast improvement on the previous one however I believe we lag behind some of the other Shire websites which seem easier to navigate
never seen it
Make it more inviting.
As above
Publications need to be in date order plus access to older Minutes would be handy
Good workign one - eay to find things
Very hard to navigate and find what you're looking for. I preferred the old one.
hard to negotiate
Often out of date. Has on occasion had information on the website that is inconsistant with advertised information (2014 beginning of fire season, website date was different to road side signage)
confusing
Not easy to navigate and find information
Needs improving
I don't often visit, but once when I wanted to find an article from a previous issue of Insight, there was only one ancient issue to choose from. (Maybe that has been fixed, but I was pretty disappointed.)
Easy to use
Doesn't represent bridgetown as we know it. Not up to date enough.
Needs to be kept better up to date. For example, the shire ranger services have recently been curtailed but misleadingly the website still suggests there is an after hours service available.
Never up to date
Needs update. List market days eg.

Not used it
Not updated
I think there is scope to update it.
Have noticed Job advertisements have been up there advertised well after the closing date
Not always kept up to date, but generally good
meeting schedule August still showing 2014 dates, reported to CEO in April, publications section poor, no sequence to agendas and minutes, is it possible to list agenda items rather than downloading whole agenda, particularly for satellite internet
flashy, but issues with finding information see
<b>Shire Facebook Page</b>
Daily updates with events occurring in Bridgetown. What's On that is put out by the Visitors Centre should be put up on Shire FB page as a minimum. Put up snippets of information, or break down what is in Insightand put this information up on the FB page regularly.
Definitely need one for the Tourist industry, it is the way the public is searching for information. Needs to be updated regularly.
Don't use
Didn't know there was one.
Never looked
never seen it
Didn't know they had one.
didn't know there was one
didn't realize that they had one
Has potential but needs to be more active and promoted.
Don't use Facebook.
glad it's happening . Needs more upbeat posts
very hard to find
I never use Facebook
As above
Not sure if it's up to date - posts need to be more often
unable to find as another group page
I've not signed onto it so can not comment.
Haven't seen it
<b>Shire Insight Newsletter</b>
Informative. Are PDF copies up on the Shire website and linked to on FB?
Good communication between shire and people who receive it, however it doesn't always make it into everyones mailbox.
Very informative
More information please
Very good
Good way of getting important messages to the community
Bit boring

Rarely delivered to our address
More info on what they are doing each month.
A bit boring!!
Good initiative...suggest expanding with local paid for advertising.
always arrives too late for most of the activities - needs to be more relevant
Does what it's meant to do
Very good
not necessary
Happy to receive this form of 'update'.
too wordy and format uninteresting
rarely see one
Needs modernising
maybe there could be more issues of the newsletter
Not frequent enough for effective advertising of current events
Don't receive it.
Very good. but last time I looked, it hadn't been correctly archived on the shire website.
Didn't know there was one so can't give an opinion
Also receive it after events have happened
Never read it, seems to be one sided, Tony praticos way or no way.
regularly comes out after events have finished
<b>Support for Arts and Culture</b>
NEED to make provision in the budget for an Arts/Youth Officer. This person can then support and advocate for the arts, culture and youth in Brodgetown. Why not develop the Library, Somme Creek, Skate Park and the Rec/Pool as Bridgetowns Cultural centre/Hub. Find a way to incorporate a conference centre and art gallery in this precinct. Encourage small/medium conferences, arts events etc to
The council needs to increase support for the local area arts and culture. There is a Repartory club in town that has been a part of the history of this area for over 100 years and I feel that more should be done to ensure that the reperatory club and arts, in the area, do not wither and die.
I would like to see an "Open Art Exhibition" similar to Boyup Brook and Nannup
Very little support for the arts in general beyond music/Blues. Need to examine other Shire's responses. Margaret River is far more involved/on side & supportive of the arts.I am a former resident of the AMR shire (& professional artist),& speak from many years experience on this subject
I would like the Council to support groups like the Blackwood Arts Alliance - they provide an invaluable service to the community by providing creative workshops. Doing fantastic work!
Clarification of what services the Shire provides would be useful
So many brilliant artists in Bridgetown....time we had a proper gallery!!
Extremely disappointed in the lack of support for what could be a platorm for economic development as well as the traditional benefits proven in shires such as Margaret River - Busselton, Denmark etc.
We have so much talent in this wonderful town and i think we could take some ideas from other south west townd
Would like to see more support for the arts.
Would like to see old railway station used as a place for artists to display and sell their work
could do with some outside concents or plays in the summer. it would be nice to have a perment stage like other surrounding towns
awespme the amount of things going on all the time by some very talented people
seems to be a disconnect. token efforts are made however it still appears that sport and rec has preference.

Improving but still by volunteers . Not enough money applied for by grants etc
Cannot believe that in a town where there are so many artists that the only gallery appears to be Pips Pottery. Also, the shire am of the opinion that the shire could better tap into this talent to enhance
Excvellent - thanks
I believe picture rails and lighting in the town hall would be great for art shows as Nanup had at their excibition.last week.we have there an art gallery already built.
But more youth focus
too much of it
Need an art gallery
Family community centre is excellent
Although B'town is an obviously arty town, the Shire's support is not obvious. (I mean maybe it is there, but if so, then it is pretty much invisible support.)
I don't honestly know what the shire does to support this, so maybe more of a 'presence' is required to advertise this?
Designated exhibition building needed.
Pfft, do you mean those ugly million dollar sculpture?
Too much focus on this
I'm not sure exactly what role the Shire plays re support so cannot comment
Information on Archies this year was very late in coming out needs to be advertised at least six months in advance for artists to prepair work. Not impressed with the entry fee plus bottle of wine why do we need to drink at these fuctions what about any children present?
<b>Support and Facilities for the Aged</b>
Facilities for the aged need to be addressed through appropriate planning so that the private setor can be encouraged to invest in such projects
Public transport would be a great improvement - medical specialists too far away
Geegeelup is a wonderful facility but needs to be upgraded and Council should support this on behalf of the community.
We have a lot of elderly and disabled here who are prisoners in their homes because they cannot drive; some kind of public transport is required. Taxi does not accept fuel voucher card in payment of
Can't comment, no involvement in this sector
Clarification of what services the Shire provides would be useful
Lack of supported housing, coordinated transport, coordinated support services.
we lack age care independent living choices in both areas
Not enough support for people with disabilities
Housing should be in the centre of town not up a steep hill some way out of town. The elderly should have easy access to the town centre, especially if driving is a problem.
I don't know enough to comment though there seems to be a need for low cost housing perhaps a housing co-operative should be considered
Have only used LSL so can't comment further
believe we have a definite need for our own nursing home and I have just the person to be the advisor
What are they?
Desperate need for more retirement village units for independent living
What do we provide?
There is a need for a retirement 'village'
not sure what is available.
I think the Village is OK but not sure what else is available
Need more aged care places
pavements need watching as sometimes a bit dangerous for the less able due to general wear and tear

Disappointed that the swimming pool venue appears not to cater for the elderly. This would help foster a healthy senior citizens population and bring economic benefits to the community, state, country ...
Appears good to me
kerbs and gravel at times very concerning.- otherwise seem to be respected
Could do with more accomodation for this ageing population .
The incredible shrinking Silver Cain is causing a gap. It may not be the shire's responsibility to fill it, but people are looking towards the shire to somehow manage that anyway (without increasing rates)
Need more involvement with private operators to develop retirement village.
unsure
Aging community needs greater emphasis on suitable affordable accommodation. Not everyone has a house to sell when needing to move into age appropriate accommodation so more rentals needed.
More hostel/nursing home beds made available
I don't use these facilities
Not sure what the shire does
We need more frail aged spaces & improved footpaths for gopher use & more stategically placed seating
There is none
The aging strategy should help in terms of access to aged residential placements
Ditto
Need to do more as population ages
What support and facilities? searched on web site nothing relevent
<b>Youth Services</b>
Need a dedicated Youth Officer. More services and events for adolescence.
Seems to be lots of things happening
Well supported with facilities
More support for youth is paramount to ensuring youth are engaged.
Always room for improvement.
I think there should be greater focus on mental health & building a strong sense of community amongst the younger members of the community
Clarification of what services the Shire provides would be useful
could provide more
We really do need more for the youth to do in town - especially the youth over 15yo
Virtually non existent
There are more kids in the new library
not needed
No opinion as have not needed service
I think that the younger children and youth are catered for but I don't see anything for the older teenagers happening i.e. 15-19 year olds
plenty of things for kids to do.
would be great to have a youth centre
there is none ... yet
more cooperation between groups would benefit youth more
Terrible; thank goodness we have the Extreme Youth group with Mark & Lisa Holdsworth.
needs to be improved, there is an unawareness within the broader community about the issues involved and thus a lack of empathy.

This is an area that can pay big dividends if properly resourced
pretty good for a small country town being starved of funds by state govt
Still don't have a youth Centre
I'm sure the shire could do more in partnership with appropriate community groups/people
this is tricky .. Could do more at rec centre
do we have any
Needs a few more things and use of council buildings should be utilised especially since the green door was closed as musicians were helping out lots of youngsters.All for free.
This is not a good town to be a teenager in
Youth Space at Skate Park desperately needed.
there definatly needs to be more for the youth of bridgetown- more avents, drop in centre
Need a dedicated youth facility with computer access for a youth hang out space
Apart from the skate park, I see no obvious youth services
There are insufficient services specifically for youth. A dedicated youth space would be fantastic.
There is nothing that I know of - the Youth Advocacy group is trying to get something going. The Shire should be right behind this. I hope something is in place for when my kids are teenagers.
The teenagers have no where to go so they meet each other in town and wonder
Not sure what the shire does
Need more for the youth to do, a drop in centre to hang out play games etc would be great
Need more funding for youth in our town
The youth are our future. Focus on them
Hang out for teenagers with pool tables, table tennis, darts etc.
a youth centre would be fantastic
A youth centre would be great for Bridgetown community.
There is nothing for high school aged kids
this town is in desperate need of a youth space. We have no base from which to run activities and services target for and developed by our young people. Without a space, they don't have a voice, and if they don't have a voice they can't feel part of this community. If I could choose just one issue to address from this survey, I would consider this the most important area of need, as we have absolutely
Need more things for the youth of the town to stop them being bored, etc
Designated youth space required.
Be great to see more for youth, like the advocacy group was holding
All services that I know - apart from the skate park - are provided privately
we need a space for a youth center
mine generally stay home but orgained facilities would be good.
The Shire offers very little for youth other than some activities at library during school holidays
Ditto
<b>Aged Services</b>
As the members of our household are 75 -73 and still working we have had no time to make use of any of facilities and activities aimed at the aged. Looking at the situation from the outside it seems that there is a lot of support for the aged with facilities and activities in our community. Unfortunately they all need money and volunteers to run them and the comment always seems to be that the volunteer pool in everything is drying up. Need more emphasis on encouraging people to participate.
Require more aged care facilities - housing & permanent care

These acn always be improved.Engaging others who can support age services should be a Shire goal.
As mentioned before transport can be sadly lacking
I believe about 50% of our population are in the 55 plus aged group and medical services for the aged are minimal in this town. One has to travel to Bunbury or Perth. I am in this age group and it is costing me a lot of money in travelling expenses. Pats can't help because Bridgetown does not qualify for help to go to Bunbury
Clarification of what services the Shire provides would be useful
See above comments
as stated living options for age
I believe the Shire actively seeks funding for services/events for the aged population
As above
what are they?
As above
What do we provide?
not sure what is available
i will have to wait and see. but i assume more will have to be done in line with aging population ratio
Have not, as yet, tapped into these.
Not as good as it was.Am a volunteer silver chain as a driver.The gov had cut funds.used to be busy every day5 days a week.now do 2 jobs a week.patients can't get to the specialists in Bunbury or the hospital.Unless they have friends to take them.Suppose if they die they will save on paying them pensions.
need for improved housing for older retirees
unsure
Need more support Need more support services like transport to appointments and cleaning support for independent living
Is this different from the question two above?
Need more units and aged care nursing home
Not sure what the shire does
Are there any?
Ditto
nothing on web site do you have aged services? whos responsible?
<b>Support for Volunteers</b>
Refer previous comments
I do quite a bit of volunteering but am unsure how the shire could be supportive in this? The thank you get together is a nice gesture though.
I feel that volunteers are an integral part of the local community and that as much support as possible should be given to them.
There is limited support for volunteer organisations
Volunteers hard to fiind
Mosy volunteers are offered support but as an arts volunteer,(committee member of Blackwood Valley Arts Alliance), I feel there is very little offered in the way of recognition & appreciation for those
I am a volunteer myself and I find a lot of the community whilst they might appreciate us take us for granted. If there were no volunteers in this town we might as well close up shop and go home.
The shire could be less obstructive to organisations such as KAB
Extremely limited amount of free quality training provided given the excessive amount of pressure placed upon the volunteer sector to fill unpaid often highly skilled positions once carried out by
no support as far as I can see
As above

don't know what is available.
not sure what is available
Very strong on this
What support..Volunteers are the supporters
unsure
Too dependent on volunteers to provide basic services.
the Shire's support is not obvious. (I mean maybe it is there, but if so, then it is pretty much invisible support.)
This town runs on the power of volunteers and I think that is well recognised.
Not sure what the shire does
So many groups struggle for volunteers, it would be nice to see those that want to volunteer form a group and help out in groups that it's most needed
Not much support for volunteers
Ditto
Sunnyside brigade needs a landcruiser rather than the colorado due to terrain and plantations, vehicle has been damaged due to terrain, need better communication for firefighters and their families, call out or standby, family needs to know where we are in a fire,
Needs to increase
<b>Festival and Event Funding Support</b>
More support for the many groups that work unpaid hours to bring and develop these events in Bridgetown. Look at what council charges are negatively impacting(Stallholders permits adding to fees).
Festivals and events bring a huge financial benefit to the area, definitely need more support both in funding and personell.
Could we please spend the funds and get a decent snow machine for the Winter in the Blackwood.
Good liasion with festival committee and well supported.
Adequate as far as I,m aware
Once again..more support,(financial & in kind), for arts
Not sure of the Council's involvement
Would like to see the Shire work with other agencies and community groups to install some permanent infrastructure (eg: shade sails, stage) in Memorial Park.
More large events that bring vistors into town, who spend money here and then leave would be great. Classical music festival, acting events for group from around the SW, etc.
The shire could be more proactive in supporting various events
As above. Ofen people are raiding there own homes, spending their own money and limited resources just to keep a community event going that aims to provide economic benefit to the wider community.
Insufficient for things like The Blues which bring a lot of money to the town
I am a volunteer for many festivals and events but not sure about the funding
Not sure how events are funded
Given the limited funding available from the Shire
I don't think the shire does enough to promote local events
not sure who funds these wonderful events.
the town needs to behind more events
too much is being given to organisations that should be self supporting after 5years
unsure
Would like to see Easter tennis tournament financially supported as it brings a lot of people to town
These events continue, so I guess funding must be adequate.

Very happy
Dump the stupid drug festival otherwise known as the blues
Need to lead more in supporting these functions
There is a stressful process of jumping the hoops to get an application processed
Ditto
Ongoing Sponsorship rather than service agreements would be more beneficial to encourage keeping events viable for tourism
Make it as easy as possible for community events. Remove any red tape where possible.
<b>Community 'Christmas in the Park'</b>
Absolutely fabulous event, enjoyed by everyone.
Fabulous event!
Possibly requires a revamp
Adequate
Very good
Was much more retail and community friendly in the main street
rubbish
A few more stalls would be better which would enable people to hang around longer.
Looking forward to this - this is the first I've heard of it.
Well done
greenbushes has to fund raise for its community christmas tree
Good, like the idea of the food stalls in the memorial park
dont go
fantastic. Great family event
It's fun, but the foam is a pretty stupid idea for such a freezing cold time of the day.
Love it
Look forward to it every year
It's a nice night for family's,
A fabulous event, sincerely loved and appreciated by all ages!
<b>Australia Day Breakfast</b>
Great event too
Good don't go
Always very good
Shire does this very well.
Never attended
Often far to hot and not enough shade of adequate seating for the elderly and frail.
rubbish
Great event for the community
Looking forward to this

Over cooked eggs and sausages. Greasy non healthy food. Only been once at that was enough.
Well done
Do not need a separate Greenbushes function on the same day!
Never been - but great idea in a small community.
Good, although speeches can be a bit long
Love it.
I've never been.
Awesome
Love it
Gluten free options would be appreciated eg bread, sausages
Too early?
needs to be somewhere else...the show grounds are dingy
A wonderful celebration of our service personell and standing citizens
always a great event
<b>Thank a Volunteer' Function</b>
The recognition is appreciated however the format of the event seems as a free for all.
There are venue issues that need to be rectified
Don't go embarrassing volunteering is enough
Like the idea of this very much & acknowledge that the shire does recognize the value of most volunteers
Very good but food is usually light on for the amount of volunteers that we have
Never attended
It would be appropriate to ask the volunteers what they would like their event to look like. It's generally uninspiring and a bit of a mish mash.
not necessary
wonderful for the volunteers
Well done
Maybe have a guest speaker for a change that shares why people volunteer and what it means
Last years not much space and very little food
I did not like moving it to Pip's this year
Many elderly volunteers would prefer a daytime function
I've never been.
Needs further recognition
would be good to have it at a different time so that parents could also attend, could be more inclusive
some groups have complained they weren't informed...
Receive invites but not attended,
Just a social party, money far better spent on the real volunteers and services
<b>Summer 'Outdoor Movie' Festival</b>
Fabulous event. Wish it could run over Winter too, but as it is..something to look forward too.

Absolutely live going to these. Thank you.
Don't go
I believe children racing around the area takes all the enjoyment out of it for the older people especially as parents do nothing to control their kids otherwise it would be great!
A few more films for the older generation please!
Gabriel is brilliant
Does that even exist?
an outdoor pantomime would be better for little kids then you don't have to wait for it to be dark
These are fantastic and Gabriel is great at his job. The kids love these movie nights.
Don't know this
Looking forward to this
feedback I hear is good
More please
Love it, keep it up
they are great but again better marketing maybe use the business to pay for ads before the movie. Then it can be marketed to bigger area
Maybe pass this over to a local fund raising charity?
Balance of a Adult movies as well as children's
Enjoy the movies and try to make as many as possible
More film nights
Excellent!
Haven't been able to attend as child too young for the late start, but hope to attend in the future.
Great for all ages
I've never been.
\$5.00 fee is good value
Love it
Love this
Keep this up. We need a variety of activities all year round, and film is so rarely available in bridgetown.
Would be better in Saturday nights as kids are usually tired after school week
Love it
Should be a free activity again- charging a fee has killed it for families
Great event though would like to see more M rated movie options for adults
<b>Weed Control - Road Reserves</b>
Definitely improved since it was being done in the growing season instead of at the end of the winter when all that was achieved was a dry weed growth which was fuel for fire
Out of town roadsides are an issue
But could do more we'd control
There appears to be a lot of local roads where weeds are not eradicated, cut or treated
Not aware of the extent of the Council's involvement
Too much blackberry
Too much unnecessary spraying.

well that is a joke drive around and see for yourself
If referencing road side weed issues, I have seen many weed build ups. Including blackberries. On the most part, they are well maintained though.
There are many are that the main roads have control of that are not well maintained and fire hazards.
Poor. Often a fire hazard, but residents are policed
Many road reserves in the Shire pose a fire risk however in saying that I know the Shire cannot afford to spray/slash every road reserve maybe there could be an article in the Insight seeking property owners to maintain their verges/road reserves
Definitely needs to be upgraded
The bottom end of Hillcrest Rise is never trimmed for weeds. You should contact the owner to clear his council strip.r
We back on to a road reserve & in the 8 yrs we have lived here it has never been sprayed by the Shire.
Check regularly and do the appropriate work in those area's especially before the summer season.
The chap that does it is not very good at his job and keeps over spraying onto gardens and plants that are past the verge area that he is meant to maintain
somme creek park very weedy at moment.
some blackberry on road reserves.
what weed control plus i was warned by some wanker on the shire not to try and reduce the enormous fire hazard on my street frontage
more diligence
Too much spraying not enough labour
Don't like spraying of poisons .Look at round up.used to say it was safe..
Not enough
Have noticed an improvement.
Looks good.
Requires regular maintenance
Could be better
wattle infestations through maslin, Highlands not controlled
The kerbsides on my street a full of weeds, branches, etc - big fire hazard
Stop spraying!!!
Very little is done
Although there is Shire support for this there is such a huge problem with the amount of weeds.
At the end of Abbott St and Orchard CIs needs mowing/weeding
Improving, some sections missed every year, wild radish. Lot of native vegetation being killed, rather than weeds
Very poor
<b>Weed Control - Shire Reserves</b>
It's a big job I know but it always seems to need more done
There a somewhat inconsistent approach
Reasonable, but could be more frequent
Prickles at the children's parks in town and at the river
Good, thanks to volunteers also.
Plenty of blackberry on the verges especially near the train line along sw hwy
Spray lupins in winnejup reserve. Burning winnejup reserve is stupid nobody has a house next to it.

Should control weeds more on spare land and cut grass etc highlands
A constant job in Summer.
As Above.
somme creek park very weedy at moment & grass gets very long at times.
Does this include river trail, if so it needs some work
Too much spraying not enough labour
Comments as above
Not enough
can't say.
Requires regular maintenance
Could be better
Stop spraying!!!
As above
At the end of Abbott St and Orchard Cls needs mowing/weeding
Sunnyside- is it done at all?
Very poor
<b>Street/Roadside Pruning</b>
Box trees are a major concern on roadsides.
Not enough checks on street trees, I had to replace park of my fence through street tree damage
a great improvement over the recent years
Great if you live in the town limits, estate living seems to miss out
Some places the power should be put underground so the trees can grow.
Shame the trees had to be removed for drainage works
Need to be done on both sides of the road.
Love the green-ness and trees in town
it needs more trimming done to the verge trees other towns look a lot better as they trim neatly
When you trim the trees in greenbushes and leave the branches all weekend and dont get cleaned until wednesday. its looked untidy, its a trip hazard esspecially in front of businessn
should clean up their mess after they ahve finished
The tree cuttings are left for too long on the pavement at Greenbushes - sometimes days.
Keep the trees
Too many feral weeds on bush reserves
Excellent job by Adam Jenkins
phillips street is overgrown near Hillcrest rise, very hard to see around corner, have to walk on road
Devastating disregard for established trees that supply SHADE - what about the removal opposite CHinese Restaurant.. Some of us like the shade for cars and people
Wish w,e had underground power .No butchering of trees
No wildly growing branches in B'town
Please don't cut down the trees on Steere street
Needs attention

areas need attention not just the main streets
As above
Lazy arse shore workers
over zealous on occasion.
Doesn't happen on rural roads
<b>Provision of Walk Trails, Bridle Trails, Cycleways</b>
As Australians are being encouraged to get out into the great outdoors we can always do with more. They need to be regularly surveyed and ensured that they are safe for people to walk or ride bicycles.
Developing well
Could be improved, especially for gophers on their way to the hospital past the ford garage!
Could be more cycleways & trails to encourage people to get out more & see this beautiful shire of ours
Pretty good but some more signage would be helpful also some level of standard of walk trail. Eg could someone over 60 handle this trail?
better advertising and marketing for local trails may prosper tourism
Some trails could be kept clearer
where are the bridle trails - could you please advertise them
Could utilise more path ways, walk trails and horse trails as many people including elderly and young have been seen walking on winding roads around Bridgetown.
I don't know any cycleways but walk trails are a good thing
Love the effort put in lately, keep up the good work.
The development of trails in the Shire is beneficial in attracting tourists
How about making the railway reserve into a walkway/cycle path?
I wasn't aware there were any cycleways
Overgrown. Try walking along the River side trail.
Improving all the time
Would love to have a pathway from Bridgetown gardens to town
Enjoying better signage walk trail 1
If it wasn't for the community members and Pat they wouldn't be maintained.
More walk trails would be nice
starting to use some of them more as there are not many good 'unleashed' dog walks
Just not enough cycle routes or safety on the road for children to cycle - walks and bridle fine.
More of these required
Excellent, thanks
Upgrade existing and more "family friendly " flat cycle ways for kids
would love to see more walk and cycle trails
Doing a lot with help of volunteers.
I love the booklet - and the walking group that the Visitors centre keep on advertising
More street cycle paths would encourage kids to get out more and ride safely off the road.
Need to be extended and better defined
Greenbushes is excellent, bridgetown could better sign posted walks.
Good. I don't ride on them, so I can't comment on their condition or upkeep, but I am in favour of having them

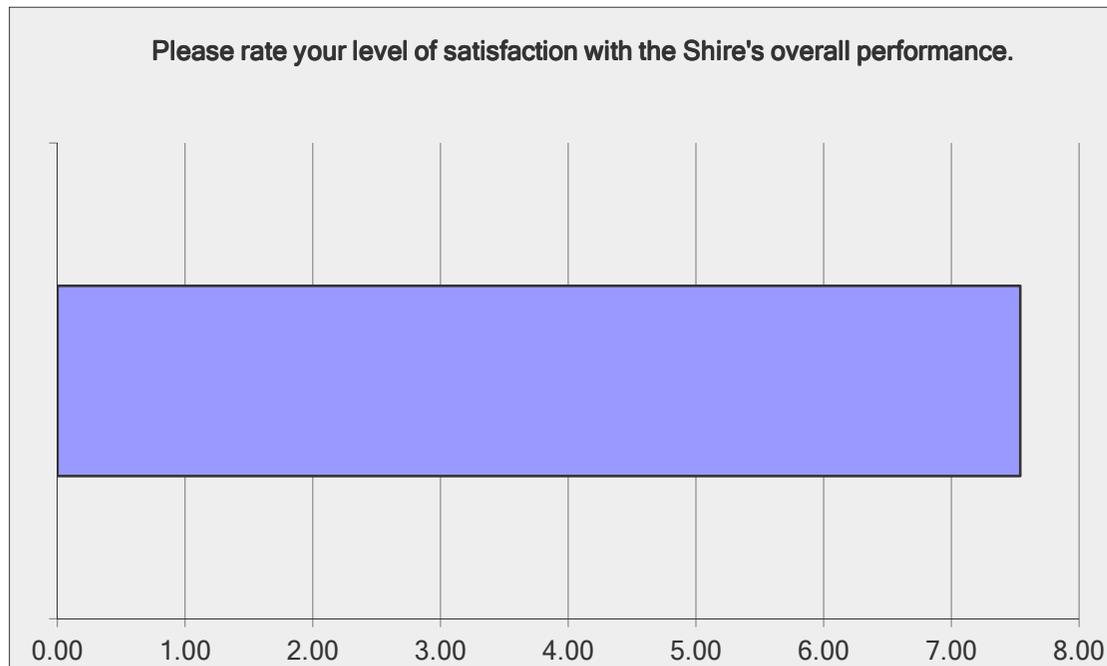
More safe cycle ways convert railway track to a bike trail very difficult to take young children bike riding in safety as a family
always room for improvement in these areas
Mountain bike trails need maintaining and increasing
Love the skate park paths and lakes.
Where?
Need sanctioned bridle and mountain bike trails
Always needs development & improvement
Too much focus on providing these every where
Good, would like to be involved in development
<b>Town Roads Maintenance</b>
Reasonable but always room for steadier small repairs
main thoroughfare of Nelson Street is still of poor quality & has numerous potholes
Issues with run-off and degradation of road surfaces throughout town and beyond.
There should be a by pass for the heavy trucks...not good passing through town
Average to say the least. Don't think the road in town was ever fixed properly.
The road heading towards highlands in particular is in desperate need of road works. Many other streets around town could do with a patch up.
So not respond to reports, ie uneven brickwork between IGA and solicitors office
There are still some roads within the townsite which are gravel, it would be good to have these sealed however I understand that the costs would be massive
Road repair is an expensive business. I'm pretty sure the priorities are correct at the moment.
need a give way or stop sign at the end of Turner and Gifford. This is an extremely dangerous
From Nelson Street up the hill towards Highlands Estate/Bussell and Walter need upgrading.
Needs regular checking especial in winter and note where there are problems with drainage so that they can be fixed.
Except Padbury Road
The guys do a fantastic job, the works crew are a great group of chaps who do a fantastic job
Road surface on entry to town could be improved.
roads sometimes take too long to be patched or cleared after storms and damage
Uneven footpaths. Need more maintenance
good considering lack of state funding
Would be happy to see some verges left 'rugged' as this contributes to the rural atmosphere.
Many older roads not good, the new ones keep getting put in, bad tight kerbs in new designs
By and large very good .The odd road should be graded more where there is a lot of logging.
All good.
Needs further investigation and maintainance
Although as a bus school bus driver, im not impressed with the alterations to St Bridgids street frontage, very narrow between parked cars and centre verge.
Haha what a joke
Can always improve
There are still some gravel roads which would be great to have bitumised. (e.g Leroy Road South)
main Street and Steere Street need proper resurfacing not patching

<b>Rural Roads Maintenance</b>
Many gravel roads are very corrugated
Don't use these much
keep widening winnejup road
polina road and tassos road is in a terrible condition and is only done a few times a year. We have a school bus on these road with many children beign transported twice a day on these roads. this years grade was the worst, too much gravel put on the road and the corrugation is never really addressed.
Live 3.5 kms out of town, no street lighting, no rubbish collection, no roadside kerb, no kerb maintenance (for bushfire purposes)
Several roads that I have travelled break down not long after they are graded, they really need to be gravel sheeted however I understand it all comes back to funds being allocated in the budget
Need to improve width, safety and bitumen out further on all rural roads. Winnerjup road especially. It needs urgent attention..
Regular checking and grading of gravel roads.
As above
Grading more often needed. Can tell when you get into our Shire area.
Streamline staff and get rid of 'dead wood' rate payers are paying unnecassary wages.
see previous comment
as above
Seems OK
As above.
Dirt roads get bad - but it is hard to maintain so many miles of road so maybe it is as good as it will ever get
insufficient
All good out my way.
Inadequate grading of our gravel road, and when it is done, it is done badly so that at the first rains there are deep potholes and erosion.
Some need a lot of work Se maintained well
Winnijup road could use some TLC
Dangerous
Our access road, Farrell at, is degraded steadily every year by heavy rains. It does get graded in the spring/summer, and I'm very grateful, but if more care was taken with the actual grading technique, we could prevent the enormous gouges at the side of the road from happening after the following rains arrive.
Lots of blind spots, broken roads, need lines painted
Same as above
More side tarmac use would extend the life of some narrower bitumen surfaces
Grading poor, damage to driveway not fixed, no resealing on our road in 15 years, inspections needed regulary during logging and gravel operations to remedy build up on corners, grading. Make log trucks comply with "no operating on wet roads" condition, to reduce damage,missing white posts, however, shire seems better at filling potholes on Tweed Road
poor in some areas

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Please rate your level of satisfaction with the Shire's overall performance.

Answer Options	Highly satisfactory	Satisfactory	Neither satisfactory or unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Highly unsatisfactory	Rating Average	Response Count	
	21	112	33	15	0	7.54	181	
							<i>answered question</i>	<b>181</b>
							<i>skipped question</i>	<b>30</b>



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### 7. Please rate how important the following project proposals and new initiatives are for the future development and community well-being of the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes (Data tabulated in order of satisfaction from high to low)

Answer Options	Essential	Important	Not important	No opinion	Rating Average	Response Count
Shire financial support to community groups (community grants/service agreements)	90	67	10	7	8.09	174
Preservation of historic buildings	91	63	16	5	7.93	175
Development of dedicated youth facilities	92	55	16	12	7.82	175
Greater funding of local tourist promotion	71	68	25	5	7.28	169
Improvement of sporting facilities	51	100	10	16	7.25	177
Shire funded development of aged accommodation	68	73	20	14	7.24	175
Enhancement of Visitor Centre services	66	77	24	5	7.23	172
Improvements to disability access	55	83	12	21	7.18	171
Improvement of town parks, entry statements, town centre	56	95	21	4	7.17	176
Sustainability projects (air emissions, transition towns, food miles programmes)	64	65	25	18	6.93	172
Development of new playgrounds/enhancement of existing	45	91	28	11	6.62	175
Development of public art	47	76	37	13	6.31	173
Provision of an annual white goods kerbside collection	42	80	37	14	6.20	173
Development of building for accommodation of community groups	57	62	49	8	6.16	176
Introduction of an annual greenwaste kerbside collection	49	68	43	11	6.16	171
Development of an outdoor performance venue (stage, lighting, etc)	43	76	41	11	6.12	171
Development of recreational/adventure/extreme sports trails	37	77	42	16	5.90	172
Extension of sewerage scheme in Bridgetown	39	62	42	27	5.73	170
Extension of kerbside waste collection services into areas not currently serviced	27	79	38	31	5.63	175
Introduction of a kerbside organic waste collection service	35	66	57	15	5.37	173
Improvements to cemeteries	13	77	33	45	5.25	168
Expansion of street lighting	20	71	61	20	4.87	172
Development of a Bridgetown to South Coast regional bridle trail	20	59	56	36	4.75	171
Local Government Reform - Potential amalgamation with one or more other local governments	22	38	78	28	4.07	166
<i>answered question</i>						181
<i>skipped question</i>						30

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Do you have any comments to make on any of the above projects (from question 7)?

*answered question* 53  
*skipped question* 158

Seems like we can do with more of everything, it is still a great place to live.
Aged accommodation is very important issue for the future but dose not need to be financially supported by the Shire.
Positive action on the development of an Arts policy within the shire, with support in grant submissions etc would be fantastic.
Tourism helps support local business; supporting initiatives that attract tourists and visitors should be encouraged. If amalgamation of shires reduces overheads it is a positive.
The reason for most of my 'not important' responses are because my experience is these services are currently adequate.
Do any sustainability projects currently exist? Can you put a page on your website on these? Publish them in Insight? Or at least talk about them.
A loop into Bridgetown from the Bibbulman and Munda Bindi trails would be great. There are too few ways for cyclists and walkers to get to places where food is available. The idea of a bridle trail I would support if it was part of a larger concept that included many more shires.
Bridgetown seems to do a lot for their residents and for local business as far as I know but not being a resident, only a frequent visitor, I am not sure if my opinion is accurate.
It's important to make services and residential care available for the elderly - after all, they have usually contributed to the community and lived here for years. Why should they have to leave when they get incapacitated?
Youth over 15 yo are bored and restless (which could lead to destruction) a building for them to call their own - they could play pool etc would sort them out
Bridgetown survives largely on tourist funding an further development of arts based interests would give another edge to Bridgetown tourism
Re Community Groups and service agreements - Expectations of volunteers to not only provide time and labour but also ensure they have the expertise to be able to operate and satisfy council requisitions for limited support is becoming unsustainable. If the shire is unwilling to embrace those willing to put themselves out there for the benefit of the community, volunteers will continue to withdraw their service. We need a the council to provide leadership in developing a supportive and holistic approach in develop a shared vision for the future of our shire / region. If we are to provide security for all sectors we need top develop a point of difference.
Developing Cowan dam for watersports, sailing, canoeing, would bring enourmous revenue into local business. There is no other large local waterbody.
The swimming pool is an example of a complete waste of money. We got rid of a full size pool for a half size one and 2 years of construction. What a total disaster
More assistance for waste disposal for elderly who may not have adequate access to shire facilities..unable to use a chain saw for fallen branches etc. General assistance to needy
I have listed development of a stage as being important this is due to the amount of festivals/events we host and believe if we had such a facility we could expand on events/festivals
I don't see how amalgamation of local governments is good for the local community.
Leave the Visitor Centre in its present position in the main street as it needs to be visible to the travelling public. They also like having a museum close to visit
Amalgamation should only be with those that are financially viable. If Donnybrook was to become part of Greater Bunbury, Balingup could become part of Bridgetown Greenbushes.
I have selected 'no opinion' for topics that I cannot provide an educated opinion about, not because I don't care. I think that tourism needs to be expanded to keep the towns economy buoyant, and if rubbish collection is expanded we will have less illegal dumping in our bush land. I am also a supporter of any 'green' projects to reduce our environmental impact. We like a lot of other people moved to Bridgetown was because we enjoy living in a small town that incorporates lots of open space and unstructured public spaces, please don't loose that in plans for expansion.
Youth need engaging to reduce mental health issues and drug use.

Aged care is going to be a massive problem if it's not addressed immediately. Keeping old people in town will create jobs
Tourism will be a very important resource for Bridgetown moving into the future, we have to invest into improving community assets and adding additional resources for our future.
Promote the public street that we already have.
Higher degree of emphasis to visitors/tourism required. Work with BGBTA and industry groups to achieve. Constantly hearing of difficulties regarding Shire Planning permissions, delays and over engineering/expenses.
Our residents are getting older; we need to make sure there are good facilities to allow couples and single seniors live here with easy access to shops and community groups and library to act, belong, commit. The kerbside collection of green waste bi-weekly would be fantastic; I have no trailer and a saloon car so no opportunity to take stuff to the tip; it's just piling up at the back of the garage next to the neighbours fence.
Buildings although privately owned need to be painted etc to be in keeping with Historical town status. Town is looking a bit shabby
It is wrong that there is no high care facilities other than the hospital for elderly residents. A need for a low care facility is also greatly needed. The Lodge at Boyup Brook is bursting at the seams with no relief in sight.
Make sure self interest groups with good connections or representatives working on the shire don't get preference over genuine community amenity
Again, with the abundance of artists it would seem important to provide an art gallery by way of supporting these people and promoting tourism by enhancing opportunities for a diversity of engagements. People leave the town talking about how amazing it is ...
Each Shire has it's own culture and personalised service and being on the ball comes from knowing your Shire, hence I think it is important that Shires do not amalgamate.
We need to be more pro-active in the whole area of shire amalgamation and applying for Government - especially Royalties for Regions- funding so that we can benefit as well as Manjimup that is receiving all local Government funding and unless we are pro-active we will be amalgamated into Manjimup
I think that a Greenwaste collection would be a great idea.
Re visit decisions made regarding child care facilities at the pool slash rec centre .young families have become marginalised by the decision to close the crèche . It borders on a mental health issue that this service was terminated
Important to keep community groups and service agreement funding models. Lots of essential Local Health and vitality is in these groups, though always newer younger members despite being encouraged is not taken up
Bridgetown is a lifestyle town and its economy is less robust that many people think. Right now the shire's main focus should probably be financial. Having said that it would also be nice if Bailingup could be added to this shire. I think they want to get away from Donnybrook too - on the other hand I don't think Donnybrook wants to lose them.
Feel we need to provide a youth space to engage our youth and provide them with art, sport, music and health enhancement.
I trust staff and councillors will make the right decisions on LG reform as it isn't an area that the average member of public would be able to adequately comment on
Rather than collecting green waste, perhaps provide compost bins (and instructions) so that green waste can be composted at home. "Shire financial support to community groups" should extend to small farmers and gardeners selling at the Sunday markets. The former point ties in with "Sustainability projects". The global financial situation is (according to the news) looking like 2008, only worse. To my mind, "sustainability" in the context of the Shire means being able to ride out the coming financial shocks. The primary role of local government in times of crisis is mutual support in terms of feeding and housing the community and fostering positive community spirit. It would be good to initiate such a system before any crisis hits.
I fully support the development of a dedicated youth space, to support and engage our young people in the community.
Community groups are essential, so ongoing support is vital. The Youth Group needs support to get off the ground. The Visitors Centre could do with a revamp!!
Essential to place money into projects that enhance tourism people are now wanting sports and exercise to do with the whole family so bike tracks are excellent plus a youth hangout would be excellent

Definitely need more youth events or a place in which they can go and feel supported encouraged, engaged.
The history of the region should be preserved and promoted. Creative side (public art, local artists etc) of Bridgetown should also be promoted.
It is so important to provide a space where young people can access information and support as well as somewhere they come just to hang out
A dedicated, securely funded youth space is critical for this town. The youth need a space to have a voice and a voice in order to feel like a valued and contributing part of our community. Bridgestone youth action group are working tirelessly to provide a structure and a team to go into such a space, and many people in this town are chomping at the bit to get youth programs up and running. But first we need a secure space, and we need funding for a permanent youth worker to run the centre. The shire's support in this venture is crucial. Without it, our chance of success is delayed considerably. Please consider this an urgent matter. Thank you for listening!
Most of above are already good enough and don't need developing or improving, but are still important.
Our shire is corrupted!!!
Projects that develop sustainable communities - environmentally & socially- should be our priority
You cannot do everything that we want !
There is a need for more affordable accommodation options for not for profit groups. I will present the results of my needs assessment soon. As an ageing population, we need to ensure there are adequate services available. However we also have to ensure there are work and leisure options for youth as they will leave the town otherwise.
There is more to the shire than just Bridgetown and Greenbushes. High visibility of a project is not the answer, spend where needed. Community groups, cut off funding if they are never going to be useful or viable. Sustainability, Is this why the extractive industry review is resulting in no traffic control, no requirement to lodge environmental plans, rehabilitation plans, etc. The air quality and amenity for rural residents actual matters too. Local government reform, either do things more efficiently such as road building and maintenance, or there will be pressure to merge to do it better.
Development of a Bridgetown to South Coast regional bridle trail. Adventure/extreme sports trails. Development of an outdoor performance venue (stage, lighting, etc) Who and why would these benefit ratepayers. I would suggest it would bring in visitors but at what cost best left to private funding

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9. If there are additional projects/initiatives which you consider to be important to the future development of the Shire, please list them below:

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The Town Hall is at capacity for some festivals and events. These events will have difficulty being self sustaining if they can't grow. It also has ventilation/heating/cooling issues. I feel there is scope for the construction of multi-purpose building, that can attract festivals, events and conferences in Bridgetown. Preferably in the Somme Creek area where it can be aligned with the library and Recreation Centre. This could form a Cultural Centre for Bridgetown.
As Bridgetown is declared a Heritage Town we need to focus on the heritage value. The Museum should be a focus, likewise the Visitor Centre as Tourists usually try to visit both while they are in an area. Our Visitor Centre staff are very dedicated and enthusiastic, the outside of the building needs to reflect the welcome you receive inside the building.
The encouragement of a Dentist in town
Hampton street bypass. By taking the heavy haulage vehicles away from Hampton street would allow the development of a more pedestrian friendly and safer Hampton street. Further development could see the speed limit drop to 40 km hour and more alfresco dining.
Supporting Business Development to improve employment prospects for the young. Investigating the possibility of a work camp in the Shire to support maintenance projects for community groups and the Shire.
A dedicated gallery space for the display of local artworks that can be used for a number of community based exhibitions throughout the year.
Alternate route to remove HGV from main thoroughfare through town.
Hydrotherapy pool would be an enormous benefit for residents.
A gallery/studio for local artists & musicians
Have a good and sound sustainable environmental plan, support the talent ie, sport, arts, business, and maintain us as a rural shire with the emphasis on rural and not city initiatives.
Arts Officer
A can do attitude. Free or low cost local training initiatives for community organisations, volunteers and leadership opportunities. An overall of the lesser hall. It has no sole, extremely poor lighting and the curtains when up are looking very sad. The entry is also extremely dull.
The shire lacks employment. Need to encourage business that produces a saleable product not just dead end cafe's. Develop Cowan Dam for recreation.
Due to the different and varying events/festivals we host each year, we bring a variety of age groups to the Shire so being on top of maintenance of our buildings and gardens is important to make the right impression so that tourist want to come back (and add to our economy)
Development of railway reserve which is an eyesore as it is at the moment. A heavy duty by-pass - of course!!!
A housing co-operative or shared housing so single people of any age can have affordable housing.
Main Street visual appeal.....buildings painted, potted flowers, more eateries and quirky shops open over the weekends so tourists don't think bridgetown becomes a ghost town after 12 pm Saturdays afternoon
A 40kph speed limit through Hampton St from Bunbury St to Phillips St as it is too narrow and there are too many log trucks. With our aging population it is too dangerous. More crossing islands could be another alternative.
Bypass - Bulldoze the old railway station (it has no merit and is too dilapidated to use), and develop the area.

I think the group who are driving the swimming pool fundraising are fantastic and appreciate their work. I look forward very much to the pool being open. I think the decision making surrounding the award of grant money needs to be transparent; why do some projects get it and others do not; know there is a limit but what about sharing more about and not the full amount requested.
Eventually adding a hydro pool to new complex. Nursing home Designated youth facility
Continue to expand cultural offerings, including events/activities which involve and cater to youth.
Erradication of the black wattle. All shire verges should be cleared of this pest.
Keep working on things for young families and which will engage their participation so that the town stays vibrant and viable
Not the role of our Shire to lead but with the wealth of business/community development within our Shire we are missing out on a collective entrepreneurship "thinking tank" that could ensure our Shire is vibrant and attractive for Government and private investment - I know this has been tried before but the time is right now!
I would love to see more dog friendly off leash exercise areas in the shire. With relative signage to avoid confusion with people who don't like dogs.
Look at Local Waste processing even as a money generating business for the Shire...Many would be interested if properly consulted perhaps. More support for small groups working on Landcare, environment, fire prevention, by perhaps green armies coming in and doing lots of gathering of fire fuel and litter, ready for winter burnoffs.
Shire needs to consider how it can increase quality/number of restaurants to support tourism - very lacking during the week - need more than just the Bridgetown Hotel.
Long term the shire has to put more though into climate change. It will increase fire risk, harm our farmers and possibly our lifestyle residents, crate problems with water supply and maybe also health problems. It is coming, so we have to be ready. Some things, like changing building codes, have to be done now as it takes decades before they really bite. Another long-term problem for the shire is the large number of houses that contain asbestos. Sooner or later it will become illegal to live in a house with asbestos sheeting - and that means that large parts of Bridgetown have to be demolished or extensively sanitised.
Promote the town as an ideal retirement /lifestyle destination to help attract private investment in appropriate and versatile retirement village development(s) in the town precincts.
Creche facilities at the recreation centre and pool for young families to utilise.
Work with local sporting clubs to improve their facilities
I truly believe that the reinstatement of the creche at the recreation centre is essential for community spirit, and it will help with numbers of women using fitness classes, which have dropped considerably. It will also increase patronage at the pool when it is completed.
Improve hard courts at tennis club Footpath down steep part of Dean Street near school
The B'town Sunday markets is one of the defining features of the town. Shire should promote and encourage this as much as possible. The Community Cash Vouchers is an excellent way of keeping local money circulating locally. Shire should promote and encourage this as much as possible.
Diversion of heavy vehicles from the centre of town - this is absolutely essential to Bridgetown's future
Blackwood youth advocacy group Bridgetown /Greenbushes Tourism Association
Safe road crossings for elderly and injured there is none and one day someone will be killed scary crossing the road
More things for the kids and the covering and expansion of the skate park covering it will make it useable all year round. The shade sails don't shade much according to the kids that use the skate park
Parking to be increased as our town is growing rapidly we need to cater for this and provide essential parking for patrons. More toilets in town for families, elderly. It's an inconvenience to be shopping in the lolly shop and then need to race to the other end of town with children to go to the toilet. This is essential.
Please consider bringing back crèche facilities to the rec centre. It has been a great loss to the mothers in this community. If you want happy, healthy kids, you need well supported mothers, who have access to facilities that maintain or improve their physical and mental health. It may not be 'cost effective' but sometimes money should not be considered above the health and wellbeing of a potentially vulnerable (Think post natal depression, isolation etc) and Important section of our community. How can we better support our children than by first supporting their primary caregivers?

Continue with good work in fire suppression and keep, build support for volunteers. More available standpipe, fire water access. We really need a Creche at the gym to aid parents with young children.

Activities for youth and kids in holidays, regardless of whether it makes money for the shire or not!

Our shire is corrupt,

Heavy haulage detour Brookfield railway line decision-train use or decommission and convert for trail use on service road

Bushfire and emergency service- Dedicated phone for brigade members to find out what is going on, volunteer support line for families to find out where fires are, a phone line for the public to ring to get updates on fires, floods etc, because the radio data is often wrong, and does not reflect rapidly changing conditions. Protection of road users, school bus curfews not working, don't exist for log trucks (non rav), gravel trucks and shire trucks. Increasing the speed limit by 50% was not the answer to speeding log trucks. Roadwise committee needs to be fully informed, has the shire president told them of the issues with log trucks, school buses and his push to remove restrictions from gravel trucks? Council and shire need to revisit the vision and actually do what it says, not just write a policy to feel warm and fuzzy then do the opposite when it comes to road safety, residential amenity, environment and promotion of logging and extractive industry regardless of the impact on the entire community. Plantations-haulage approved when plantation approved, but haulage plan not approved by planners, approved by works dept with no referral to planning or technical capacity of roads.

Review of Shire operations and staff functions with a view to streamlining reporting structures and responsibilities in line with current business practice. Review of Shire vehicles what is necessary and by whom and why must they be 4WD why not electric for local town journeys.

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### 10. In your opinion, what is your greatest wish for the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes in 10-15 years?

answered question 139

skipped question 72

A cultural centre/hub being developed.
To still have the small town community feel but with first grade facilities and opportunities for our young people.
To retain its country town feel while being able to provide a comfortable lifestyle for the people.
That it remains as a friendly country town not subject to large stores and fast food venues
Attracting businesses and employment to Bridgetown.
That it can be financially sustainable without significant costs to the ratepayers and we can improve it as a great place to live, work and visit.
To be. Happy contented town plus good environment
Safety - and that somehow Bridgetown will be free of huge trucks going through the town, which is not only dangerous but affects many people.
That this stunning shire be known as a cultural hub on ,many fronts. Arts , food , wine & also known as a place of natural beauty true to it's heritage.
Provide another route for the trucks going through Bridgetown.
More funding for art projects.
Get the trucks off the main road, more resources for War memorials. Restore the Cenotaph
Continued improvement on the streetscape with the old fuel depot being utilised rather than the current vacant "black hole"; the old Railway Building needs attention it is a crumbling ruin and does not reflect a progressive town.
Good quality affordable facilities for volunteer and community groups to meet, hold functions and storage of records and equipment.
Well-planned projects and initiatives to encourage growth and attract a mix of ages and occupations to the Shire.
That is doesn't grow too big, that it becomes a 'transition town'. That the residents become more environmentally aware - there's nothing to encourage change of attitudes.
Grow effectively and develop the town to encourage older people to stay
for the youth to have more places to go to. More art venues
To retain its charm and character. To continue to welcome new home owners. To enforce a 40kph traffic control in the main street.
Greater focus on sustainability. A move to support diverse building materials.
For it to look more like a historical township that was far more attractive to tourists.
To live up to it's Heritage Town status and take more care of it's historical buildings & sites & not let them fall into disrepair. To remain the beautiful country town it is & not become a second Margaret River.
To maintain our unique rural environment and not getting eroded by city ideals.
More for the youth
While tourism is important to our town, the people living here are just as important, We tend to get overlooked until shire needs our help funding! Need a forward thinking shire.
To ensure the preservation of historic buildings, and to have improved roads/pathways.
Greater flexibility with Shire's planning procedures Increased promotion of the region as a place to visit and/or live Financially sustainable
To support community arts programmes and position of Shire Arts Officer
To be an exciting and dynamic central point of support and guidance for the community in all aspects of shire responsibilities. To be a shire that does not reinvent the wheel, rather utilise "best practice" to guide and deliver services that have been developed based upon sustainable community inspired goals.
For the business's to grow and Bridgetown become a tourist destination
That there is employment and education for the youth that grow up here. We stop looking like a poor neighbour to Manji and Donnybrook.
That all unnecessary expenditure will cease and rate increase are the same or less than inflation

more options for age care independent living options
More aged accommodation
To continue with things like Tennis ,Marathon, winter etc
Build on what we already have in regards to gardens/parks/reserves/trails and preservation and maintenance of our buildings. Encourage tourism
That there should be a by-pass so that hampton Street could perhaps be made into a mall. That it should remain the friendly community that it is today. I am biased because I am over 70, but I think it would be nice if we could have aged housing in the centre of town.
build on the strengths and encourage young people to stay in the town
To see all ovals, parks, reserves and sporting facilities utilised by as many people of all ages.
To integrate encouragement of new people to live in our town and still keep the present 'cosines ' of the town. Encourage residents to smile!!!
To be a safe, drug free community which supports our young and allows our elderly to remain here and one who supports all the artistic talent we have here. Also to be more environ mentally friendly. E.g. More solar panels and wind turbines.
more houses for the elderly near town on flat ground
To keep its old world values but also keep the improvements to the town active.
To grow but maintain what already makes it so special
To bring more families to town and attract more visitors.
Thriving,vibrant country town with employment , facilities and entertainment for all ages.
To see the town prosper not just for the locals but also to it be nominated and hold a reputation for being a wonderful place to live and visit by tourists
More employment to attract younger residents.
That is can develop its tourism and be seen as a 'must see' destination through eco tourism and not loose they appeal of being a small close knit community
The Shire to keep rates as low as possible.
That we become the most environmentally conscious council promoting sustainability in not only the shire's practices but with all the residents. Sustainability will bring a beauty to the town that will bring even more tourists leading to a boost in the economy.
to help with increasing tourism as I believe its the future for the town
Continued improvement as a tourist destination, that includes activities and employment for locals
Continued good policing resulting in security for residents.
To maintain the character and integrity of the town so it does not have new builds changing the general atmosphere of the town. To finish projects started eg deep sewerage, entertainment areas, swimming pool
To provide aged accommodation close to town
A bypass. Make Hampton street pedestrian and friendly for shoppers. Let people sit outside cafes without being deafened and poisoned by large trucks spitting out diesel emissions (far worse than petrol).
To continue to invest into the future of Bridgetown.
To retain its unique character - Simply Beautiful sums it up.
For Bridgetown to retain its small town community minded personality
More pro-active involvement in striving to "fire proof our outer areas. More services for the aging population with particular effort into facilities for people with dementia which would mean that they do not have to leave town and become isolated from friends and family.
That all the shops are occupied and that no unsightly blocks detract from the beauty of the town. All parks and open spaces should be well maintained
That we have stanible town.
Don't lose the beautiful small country town feel. It's why we moved here. Leave suburbia in Perth.
That the thousands of people that consistently travel to Pemberton/Walpole year in year out, stop and stay in Bridgetown....but it won't happen by itself, the town needs to look like a "must stop there" place.
Upgrade of Community infrastructure

To maintain the integrity of our unique country charm, while being open to progress that will enhance the wonderful things Bridgetown has to offer.
To get rid of the railway line and use the space more wisely. Would be great to have a cycle path from Bunbury to Walpole or beyond utilizing the old railway line space - amazing opportunities for attracting tourism and events
Develop tourism, e.g. Food trail
Put more focus into activities/designated area for youth
To continue to serve the community and development in areas of youth and aged
To have a wide selection of affordable options for seniors to end their years living in; and to include the outer areas in receiving the same services as the town centre - i.e. rubbish collection.
To change the entrance from Greenbushes into Bridgetown on the SW highway - you come past the sign and rep theatre to an ugly Holden car park and area opposite with gravel and cars for sale? When the lights are on in the winter this area looks even worse than summer.
Affordable housing and transport service
to be a more balanced age demographic, more families and young people,
More recreation and sporting options / facilities eg squash courts, paintball, running trails.
Adapted to climate change as it affects changes to vegetation, water supply and fire vulnerability.
For the town to still be a top tourist destination and with a good vibe downtown. More bituminization of minor roads on the edge of town.
That somehow the 'new arrivals' who come here presumably because they like it aren't listened to over those who have been here for a long time and understand what works and wish to maintain some of the character that attracted people here in the first place. Limit the ability of those self interested to bigger it up for everyone else.... empty vessels do tend to make the most noise !
To maintain the country town feel (ie keep population at the current level) and promote tourism.
To be a strong, vibrant and caring community that attracts community minded people who value our unique natural environment - and can offer employment to our children who choose to return after traveling
That a truck bypass road will be built around the town. This will enhance the town for visitors and locals alike and I won't have to breathe diesel fumes 24 hours a day.
Solution to heavy trucks through the centre of town and careful planning to preserve and enhance existing townscape and community values
Geothermal heating of Bridgetown pool.
Continuing development for youth programs to ensure a healthy, well adjusted next generation
Tourism
To be close to debt free and that positions of influence are used for the common good and not "seat warming" or personal gain
Develop more for the youth and aged
To be the community it has long been, and is sometimes recently losing its sense of. WONderful place to live, more coherent planning, not changing rules after people have bought a place with certain parameters then these being changed, so the values long liked are no longer there
That it holds its charm.No more land clearing.Especially the land to the west of the town on that magnificent tree covered hillside.
I want to live here for the rest of my life - I hope the town will grow and accommodate that wish. Don't stop being a small community based town, but provide as much elder support as possible.
To be a wonderful and safe place to live for people of all ages with an attractive profile that attracts more people to the region.
Youth Space for Bridgetown's Youth at Skate Park location.
Safe community with approachable, listening council.
I definatly would like to see a youth group started, i think that is a necessity. Id also like to see improvements at the cemetry
More Sustainability projects. Our Library is fantastic in its use of using renewable energy
Environmental sustainability and economic growth with balance between catering for the aging population while developing services and facilities for working families. Set a standard for other towns to emulate.
Not to forget Greenbushes.
More jobs so that the town can continue to grow and not just become a retirement village

For minority groups to be included in decision making processes. Also for the pool to be heated and enclosed for year round use.
Mains sewerage Care and maintenance of greenery and trees Good eateries
Steady population growth so that our services aren't withdrawn
Better youth facilities, more employment opportunities created for locals.
That it be a green and growing place that provides for the physical/emotional needs of its residents largely from products and services produced within the shire.
To be a great town to live in. To lead the way in terms of regional disability support services, youth facilities and sustainable programs. To maintain the heritage that makes it such an appealing town and to divert heavy vehicles away from the town centre.
More jobs so our children can continue to live here or come back to live when they wish
To continue supporting community groups. Support the Youth Centre. Continue to maintain this beautiful town! Engage a younger council.
Better recycling safe walk bike trails for families develop the river promote it, youth hang out area and finish off the swimming pool, I use the Manj pool fill up with petrol and then do my shopping because I'm there how many are like me
A safer, cleaner place to live.
That it embraces a changing world and prepares for a more diverse local economy.
To keep as many of the trees and historic buildings as possible and have more for the adolescent children to do.
Community feel, great facilities, tidy town
To continue to encourage young people to actively contribute to the community and to build connections between the young and old.
That it listens to the people of Bridgetown. It takes Bridgetown forwards without losing its sense of individuality.
Community centre
A high school for years 7-12 years with a specialised youth program concentrating on the development of youth interests and skills.
Better youth initiatives for mental health and wellness
focus on youth
Light industrial area, saves business going out of town, and will help with future jobs Retailers must more realistic with their prices. The shire has a role to play in encouraging businesses to better support its community
A dedicated space for youth, with a full time youth worker and a range of programs provided.
Definitely want to see activities and venue for the youth, particularly for ages 12-21 with major influence of no drugs and alcohol
To provide more services for the youth of the town
That it continues to develop the town centre by supporting and encouraging local business and tourism. That it continues to develop walk trails, access to the river, bridle and mountain bike trails to take advantage of the landscape and encourage visitors to the shire.
Don't over manage the place and try to make things too fixed or static. The beauty and great feel of Bridgetown is because it runs many events, is not too rigid, is accessible and relaxed, and over engineered or become too manicured or built up. I don't mean have an untidy place but don't make things over "slick"
To develop services and jobs to keep people in the area creating sustainability. Today's children become tomorrow's adults in the area and don't move away.
Better gym, pool, kids groups all joined at centre.
Indoor swimming pool
To be a leader in developing strong & happy communities
Encourage private business buildings to tidy up
Cater for the youth.
steady population growth and increased tourism/national awareness of the Blackwood region
Aged Care facilities Continue developing community & sports recreation facilities & community events. That there will continue to be community spirited people to lead the push to keep improving & developing what we have. Sometimes this will need to be led by the Shire.
More jobs and industry
Aged care and support to age in place.
Try to keep the Heritage look of the main street and entrance to Town

That tourism increases so that the town prospers more.
To grow at a sustainable rate, with jobs and services available.
To see the town more forward and continue to improve. Don't waste money. Improve the rec centre/pool area and also the Main Street.
To remain a nice place to live, where the residents are actually put ahead of industries like logging and extractive which do not create employment- logging all truck drivers and harvesters are not local.
More investment in facilities for older people

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### 11. In your opinion, what makes the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes a special place to live?

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The people make Bridgetown special. the scenery and natural surrounds.
Open spaces, community, great school
The way that everyone is so friendly and helpful
The friendly community
Its people, the environment, its weather and topography.
Friendly thoughtful population
Nice people, but don't like being in the town because of the noise of the trucks. There is no peace in town, and the trucks are constantly going through.
All of the above. This shire is , "simply beautiful", & should remain so. There are many elements that have been underestimated such as the fabulous contribution that could be made by world class artists living in the region.
The community, the beautiful surroundings, the opportunities and facilities available thanks in many cases to volunteers
The history and the people.
Community spirit
The friendly faces, the weather, clean streets, places to go visit, events throughout the year. Good medical services, well maintained schools, parks and gardens.
Great community spirit, a very friendly and safe town.
The historical townscape, the surrounding natural beauty and the seasonal climate.
Its relatively small population. The number of trees remaining (but more are needed).
Great country side and good facilities for a small town
very friendly people. Lovely scenery
Its charm, character, friendliness, fresh air, cleanliness and easy access to surrounding towns
The people and rural setting. The town is not too big.
The people who are friendly, honest, and caring.
Art projects, climate, businesses.
Mainly the friendly & caring attitude of people who live here!
Friendly and supportive.
Low crime/violence
Community spirit
The small country town feel with minimal crime rate. It's peaceful!
Limited industrial developments allowing for an environmentally friendly/healthy region
Bridgetown is a beautiful town with a population that takes pride in this town. It feels loved and has plenty of potential to develop further .
People, place (green and clean) and space.
We have the shops we need without having the huge outlets(woolworth, coles etc) to clutter or take away the country feel of the town.
It has some form of facilities a smaller town lacks. It is small enough most people know each other and there is little crime.
When tree changers realise that we are a country shire - not an outer metropolitan one and expect the services of the city
community
Peaceful environment, friendly locals
Rolling countryside friendliness of residents, beauty, nature reserves et

Our community and the natural beauty of the landscape
The friendly place it is, its various events throughout the year and the speciality shops.
the people and their ability to get things done
The beautiful country side and 4 seasons experienced.
It's geographical position. Not too far from Perth, extremely pretty valley, medical facilities
being a clean and green community with a low crime rate, close to all amenities in larger centres that aren't available in Bridgetown
Currently the safety factor, the care people have for one another shown by the amount of volunteers we have here. The cleanliness of the town. The facilities that are available and the friendliness of everyone.
low crime rate friendly people
Old world values.
Sense of community.
General ambience, community spirit, natural beauty, little or no crime and always lots to do.
Beautiful and peaceful
The friendly rural relaxed atmosphere with a variety of social clubs to suit all tastes.
The community spirit
Beautiful setting, good facilities and not too far from Perth, Bunbury and Manjimup.
It is a very welcoming community, supportive and easy to feel a part of. It is the beautiful open spaces like the river park and peace park. I love that it has so many trees and still fits into the natural environment so well. What I also love is that it only takes five minutes to get to a bush track where you can go walking, mountain bike riding or running. The accessibility to fresh air exercise and the markets where you can get fresh local produce encourages a healthy lifestyle and a sense of well being. The quirkiness and age of a lot of the housing gives Bridgetown a wonderful feel also, I hate suburbia with a passion and Bridgetown is the exact opposite of that.
The scenery and the people.
The people. That wonderful "small town" personal attitude and friendliness.
most of it
It's peace, topography, community
Close and caring community.
The older buildings seem to bring the character of older times and values
The topography of the land around us
vibrant, eclectic, diverse
Fantastic community spirit.
The weather, The Valley, The lifestyle. The various festivals should remain and be supported / encouraged
Community spirit of residents New library New pool Good mix of all age groups
No ocean on our doorstep, therefore retains a nice country feel not over run with tourists 24/7. Love the "community feeling" that is still palpable.
it is not the shire that makes people live here it is the other people The area has a lot of natural beauty I do not think the shire promotes this enough.
Beautiful scenery including the river. The historic buildings of the town and the tree lined streets
that it has small family business not all big chain stores it makes a real point of differences as these days.
Friendly people.
Moderate population, friendly and approachable people and generally good attitude embraced by residents. Pleased to see/hear of more proactive policing too.
The community and the environment.
The above
Diversity, the unique culture of the town, creative people, our own hospital and good primary and allied health services, lots of natural attractions, the river, available/affordable blocks for sale to suit all tastes
It has great community spirit.

It is a friendly community where people look out for each other.
The attitude of community members when you need help; there is always someone to help you or advise who can. It's safe for my family, to leave my car unlocked and my home.
The people and nature
Great community feel, small town feel but with a solid range of facilities for a range of residents
Urbane yet rural, diversity of shops and products, preservation of historic homes and buildings
The retaining of trees and natural bush. To always be able to look out at greenery and trees. The town feels alive year round.
The existing character and ambience..... it's a pretty town
The atmosphere. A rural feel, an interesting assortment of shops (with the exception of one) that reflect the sense of a creative community. The festivals, for example, Winter Festival, Garden Festival ...
Friendly culture, good services, strong volunteer base, historic streetscapes, rural zones close to town which offer the rolling green hills and treed vistas. Plenty of 'special residential' half acre (+) lots which offer the feel of a semi-rural lifestyle. Good schools, great hospital, increasing aged care residences, plenty of Doctors and good selection of shops, supported by both locals and tourism. Good festivals, run for the most part by volunteers.
The multi- faceted community where people care for each other and are willing to contribute to their community
The natural environment that surrounds it.
Community engagement , attractive town and surroundings
Rolling green hills, laidback atmosphere
Residents look out for each other. The community spirit is fantastic. Our Shire President does a fantastic job promoting our community spirit.
Picturesque, quiet.
Space
its relaxed lifestyle
COMMUNITY COMMUNITY and the ambience of the environment/trees/ river/ and important to retain a lot of what has been good for the last decades and not imitate, Perth suburbs.
The friendly people of Bridgetown.the beautiful views .no
People and beauty
The community spirit with great volunteer ethic, the wonderful village atmosphere and great natural scenic environment.
Safety, friendliness
The community atmosphere and diversity. The Art and Music priority of the town.
Essential services. Open, trees & garden spaces. Residents of all ages - birth to aged.
Its a very friendly, safe, beautiful town to live in
Amazing natural environment, a strong community and fabulous facilities
Country atmosphere, friendly people and slower pace of life.
Its people
The natural beauty of the area.
The community
Landscape, people, respect
The town has all the essential facilities a young family needs but still retains that small country town feel to it.
It is a melting pot of many disparate lifestyles and new-comers and old-timers. As such, it is very welcoming and accepting of differing views and practices.
The natural environment, a sense of community amongst the residents, a great town centre.
its people and its environment
It is just a beautiful community, with great people living here!
Community cohesion and pride excellent medical facilities
The green hills, rain and cold - next to a very caring community.

The people, the trees, it's just beautiful quiet and friendly. Low crime and people's willingness to help
Peace and quiet, community feel, generosity, mixed aged groups
The wonderful people, the magical community spirit and the sheer beauty of the town.
the diversity of its beautiful people and sense of community.
Strong community focus. Location. Great community involvement. A great country town with retained history eg buildings, landscapes, rivers yet being modern with the "today" as in facilities, access to outside resources
Community...
The mix of people that live here.
people care about their community
the people
The people, the local groups and a sense of coming together when individuals are in need or a crisis
A diverse range of personalities, skill sets and interests that are able, despite difference, to co exist and even work together to support the town as a whole. A safe and secure environment, and people who work tirelessly to maintain that- be it in crime prevention or bio security. A generous population willing to give money and time to further the interests of community groups. I'm sure I could think of a hundred things but toddler is demanding attention and I have to wrap this up!
The community!!! The people here are family orientated and as it takes a community to raise a child I have chosen this beautiful community to raise all 4 of mine.
Relaxed country town where you are greeted with hellos and smiles walking down the street
Natural landscape, river etc. Great community spirit and engagement in activities. Good services (business, doctors, aged care, hospital etc.)
As above. Simply Beautiful and accessible. Doesn't feel over regulated and had a few quirks.
Community spirit
Beautiful surrounds.
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We're so lucky to have a naturally beautiful environment - we must make every endeavour to ensure that it stays that way
beauty
Every one cares.
The history, the people, the topography, the opportunity and support
Community & family emphasis
The people
Community spirit
Great small town community with Essential facilities available.
The wonderful, generous community and the beautiful landscape
the people
It's such a beautiful location and has the potential to be a beautiful town.
Scenery, peace and quiet and still a small town feel
The Community

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12. When you think of the future of the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes, how would you like the environment to be in 10-15 years time? (By environment we mean the natural space, trees, land, rivers and townscape being the buildings and changes that humans make to the landscape.)

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Townscape: The main street being more people friendly. At the moment it is cars/trucks dominated. Develop the Main Street so it is for the people. Doesn't mean a bypass, this would be costly and difficult. But it does mean, think about the space so that people are the focus. Natural space: more Nature Play type spaces for play areas. I love the natural environment as it is, so I would hope it all stays.
The same as now but with less weeds.
Retained as it is now
That it be maintained well and kept just as it is
Less reliance on scheme water ( household storage requirements), growth of in-town and rural living with appropriate town planning scheme developments and maintenance of the current landscape.
Parks and open spaces status quo, businesses non polluting
I hope there will be less traffic in Bridgetown but I think it will increase.
To remain true to it's essence & to not lose it's way on the path to development. A balanced approach that does not compromise on what is inherently Bridgetown/Greenbushes.
Please keep the history and historical buildings. With all of the artistic talent in town incorporate more art into public spaces.
Maintain the green image and protect the environment, creeks , parks etc.
A continued growth in the population; continued building of houses that mirror growth; occupancy of shops and businesses providing opportunities for employment. Good fire management processes to keep people and properties safe. Continued emphasis on Welcoming streetscape that make visitors choose to stop here to explore.
Maintenance of the heritage and rustic nature of the townscape, ie not too much neat artificial landscaping. The area below the library is a good example of attractive planning.
Well-established and preserved - offering appeal throughout the seasons, amenity and access.
A less-polluted river, less land-clearing (small farmlets particularly barren, more protective cover is needed). Greater evidence of the Shire's commitment to sustainability, i.e. messaging around town on rubbish bins.
We must look after our environment and more resources must be put into this area. This is the reason many people visit our shire
Not over developed
Natural beauty to be retained. New buildings in cbd to keep to old world charm
I would like to see a community focused on the future with recycling and sustainable living. Supporting diverse housing.
Get rid of the modern external shop signage and make it look more heritage like. The rest of it I think is great.
Not spoiled by trying to make Bridgetown something other than what it currently is. People love Bridgetown for its friendly, caring, simplicity. Look after what we currently have & don't let it become overdeveloped
No more major subdivisions, encourage a clean landscape with plenty of trees (both native and deciduous), and maintain and support the heritage of the town.
Maintained and free of weeds (blackberry), waterways free of carp etc
While keeping the "heritage" of our town, it is important to also expand to allow more growth.
I would like for there to be minimal buildings or interruptions to current natural space including rivers, park reserves and trees.
Retention of maximum open space allowing for all types of recreation activities
Preserving of historical sites and buildings. Development of an Art trail/sculpture walk through town and surrounding landscape

Enhance the natural environment with spaces and places for people to enjoy. Buildings, plant and equipment should be architecturally interesting as should the townscape and public spaces. Dog walking areas should be enriched. The heavy vehicles should not be driving along the main road, and we should not be exposed to heavy haulage live animal transport vehicles parking for hours in the heat while their load suffers from water deprivation and the smell of the excrement drifts through the cafes and along the main street.
I would hope that we have retained as many trees in the town as possible and are able to work around retaining shade where ever possible.
The town centre should welcome people to stop here fuel up, eat, let the kids play and relax. The trucks should go down the railway line.
I think we have it now and I'm sure it will continue
To continue admit is with changes as necessary
I would like to see the river and reserves retained, ie; no encroachment of subdivisions
Remove the light industrial area from the centre of town near the primary schools and develop that area into aged care and/or parkland.
the brook at the back of the IGA carpark needs some TLC and the stream near the garden centre
More easily accessible tracks and trails and information throughout the extensive reserves that surround Bridgetown
Keep all the trees - Replace and new plantings. A walking path along the river which older people can use???
keep as much open space for parks as possible and extend the park along the river to the west for easier access. keep the heritage buildings as they are in the main CBD
Trees to remain in the streets. River to be cleaner to encourage people to swim there. More thought given to buildings built in the main street
Like it is now plenty of green fields and trees and not to build on every piece of land
I like it the way it is.
As little change to the environment as possible.
Protect and build on what we have and really look after the river.
The natural space, trees, land and rivers need to be looked after and preserved. They are what attract people to Bridgetown
All natural bush to be kept as is, more trees native to WA to be planted around open spaces. Rivers to be kept clean and free of rubbish. More walk trials to be developed.
More education to all ages to preserve & take care of the environment.
I would like to see us keep up with the times by introducing up date projects which improve the environment with minimal impact on the land and the visual outlook...so it remains a natural environment but with modern facilities
Stop any further land dev elopement as there are enough blocks available and further development means more tree removal. Also all those blue gums planted around town (not plantation gums) are a fire hazard and should be removed.
I am worried that as Bridgetown grows it will change and we will loose the 'close to nature' feel of Bridgetown, I am hoping not or it wont be any different to being in Manjimup or Albany.
Be easy to care for. Great on the eye and safe.
In one word "sustainable".
Preserved as is. That's the main attraction for the area
Not too much changed- it's our strength.
Not too many changes but walkways free of stray ?hostile dogs.
To be able to still walk down streets that have trees, birds etc unlike other towns where paving and bitumen has replaced the trees because they drop leaves. Parks where dogs can run off leads
clean the dead wood out of the Blackwood River (not the Shire office) making it more accessible
A town even more inviting to tourists and visitors, while maintaining its historic values.
As natural as possible. We should preserve and enhance what we have. Mining should not occur close to the town. A By-Pass Rd (aimed at heavy haulage) should be revisited but don't call it a By-Pass (shops dislike this). Other traffic could be encouraged to use the existing road. Speed limits need to drop on the approach to and through town.
Preservation of open spaces and bush area eg along Blackwood River for community enjoyment

Retention of the Heritage Street Scape, more attention to tidying up of verges and bushland close to and in the town site. Would also like to see the trucks diverted away from the main street with more development of the main street - a "stop a while for coffee and lunch".
All the parks and recreation areas should be well maintained
it would nice to preserve and celebrate more of the history of both towns.
Keep it as natural as possible. Its beautiful now.
Sustainable, but not to the enth degree. Tooooo green is not an option!
I would hope it is in a better shape than it is now, especially the Blackwood
Playgrounds to be nature based. More walk trails and outdoor activities encouraged. le Marathon, Equestrian events, fun runs etc Continuing the high level of street scape, landscaping and parklands as currently being done. Maintain the historic buildings, hotels etc
More safe/well pathed rambling walks around town, cycle paths, more seating - make it a place to stop and smell the roses. Owners of vacant land in high vis places should be asked to tidy up their eye-sores eg opposite the BP station.
Natural environment to be left alone and perhaps some of the town's buildings could be brought back to their original condition.
A lot of open space, gardens and parks to go and enjoy
I would love to see the youth engaged in producing art for display around the shire. We don't use their ideas and talent for anything. Update the old train station buildings, use them for visitor events and make better use of the train tracks as a path, cycle way.
Townscape improved with better lighting, footpaths user friendly and increased. Trees retained and more planted. Town square softened as too formal and sterile.
it should reflect the social, cultural and natural heritage of the area.
More running & cycling & riding trails that embrace the beautiful landscape
Also see 10 above. Support for sustainable energy alternatives (solar/wind) to minimise risk to power supply transmission lines due to fire; active management of vegetation to reduce fire risk in hotter and drier conditions, timely innovation to protect and support the economic sustainability of the community in times of increased demand on community resources.
For the Blackwood river to still be freeflowing and clean. Retention of big trees around town. Maintain the streetscape facades. Look after the bridge.
More trees, maintain open space, clean up the river(enforce fines against runoff polluters), help maintain public older character buildings and stop the self interested 'developers' trying to create Subi on the Blackwood
Iterating 10 (above). Keep the rural atmosphere. Maintain the natural spaces, trees and river. Maintain the heritage feel.
I would like to see very little changes to the natural spaces, other than slight improvements, and continued Biodiversity and landcare groups receiving the right support to continue with their current work and goals.
Sustainable and nurturing
I would hope that the natural environment is retained as best as possible with all new homes owners encouraged to plant native trees and encourage wildlife to their properties.
Preservation of existing important buildings ,conservation of natural features ( river /parks etc), planning rulesto encourage /permit good new architecture
Leave the environment alone. What makes Bridgetown special, is the respect for heritage buildings, our open spaces and no high rise buildings or cut throat "Super Chain" stores, that compete with our local services.
Must be environment conscious. Too many weeds. Blackberry, rabbits. Keep our town beautiful
Healthy
More trees for shade around the town, not all Deciduous...we are not the UK so we dont need to have bare trees everywhere. Many reports coming out now about the importance of Street trees for shade and ambience..what happened to the old trees in Roe Street, now an almost desert scape
No more estates.we have the highlands and other ones.no new development until they are full .
Part of Bridgetown/Greenbushes beauty is that we are close to our natural environment. Almost anywhere you stand, you can glimpse something of nature around you. It is important to keep that. As for the changes humans make, remember to keep it small and human-scaled. What I don't want to see is another Manjimup of Bunbury
Retain as much natural environment as is reasonably possible in any development that takes place.
Retain natural space, trees, less spraying of poisons on land & in waterways.

Environmental Sustainability not negotiable.
Little change from present.
Continues pursuit of getting the community outdoors, Preservation of our Local reserves
Retain open spaces, control environmental pests, develop sustainable technologies and make Bridgetown a showcase of what is possible.
Same as now
Healthy, not encroached upon by buildings. Enhancement of lawn areas etc to sit and enjoy the beauty.
Plenty of trees in shady parks for summer
Same as now
More natural spaces. The river foreshore could be developed into something far more appealing than what it is now.
The environment is looking pretty good (better now than 20 years ago). Let's keep making it better...more trees (natural carbon sinks), more gardens (local food), more riverside/creepline revegetation (let's clean out the salt)
Increased plantings of trees, better management of the river and access to the natural environment.
Bridgetown's future is tourism - that means we must protect the environment both natural and the townscape and stop the intrusion of the things that detract from those features. We live in Bridgetown because we don't want to live in a city - we don't want the traffic and the sort of development that engulfs bigger towns - fast-food chains and so on.
exactly as it is now ?? trees, walkways, paths parks and gardens any future developments and infrastructure needs to be carefully structured and engineered so that we do not lose any more of the natural beauty that we have today, as this is one of our biggest attractions.
Maintain the history, focus on sustainability.
Develop and beautify the river picnic areas playground toilets it is an excellent area crying out for maintenance keep it regularly mowed
Preserved and maintained.
More trees on hills where properties are constructed.
Almost the same lots of trees, lovely river, the bushland
Don't overcrowd the beautiful space. Love it nurture it and keep it the small tranquil little town that it is today.
That the natural spaces be natural. That the buildings and townscape represent the artistic and creative vibe of Bridgetown
Leave with the country feeling. Don't make it too modern. Refer to answer in Q11
Ideally the river itself will be in better condition with re-vegetation of upper tributaries.
beautiful lush green and sustainable
exactly the same but with upgrades to walkways etc
As it is
Please do NOT let it include mining or fracking. Let's preserve our natural resources and as much of our landscape in its current form as possible.
No more land clearing, more water collection and the return of recycling!!
It's perfect the way it is
Preservation of historic buildings and landmarks, development of a vibrant town centre (including attractive landscaping) and more access, picnic facilities and walk and bridle trails in the bush and by the river.
As it is now with plenty of nice deciduous trees that look awesome in Autumn and winter, spring.
More walking/cycle friendly paths. Gravel paths are not easy to walk/cycle on and can be quite dangerous
As it is. No more developing.
STOP SPRAYING
Balanced developments that enhance our natural environment & allow for a sustainable progress
more river development
We need to remain natural and green, keep the trees, grass and parks.
Protected and nurtured-river rights removed no GMO within the Shire and reduced chemical spraying

Much as we have now, but more use of the river & various types of walks & trails
Hopefully the same
Let's still have trees and parks.
Need to retain as much of the natural environment as it is now by care and good management.
Don't really like all of the estates around the place. Understand the need for development but estates just seem too urban.
pretty much the way it is now. I think we have a good balance
Much as it is now.
More roadside trees, more birdlife, less trucks, industries must be held accountable-plantations left harvested but not cleaned up because they only are required to do it when they finish harvesting, which can be years. We don't need to be seeing blots on landscape like uncleared plantations, gravel pits exposed to view. Townscape and buildings, no containers, sheds, water tanks etc colourbond, not plain steel to help blend in.
Making Hampton Street a pedestrian precinct. Removing the railway reserve eyesore for development. a bypass for trucks

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13. When you think of the future of the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes in 10-15 years time, what will economic prosperity mean to you and how should it shape the community? (By this we mean what sort of jobs and businesses will be in your town.)

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Too many people work multiple part-time jobs to make ends meet. More full time work developed. More active approaches to industry to be developed in Bridgetown. Be that Toursim or other. I would like the council to investigate how it can be forward thinking in supporting free-lance type business growth(eg Uber, Air BnB, Airtasker) as this seems to be a growth area.
Being a senior citizen it is difficult for me to envisage jobs that will cater for young people without the town being spoiled by big businesses
Industry / jobs are required in the community to bring a younger population into town
Improved opportunities for employment through the development of small/medium businesses and a firm commitment to a buy local mentality.
Try and develop something suitable for involvement of young folk perhaps art could help.
You never know!
more food/wine based employment as the wider world realizes what is on offer in this, "hidden gem". More arts based employment,(a council supported arts co-op that works with youth as well).
Bridgetown has changed to a tourism town with cafes and lovely shops to spend time in - more of the same.
Tourism must be a major issue and support local business
Population growth will support business demand and employment. There will be a need to provide increased services to aging residents; this in itself could provide some additional employment opportunities. Increased emphasis on business opportunities that can operate from home and be supported by fast internet and the most updated communication sources will be essential - the Shire needs to be proactive in ensuring that there are no barriers to accessing online services in this town.
Promotion and support for small business and innovative small industry. Promotion of shop local.
More 'creative' jobs and 'home-based' opportunities - many of which are reliant on quality high-speed and consistent IT connectivity - attracting a larger proportion of jobs and businesses to operate locally and regionally.
Economic prosperity will mean greater self-sufficiency, attracting SMALL & LOCAL producers of goods and services, especially food.
Must encourage more bussiness to open of any nature
I feel there is an opportunity for small business in niche markets. Organic produce and specialties.
I would like to see an increase in jobs for the children of parents in Bridgetown. We need the kids to stay or return for Bridgetown to remain viable in the longer term.
Young people will usually want to seek adventure further afield. However, for those wishing to stay in their hometown, there'd needs to be the jobs & opportunities to make them want to stay. Always difficult in a small country town. Increasing tourism would be good but important not to lose the small country town environment.
Maintain what we have, support small businesses and agriculture, and encourage small, environmentally sound practices.
Eateries using local produce, grower's direct market, accommodation for holiday makers,
Allow construction of larger businesses to create more jobs.
It will mean a lot to me as I hope to raise children here who will hold local jobs. I hope there will still be small town individual businesses run by locals. However I do believe shopping facilities will or should improve (increase/grow) as many locals as it is, travel to Manjimup or Bunbury for variety or cost.
Adequate support for commercial developments to support local shopping
Further development of Arts and Youth programmes, more public art, development of community house and art gallery
Support for dynamic home businesses, local businesses having a go at something different. Less restriction and more support. Finding out what can be done to get more support for local businesses. Do we ask the public why many don't many shop locally? Is is all about price or are there other issues including service delivery, lack of variety, the quality etc. Find out what services are lacking in town and encourage entrepreneurship, shared spaces, expertise, pop up opportunities etc. Be a creative hub of excitement and innovation - an attractive destination for start-ups.

economic prosperity could bring more diverse people in to town who will bring with them new ideas which the shire needs to be open to
New agricultural ventures creating employment and downstream processing of these ventures. Like the Margret River cottage industries. The empty housing estates full.
Economic prosperity is rather beyond the capability of local government
more local business and more shopping options.
Unfortunately the small business are going to suffer. People will travel further to obtain goods.
With the downturn of farming and tree plantations I believe the encouragement of tourist related businesses including our boutique shops are a way of increasing jobs
I like it how it is. Variety of banks, accountancy firms, builders, craftspeople and shops. A really good restaurant offering silver service and a QUIET environment would be nice.
it would be advantageous if there were more integration of services and groups within the community
Encourage gaps in businesses to locate to Bridgetown. Ie auto electrician - but I am sure there are others. Keep out the fast food outlet chains!!
Can't comment sorry
Tourist based businesses
The area still needs economic growth and employment opportunities but not at the expense of the environment. Continued tourist development.
Economic prosperity would be highly important with a larger variety of retail businesses which would employ local people especially the youth and keep the profits in the town.
Definitely the tourists must be kept in mind..by providing excellent eateries, accommodation, things to do, also local seasonal produce to be promoted to stimulate locals to grow and supply this demand
Don't know .
I think eco tourism, and leveraging the advantage of the beauty of the region. Seeing some state, Australia, world class events like the triathlon and perhaps mountain bike trails would be great. Being part of the 'South West' tourism so that we can keep the region strong in its natural environment.
Would love to see some types of jobs that don't impact on look of the town but give people a chance to be proud of the work they do.
I believe it is vital that we help support local businesses and keep out the multinational companies that will destroy what everyone loves about our "small town". Let all our residents know they can get all they want here in our town.
More smaller shops in line with what we have now.
Tourism generated whilst maintaining current strengths. Cycling, horseback riding, river related, adventure. Walking etc. accomodation and catering for tourists
Need to have jobs to offer the younger families so they stay in town.
Basically what is already here, no big super stores, eg Bunnings, Masters, KMart, Coles etc to help retain the towns feel. More little cnr stores like shops
We need to establish why it is dearer to shop,buy fuel, and pharmaceuticals in Bridgetown than Manjimup. To shop local we need to be competitive.
Not enough. Farming is disappearing, mining only needs one technological change to go and tourism provides low paid jobs. New technology will change everything with half current jobs gone in 20 years. Look for emerging opportunities and encourage businesses to start here. Dump the red tape and instead try to help people. Be pro-active!
Tourism will be the key to a prosperous Bridgetown.
As the population grows business diversification will be required. This should be allowed but developments should remain in tune with the character of the town.
Those businesses that sustain living here without having to travel to other centres
Businesses should be encouraged to preserve the heritage aspect of the town
It would be nice to have a few more shops built opening up for more verity in shopping
Need more retailers so don't have to go to Manjimup or Bunbury for things.
More visitors = more spending of outside dollars to help create more local employment opportunities and increased trade demand will flow better.
I hope there is more jobs for the younger members of our community.
I have noticed considerable changes in the past 10 years, with many newcomers to Bridgetown being based in Bridgetown but employed elsewhere. People are able to work remotely. I think this diversity in employment will continue into the future, allowing for more people to be based in the country but employed elsewhere. This has and will continue to see our community grow.
We certainly need more career options for young people - not just jobs. More encouragement/less red tape to set up environmentally sound businesses.
More tourist based businesses, e.g. winery tours, food tours, historical trails and supporting hospitality jobs.
Local jobs and businesses need to continue to be encouraged to grow so locals can stay in the area

We should be offering 20 x Apprenticeships and Traineeships per year to Y12 school leavers in hospitality, tourism, business, trades and sport recreation. Our youth have no opportunity to stay here - there should be a vision which creates employment within the existing buildings and infrastructure but adding programs, operating times, etc.
Dental service Small manufacturing and/ or food processing
a varied economic base, not reliant on one industry eg tourism, more broad based
Very difficult to predict based on changes necessitated by climate changes. Craft and service jobs, production of local products to reduce reliance on products that require transportation. Sustainable food supplies.
If an agedcare facility was built, this would provide many jobs for locals.
We shouldn't give so much power to management of the mine at Greenbushes as lets face it mines will close as soon as the numbers tell them to and they will do it without a bit of . Encourage diversification into rural and 'new age' ideas
Economic prosperity should factor in the social considerations in a manner that promotes a supportive, caring community. The Winter Festival highlights the diversity of businesses and talent. Well done locals ...
It would be great to attract an industry to replace Whittakers as having been a substantial employer.
One that is attractive to small business owners who value their community and staff
Currently unemployment is very high in the south west. It will be necessary to create employment to keep younger people in the area. If the state government upgraded the train line this would be a huge boost to Bridgetown and the south west and would have a flow on effect to the economy of the town.
Essential for well-being of the community and well funded community services and welfare. A wide range of jobs for all age groups -especially 18-40 group
I will be too old to care :)
diversity .. An ability to encourage small business to prosper and grow by removing ridiculous restraints which deter creativity and self determination
good to have some smaller hands on businesses, maybe some small manufacturing...no0t seeing that BIGGER is BETTER. Quality not Quantity... Less restrictive rules made by new fussy people
I feel that jobs will be a big problem for school leavers as there is no work,or not much.we will need plumbers electricians motore mechanics etc etc to service us as we don't make anything any more.Sad.
Bridgetown has no real industry. Greenbushes has a bit more, but not enough to support everybody in town. We are a lifestyle town and that is something that we have to remember and build on. Actually, attracting pensioners who have saved money form f=working elsewhere and are willing to spend their loot in this shire isn't a bad way for a shire to keep its economy afloat. Similarly, events that bring people in from further afield also should be developed. Weekend events like The Blues are good, but wouldn't it be great if Bridgetown in the Winter becomes a real many-month long boost to the town. Please note, tourists can become residents. I did.
More tourism and service industry operators with much keen customer service will make this town a mecca for visitors wanting to get out of the Margaret River circle.
Mixture of jobs foe people of all ages. No type of mining increased.
To keep promoting our town for the wonders it has and ensure job's for our children.
Economic prosperity should come out of our emphasis on more sustainable projects.
Development of more cottage industries based around lifestyle. More employment in the senior support services and trades based businesses and development of tourist enterprises to encourage tourists to stay longer in the town.
More jobs
More jobs so kids can stay in town
The news predicts hard financial times ahead for the world. B'town will not escape. Things will be increasingly tough for ordinary residents in terms of traditional jobs, and B'town will see an increase in the number of low-income families and more unemployment in the shire. However, the shire will support local growing and processing of food (fruit, vegetables, milk, meat, eggs); this will be a source of employment and food, even when money is in short supply.
A wide range of businesses with educational and training opportunities for our young people.
Bridgetown's future lies in sustainable tourism - focusing on the natural environment with the development of the township as a great place to spend weekends - restaurants that focus on local foods and wines and so on.
Hopefully more tourism and hospitality opportunities
More light industry lots to attract small business

Not too sure sorry. More tourism! There is so much potential.
Need to enhance tourism embrace the mine and its part in our financial security, encourage shops
There will be a need to create jobs in new industries outside agriculture and tourism. My quick look at the urban economics of the region suggest that tourism is now moving from a cottage industry to a key economic driver though some work still does need to tip the balance for local business to recognise this. Farming and agribusiness should always be supported to underpin the region - or we will become Margaret River!
It is a very transient little town people come people go in search of work. You wouldn't want much more than it has to offer now.
Locally owned businesses that can provide goods and services at affordable prices so they are available to more people so fully supported by the town.
What the shire can bring to the town. Eg. If the town size increases, the current infrastructure such as the town street layout will not be able to support a larger shopping area. Having main retail outlets in various areas of town could be disastrous
Ongoing local business support so our town can survive. Specialised industry that promotes environment and tourism.
Agriculture will always be a big part of the area. Encouraging the local industries we have here currently to continue to grow
focus on tourism as a boutique destination, increasing services such as shops, cafes, bars and restaurants
I am happy with the businesses we have in town, please don't introduce any big corporations and keep it all local!
Allow businesses to progress and move to locations that help them grow so that it keeps the, in town and provides jobs.
Light industry, small supermarket, fresh groceries (fruit and vegetables), specialty and gift shops, cafes, restaurants, service industry, health and Wellbeing businesses and services, tourism businesses (food, wines, gourmet, activities, accommodation).
Maintain and promote businesses in town.
More jobs as we have a lot of children in the area and need jobs to keep them here as they become adults. Sustainability for the area.
Natural businesses - probably a lot of on line activities
more tourism
I don't believe this should alter too much, remain small town and tourist.
economic prosperity would include an increase in employment opportunities for young people and seniors alike, an increase in tourism throughout the year, trails and adventure tourism growth
Increased service industries & computer based employment as people work from home is access is improved. More leisure type activities & entertainment for visitors. Farm based tourism.
Need to produce more local jobs to keep the youth living in town
Tourism should be built on - show case what we have and build on festivals.
Would not like to see any large industry introduced
More jobs in hospitality and tourism. This will be because more and more people are coming to the area for holidays. Tourism contributes to a healthy community and economic development.
NBN is Vital to growth, and needs to reach the whole town, not just selected areas. More and more work opportunities are on-line, and we will miss out on these if not well connected.
Hopefully it can grown and more Industry can come to town to create jobs.
Economic prosperity is coming from the people who want to come here to live, eg retirees and the services they need. Economic prosperity is not coming from logging and extractive industry and selling out our shire to outside interests. Job creation for locals not for people from Bunbury.
A large shopping centre this will generate employment as well as avoiding locals travelling to Bunbury or Manjimup stores and also service the visitors to Bridgetown

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14. When you think of the future of the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes in 10-15 years time, what will social well-being mean to you and how should it shape the community? (By social well-being we mean aspects such as health, education, crime, safety, social support and affordable housing.)

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Services available so we don't have to travel. Better access to specialists via video link (if it is not viable for them to be located here).
The same or even better than it is now
Hopefully the social well-being of the town will be in line with what it has achieved so far.
It will depend on the age of the community, I think at the moment everyone is well catered for in every aspect and hopefully this will continue.
Bridgetown needs to attract medical specialists so as patients do not have to travel to Bunbury / Perth. At this stage Bridgetown is heading towards an aged population. This needs to be reversed by attracting younger people to stay and invest in the district.
Improved prospects for the aged to be able to remain independent but in a manageable environment. Provision of K-10 schooling through the development of a District High School approach to education. A safe community for all residents with opportunities for all sectors to participate.
New police station, aged accommodation near town centre, do not use up good agricultural land for housing, perhaps go upwards for building near town.
It would be good if we still have those above mentioned things, but they may change.
All these elements are important & must be maintained & grow proportionally with the shire's population
We are very well provided for with medical services in Bridgetown but do need a Dentist. The Hospital does need an upgrade - still looking OK but getting a bit tired. Can Council lobby government to inject money into the Hospital? Lots of natural therapist in town as well which is fantastic!
I would like to see more done for the youth. More projects.
Currently we have a good medical service, banks, good shopping etc in other maintain the Shire as it is. Keep supporting our volunteers.
There will be an increased need for smaller blocks with less maintenance to retain aging residents in town; more subdivisions and urban infill will be required for smaller dwellings close to town; services to attract and retain families should be promoted to ensure we keep a balance across the ages of people living here. Affordable housing although essential should be focused on attracting and retaining residents who contribute to the greater good of the town.
Social well-being will be a priority within the Shire, who will be focused on aligning population growth of all ages with access and support services and facilities.
A sustainable mix of age-groups and a focus on local community activities for social cohesion
Health facilities with an aging community are essential. Otherwise we will lose many over 55
to be able to support all age groups to be able to get the services they need to remain living here in the district
Social well being and maintaining the low crime rate are paramount
Affordable housing is an issue. Developers should be kept out. If the town gets too big, the social problems increase. The town is nice as it is.
If we can maintain the currently quality of life for all our residents and visitors it would be incredible.
I hope the excellent health care we have in Bridgetown & good schools will still be as good in 10-15 years time. As I will be in my mid 70's by then, support for the aged will be an important aspect
Carry on building on what we have. Support the local hospital and Geegeelup Hostel. Give help to local young people wanting to stay in the area. Keep the shire happy and healthy.
low crime, high school going to year 12, more mental health support for the youth and adults.
I think all subjects mentioned above are important, especially in small towns! As the town grows, these services will need to also! So long as we keep up with growing demand, I think the services currently provided are satisfactory.
Retention of at least current hospital/medical facilities Further development/support for aged facilities (housing, recreation, pathways, etc)
Continuing educational development and provision of opportunities for youth outside of school hours, good medical services is vital for this town

<p>It will mean a great deal. However, if we continue to value social - well being below economic development we will miss the entire point of our existence. These concepts are merely constructs and in reality entwined with the environment. Unless viewed within a holistic and integrated vision we could end up continuing to follow the American version of freedom. User pays - user receives. The fabric of society could become more unequal and social cohesion become a distant memory. The above version is but one. I hope we choose wisely and use our individual and collective agency to choose dynamic and successful shires best practice methods to shape our future community and avoid the pitfall of seeing economics as a separate entity to social well - being.</p>
<p>With more people moving to Bridgetown this will put pressure on the health system so I feel the shire could help in a push for a new or improved hospital which incorporates the allied health practitioners as well.</p>
<p>A better level of health services, education to year 12, social support and more affordable housing. The same low level of crime.</p>
<p>Social well being comes from within and is not the business of any local government Local government is not big brother and should move out of controlling every aspect of our lives.</p>
<p>I'd like to think that we will have more local health options, specialists, and perhaps a local tafe.</p>
<p>We are fortunate in having a hospital and good medical service but with a new hospital being planned for Manjimup we must ensure our current services are not eroded. As we have an aging population, affordable housing may need to be considered, also support (health) services. These may have to be in partnership with State government agencies</p>
<p>A good high school to year 12. An updated hospital. A by-pass for safety. there is not much crime at the moment apart from the usual drug infused losers. Social support is excellent. If you have all the above, housing will be expensive. Perhaps a few more homes west housing but not in enclaves.</p>
<p>affordable housing for single people of all ages is essential</p>
<p>Very important to keep the hospital fully operational!! Work towards increasing services - expansion of Xray dept so not necessary for trips to Bunbury. (2-3 week wait for scans in Manjimup is not good enough. )</p>
<p>need more senior housing/permanent care units like Geegelup so people don't have to move away from family, a 5 year high school to keep students here, more medical services such as dental &amp; optometrist</p>
<p>Health. Nursing home facilities. Crime. More control over current increase in drug users. This in turn will increase safety.</p>
<p>More aged care facilities and housing. More female doctors.</p>
<p>We will probably retire there and certainly spend more and more time there as time goes by.</p>
<p>High level of social well being is essential for all ages of people and in all areas mentioned. Provisions should be made for the high school to go to year 12 and then plans for a college teaching various accredited courses for youth and mature aged students.</p>
<p>All these areas must be continually addressed and be updated..not neglected and put on the back burner.....qualified experienced doctors need to be offered excellent incentives to establish permanent practices in the community, same with the police force, social services must cater to address supporting education to the whole community on issues as where to get help assistance on areas such as domestic violence and drug related issues...the youth of our communities must have hope of gaining employment and actually have things to do.....opportunities to meet and gain skills and experience to fill in time in a productive manner</p>
<p>Bridgetown is in good shape in these crucial areas and I would hope that we keep pace with future population growth.</p>
<p>Social well being to mean firstly means inclusiveness so I would love to see some more genuine engagement with youth on progress and having their needs addressed. To be able to keep the community spirit that drives all the wonderful groups such as the quilting club, walking group and Bridgetown club. There is pretty much something here for everyone with all the activities that I see advertised in the weekly 'Whats on in Bridgetown' newsletter. I don't see crime as too much of a problem though we do have a couple of problem people/families that we need to encourage victims to speak up about and have the courage to come forward as witnesses. In regards to the social impact of crime as per anywhere else we need to promote safe drinking and mitigate risky behaviors. I have not had the need and do not work in the fields of health, social support or housing to provide an educated opinion. My experience is that the services in Bridgetown are good and most of my needs and those of my family are met. I understand that there are times that we are going to need to go to Perth or Bunbury for specialist services but that is what you expect from living in the country and we accept that.</p>
<p>This is ever changing area and needs to be checked every few years.</p>
<p>All of the above in the positive.</p>
<p>Hospital, police and schools need to be supported to cater for needs.</p>
<p>I am not sure what is in place now, but from what I have seen the kids &amp; adults have a range of services already &amp; these would be needed to be changed by the people involved in these areas. We have a rental property as well so I believe housing is already affordable compared to some towns</p>
<p>Continuing incremental improvement.</p>

I live in Bridgetown for the current state of its community. In 10-15 years, I would like to see a prosperous and sustainable Bridgetown.
The needs of an ageing population need to be considered.
Assistance for more aged people to remain in Bridgetown More health services at closer distances Extension of High School Education to include years 11 and 12 More disability services
More emphasise on support/health facilities/housing for our aging population to allow them to stay in town.
Adequate facilities should be available for all age groups
make the high school go all the way to year 12
Will be senior citizens by then so hope all these things will be good.
Probably most are currently being addressed - other than the 'affordable housing. All elements are crucial to keeping this a 'nice', 'healthy' and 'safe' place.
I hope it is similar to what it is now.
I think we are extremely fortunate to be able to currently offer these services, of a high standard. I would hope that this would continue to improve, as our community grows, rather than reduce.
Unless we can keep our young people or encourage them to return once they have families we need to plan for us oldies - not poky little 'downsized' huts but well designed small homes with on-tap social/ wellness supports. These may be used in 50 yrs time for other purposes (once we have all naturally found the cemetery)
Adequate activities and support for youth, senior high school, medical facilities that include more diverse services at the hospital.
Safe place to live with healthy lifestyles being encouraged by the open areas and parks
If we don't train and retain our youth then we will continue to be a destination for seniors and the added financial implications of such an elderly population. Affordable housing doesn't exist here; we should have flats and small apartments for our first time buyers - they don't want huge gardens, or may not even want a garden so utilise some of the hideous empty lots on Hampton street to build (Up past ooh lala and before Nelson's)
TAFE Dentist Affordable housing Nursing home
Increased cultural diversity as a strength to the community and a source of a variety of local products, inclusiveness of all residents and activities that support the forming of relationships between people of different cultures and backgrounds, continued access to basic health services, volunteer mentors and tutors to students at all levels of education, community support for persons who are involved in criminal activities with an emphasis on forging bonds of employment and social connection as an antidote for such behaviour and community assistance to those most in need, both voluntary and corporate.
Our town attracts many Dr's that want to live here, rather than Manjimup. Why on earth was a decision made to make Manjimup a super hospital when all our Dr's want to live here? In the future it would be helpful to attract specialists to make the treechange as well as GP's. Never build a Centrelink office here, we have enough lower socioeconomic people living here now, that contribute little or nothing to our town.
A happy town will bring all the other benefits with it. A vibrant and engaged population who feel that they and their families are valued and considered will be in a better position to lobby state gov't to enhance health and other social amenity.
Health could be enhanced by expanding the swimming pool venue to address health issues of all ages. Reinstate a creche at the recreation centre and entice young parents to use it. Promote 'walking buses' for students, or encourage parents to drop children off at the library carpark and encourage students to walk. Affordable housing need to be well planned and well supported. In essence, more of the same plus tap into the local pool of artists. My thanks to those who have helped create this caring, supportive community.
I think the social services we have now are rather good, but perhaps some more visiting specialists for seniors. It would be good to reach a point in the population which would see the need for the education department to extend the high school to years 11 and 12. I think Bridgetown is a very safe place to live and a very affordable place to live.
A safe place to bring up your family and then retire here (we do need a new hospital!)
There are a lot of people in Bridgetown with mental health issues. There will need to be sufficient health services and housing to accommodate these people. I think there needs to be more youth support and drug addiction programs.
Essential -( see above )
We are an aging population and Bridgetown needs to address the needs of the elderly, with affordable community housing, support and well being. Our younger population need to be more involved with elders, to learn from them and support them. This concept would enhance everyone in the community.
Safe. Low crime rates . COMMUNICATION holds the key . Working for the common good . I think our police force is great .

Hopefully better and better, with more training opportunities locally, less stories of local 'villains' getting out of prosecution...Cleaner River, more support for the environment, both natural social...Back of shops less like dumping grounds, and more pleasant--- Would like to see some innovative semi - rural eco village style older housing..for those who like animals and gardens- maybe a bus run to main towns a few times a week
Think it will survive in much the same way as it is doing now with not much work.I have noticed a lot of younger ones than me .In their thirties smoke dope every day ,and younger ones still are on ice. And I mean lots from what I have been told. This is the countries biggest challenge .No work Bordam steeling to pay for drugs.
It will always be a small town and that will limit what can be made available. It would be nice to have a hospital with Bunbury or Perth capabilities, but it won't happen as we are too small. The shire will do the best it can with limited resources and take full advantage of remote capabilities that are improving all the time. Both education and health care is getting easier to provide on-line. Meanwhile, keep on top of big-city problems like crime and gangs. But a robust town with a robust community tends to sort that sort of thing out themselves and keep it minimal.
I think this is the single most important aspect of a great community. We already have a good combination of most of these aspects but we can improve considerably on many, namely crime, drug education and aged housing.
Maintain, develop hospital facilities, education & facilities for crime prevention, social support. Housing for aged, disabled, new houses to be built with environmental friendly materials - e.g. destroy asbestos buildings.
Very important, especially mental health issues which is why a youth space so important.
All within the brackets are important.
Greater availability of various courses at the recreational/swimming facility.
Affordable housing is essential with many more rentals available. Development of health services and facilities such as hydrotherapy. More support services for the elderly and infirm with more housing and support for the disabled and mentally disabled. Keeping the crime rate low, drug education and rehabilitation programs, CCTV. All new facilities and services to be assessed for disability access and planners should LISTEN to and acknowledge the concerns of community members who might have more life experience/skills than they do.
hospital needs to be retained hence we need to continue population growth. Government will more readily fund towns with growth
Control of drug issues Care for the elderly
Full range of government services - will require continued population growth
An increase in the number of low-income families and more unemployment in a town has often meant a downturn in social well-being. This need not be the case if the shire is proactive in creating a local system of employment (Shire-supported small farming and gardening), a local system of food production and distribution (Sunday markets/Shire-supported small farming and gardening) and a local system of money (Community Cash Vouchers).
Inclusive community which values the role of community.
Bridgetown has the opportunity to become a regional centre for disability services - helping disabled people find employment, providing holiday accommodation for people with disabilities - it is a great environment with the nearby infrastructure needed to help support such goals.
it will be very important as we will be senior citizens then and will want to feel safe, secure, and supported. Need to bring back/ maintain some good old fashioned values, like respecting and revering our elderly, making bridgetown the place where our young people want to grow old, and ridding the town of the drug/ meth culture is that is brewing
Continue supporting the community centre for family services, support a youth centre.
Need to start thinking of a new hospital and aged care facility to encourage Drs to stay in town, support the local schools primary and high very important to retain these in our town
A measurable respect for the aged.
I believe we need to be looking at the needs of the young people and the elderly. I also think we need to look carefully at our recreation centre. It has the potential to be amazing for all ages. This has to be a focus for 2015/16.
That our children have their interests nourished and encouraged and their health and well being is supported.
NBN in the rest of town. Access to senior high school in town not having to travel to Manjimup for the final two years of school.
better mental health services for youths and men
Improved from what it is today

That all age levels feel as though they have a voice (or an advocate who has a voice) And that everyone who wants to be is connected and integrated In the community. That everyone feels useful and validated, acknowledged and accepted. And that our community is made up of well functioning Citizens who are well functioning because they have the support they need to be so.
Super impressed with this aspect of bridgetown already, keep it up!!
Continuing development of the hospital, doctors facilities, other health services, school to year 12 level. Increased police presence , lighting and CCTV in town. Increased level of retirement and aged care facilities and housing.
Good hospital and services access. Attract professionals to town.
Develop health services so less need to travel to Bunbury/Perth.
Hopefully ICE epidemic won't take over. People like that out of town. Prices of houses increase so only people with jobs can afford to live here. More shops and cafes. Some big businesses open for more employment too. High school redeveloped and goes to year 12.
The hospital could do with a make over, and make it nicer for special surgeons to visit regular
A community that is inclusive of all ages, colours & creeds - mentally & physically strong and maintains the environmental integrity which makes Bridgetown so special.
help iradicate drugs from our community
Low crime and safe environment, high health services, excellent education and support services.
Security as the population ages requires in-home support to allow people the opportunity to age in place. There seems to be a lack in this area that needs to be sorted.
The maintenance of our great health & medical facilities will be key to expanding the care for visitors & increased aged population as well as families who will expect top quality care.
Aged care will be a priority, due to the number of retirees choosing Bridgetown as a wonderful place to live. Crime and safety will need closer attention as this will encourage people to remain in Bridgetown as a Safe community
Hopefully within that time there will be sufficient demand for a high school that goes up to Year 12. I think the services and facilities in the area are excellent and believe that we need to engage with youth more so that they are not tempted to get into crime/vandalism. Our ageing community also needs to be carefully managed and catered for.
as someone approaching retirement, age care facilities are important. I don't want to have to leave because my needs are not met here.
Hopefully there can be more things to do around town for all ages. And hopefully because of this there will be more families in the area.
We are fortunate to have the doctors and hospital, must keep these. Crime-police only doing what is visible, not what is affecting rural (From regional police commander in a meeting with him), safety on roads needs to exist, not be made worse by the shire and its decisions.
Aged care homes, expanded hospital services



# ROLLING ACTION SHEET

**ROLLING ACTION SHEET**  
**May 2016 (encompassing Council Resolutions up to Council Meeting held 31 March 2016)**

Comments in bold represent updated information from the last edition of the Rolling Action Sheet

Where a tick is indicated this Item will be deleted in the next update

Council Decision No.	Wording of Decision	Responsible Officer	Comments	√
<p>C.28/1108 Public Access to Rear of Shops on Western Side of Hampton Street</p>	<p>That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Endorse in-principle the proposal to obtain an easement in gross over private land at the rear of shops west of Hampton Street between Henry Street and the existing public accessway opposite the public car park in Hampton Street.</li> <li>2. That the CEO obtain the necessary legal advice to enable correspondence to be sent to affected property owners seeking their in-principle consent for the creation of an easement in gross for public access to the rear of their premises.</li> <li>3. That upon receipt of responses from affected property owners the matter be brought back to Council for final determination, including consideration of how the proposed public accessway could be designed to take into account risk management of flooding.</li> </ol>	<p>T Clynch</p>	<p>Work on developing a draft easement document has been delayed.</p> <p>A request was to be prepared to a local solicitor requesting preparation of a draft/template easement document. This will be funded from general legal expenses account. Since then the CEO has made the decision to defer the preparation of the document pending completion of the Geegelup Brook Flood Study in case there are implications regarding land acquisition/tenure/use arising from that Study. The Flood Study was endorsed by Council at its November 2014 meeting so the easement proposal will be re-actioned (February 2015).</p> <p>Discussions held with solicitor on best process to progress this matter. Property ownership details currently being compiled for forwarding to solicitor (September 2015)</p> <p>This matter was discussed at quarterly briefing session held on 4 February 2016 where it was agreed that the proposal should be extended to include the car parking areas within the proposed easement. This can happen under the current resolution C.28/1108. A plan of the proposed easement will be prepared and correspondence forwarded to affected property owners</p>	<p>√</p>

			(March 2016).	
C.14/0209 Termination of Lease – Former Rubbish Disposal Site, Spring Gully Road, Greenbushes	That Council commence proceedings for termination of its lease of State Forest formerly used as the Greenbushes Rubbish Tip and assist Talison Minerals Pty Ltd in any rehabilitation requirements imposed by the Department of Environment and Conservation.	T Clynch	A meeting was held with DEC in February 2010 at which some minor rehabilitation requirements were identified – these are being undertaken by Talison. Email from DEC 15/3/2013 (I-EML201229622)- Further weed removal, rubbish removal and reinstatement of active planting required before lease can be terminated. Ongoing discussions being held with the Department of Parks and Wildlife regarding this (November 2013). A further meeting was held in January 2016 and some additional works identified (March 2016).	
C.16/0809a Development of Car Parking and Proposed Town Square in Railway Reserve	That Council formally request the Public Transport Authority to initiate the process to gazette the land known as Railway Parade to a public road.	T Clynch S Gannaway	A written request has been forwarded to PTA and Heritage Council of WA, with favourable support received. Formal gazettal process by State Land Services commenced. Final plan agreed to by PTA and Brookfield Rail, pending finalisation of survey plans and land transfer. This process is still ongoing. Pending 'in-principle' support from Landgate as Railway Parade not formally named and initial response unfavourable. Response pending. At its February 2014 meeting Council resolved to rename the road as an extension of Stewart Street and correspondence seeking approval for this has been forwarded to the Geographic Names Committee. Renaming as Stewart Street approved by Landgate in March 2014. Deposited Plan lodged with Landgate (March 2016).	
C.13/0909 Interim Report - Municipal Inventory Review	That Council:  1. Notes that advertising of the Municipal Inventory Review commenced on Wednesday 9 September 2009 for a six week period with submissions invited by Thursday 22 October 2009.  2. Notes the content of the 'Municipal Inventory Review – Information Sheet' as per Attachment 19.	S Donaldson	  1. Noted. Advertising period closed on 22 October 2009. Additional nominations and comments still being received. Research ongoing.  2. Noted.	

	<p>3. Request the Chief Executive Officer provide a report back to Council by no later than February 2010 on the Municipal Inventory Review, including feedback following public consultation as per Point 1. above, along with the merits of developing a Heritage Conservation Incentives Scheme, reviewing the current Bridgetown Special Heritage Design Policy and preparing a broader Heritage Conservation Policy for the Shire.</p>		<p>3. Heritage Policy and Development Guidelines adopted by Council in December 2010. Numerous site inspections undertaken in October and November 2010 with Regional Heritage Advisor to consider new and additional nominations. Work continuing on inventory review and to be presented to Council by mid 2012 depending upon workload. Advisor unable to progress matter, with current RHA service to end on 30 June 2013. Internal or external appointment to be made to progress matter, pending budget considerations. Liaison with Office of Heritage continuing with a view to trialling a new online database. Investigation into Heritage Conservation Incentives Scheme not yet commenced. Council resolved in November 2011 not to adopt the Bridgetown Residential Character Area Policy in its current form. Review recommenced with preliminary report expected to be presented to Council late 2015. Update report and draft policy adopted by Council in April 2016. Draft policy being advertised with the submission period to end on 30 June 2016 (June 2016).</p>	
<p>C.14/0310 Preliminary Report – Plantation Exclusion Zones</p>	<p>That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Agrees that any consideration of plantation exclusion zones should also address the Greenbushes, North Greenbushes and Hester townsites, the Yornup township and existing or proposed local development areas throughout the Shire municipality.</li> <li>2. Directs the Chief Executive Officer to prepare preliminary documentation and present a report to a future meeting of Council to initiate a scheme amendment to Town Planning Scheme No. 3 seeking to modify Table I to prohibit 'Afforestation' within the Rural zone of the scheme area.</li> <li>3. Directs the Chief Executive Officer to present all planning</li> </ol>	<p>S Donaldson</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Noted.</li> <li>2. Presented to Council in August 2011 for initial adoption. Advertising period closed on 8 December 2011. Amendment adopted by Council on 25 January 2012 and forwarded to WAPC for final approval. Amendment gazetted 8 June 2012.</li> <li>3. Noted.</li> </ol>	

	<p>applications for 'Afforestation' for land within Town Planning Scheme No. 3 to Council for determination, until such time as the scheme amendment required by Point 2 above has been finalised.</p> <p>4. Directs the Chief Executive Officer to engage a suitably qualified consultant to undertake a Bush Fire Hazard Assessment of the Shire municipality, in consultation with FESA, and in accordance with the Planning for Bush Fire Protection document.</p> <p>5. Directs the Chief Executive Officer to commence a comprehensive review of the Shire's Plantation Applications Policy to address the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Definition of woodlots and shelter belts and list of acceptable locally native tree species.</li> <li>b) Location of surrounding development and adequate bush fire risk assessment and management, with reference to FESA Guidelines for Plantation Fire Protection.</li> <li>c) Other natural resource management issues identified in the Shire's Managing the Natural Environment Policy and Natural Environment Strategy.</li> </ul> <p>6. Following completion of Points 4 and 5 above, the Chief Executive Officer is to present a report to a future meeting of Council for further consideration.</p>		<p>4. Funding application was successful – Council accepted funds at March 2011 meeting. Bushfire Hazard Strategy Consultant Brief finalised and tenders called for by 14 September 2011. Final report received and adopted by Council in August 2012 for purpose of future public consultation.</p> <p>5. Commenced but little progress to date, pending adoption of Bushfire Hazard Strategy. No further action progressed.</p> <p>6. Noted. Draft Bush Fire Hazard Strategy adopted by Council in August 2012 for the purpose of future public consultation along with scheme amendments. See Item C.19/0812 below. No further action to be taken with strategy as per C.18/0216. No further action on policy review (May 2016).</p>	
<p>C.02/0611 Planning for Possible Road Link Between Forest Park Road and Maranup Ford Road</p>	<p>That a report be submitted to Council investigating the pros and cons of planning and creation of a link road between Forest Park Road and Maranup Ford Road, the creation of which would provide for an approximate 10km saving in travel distance for emergency services.</p>	<p>T Clynch</p>	<p>Correspondence sent to the Department of Environment and Conservation on 25 August 2011 as any road link will have to be through State Forest. Response received from DEC on 3 October 2011 suggesting alternative route. Further investigation has commenced and preliminary view is that the DEC</p>	

			<p>proposal is more difficult to achieve.</p> <p>This road proposal was raised at a fire brigades debrief and it was agreed by those in attendance that a road would greatly assist in fire response to the Maranup locality.</p> <p>No action has occurred on this item for a considerable time so the matter will be reactivated with DPAW (February 2015).</p>
C.16/0812 Pedestrian Crossing on Hampton Street	That the Shire seek the views of Main Roads for the creation of a 40km p/h speed limit on Hampton Street between Stewart Street and Lockley Avenue.	L Crooks	<p>Letter sent to Main Roads Western Australia. MRWA contacted again 18/4/2013 and 23/4/2013 – they are still looking at options.</p> <p>Verbal advice received recently from MRWA is that this is an issue being raised throughout the Region and they are considering the matter at a regional level and not at an individual town level (June 2014). No further progress as yet.</p> <p>Reminder correspondence forwarded to MRWA (June 2016).</p>
C.09/1112 Draft Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes Local Planning Strategy and Technical Appendix	<p>That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adopts the draft Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes Local Planning Strategy and Technical Appendix, as per Attachments 5 and 7, pursuant to regulation 12A(1)(a) of the Town Planning Regulations 1967.</li> <li>Directs the Chief Executive Officer to forward the draft Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes Local Planning Strategy and Technical Appendix to the Western Australian Planning Commission for consent to commence formal public advertising, pursuant to regulation 12A(1)(b) of the Town Planning Regulations 1967.</li> <li>Directs the Chief Executive Officer to forward the draft Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes Local Planning Strategy and</li> </ol>	S Donaldson	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Noted.</li> <li>Final Strategy and Technical Appendix forwarded to the Department of Planning, feedback pending.</li> <li>Final Strategy and Technical Appendix forwarded to the Environmental Protection Authority for comment.</li> </ol>

	<p>Technical Appendix to the Environmental Protection Authority for comment prior to commencement of formal public advertising.</p> <p>4. Notes that should the Western Australian Planning Commission and/or Environmental Protection Authority require modification(s) to the draft Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes Local Planning Strategy and Technical Appendix, such modification(s) be presented to Council for consideration prior to commencement of formal public advertising, unless considered minor in the opinion of the Chief Executive Officer.</p>		<p>Response received authorising consultation subject to further information to be provided during preparation of the Local Planning Scheme with regard to priority agriculture and rural living areas.</p> <p>Preliminary feedback received from Department of Planning on 29 February 2013 requiring significant and minor modifications to Strategy and Plans. Modified LPS to be presented to Council in April or May 2013 for consideration of required modifications. DoP staff prepared replacement strategy plans. Meeting held with Department staff on Friday 7 June 2013 to work through required modifications to strategy and plans. Modified Strategy Plans now finalised, work progressing on strategy text document for consideration by WAPC by March 2014. WAPC has provided feedback and requested some modifications be done. Review of Bridgetown Town Centre Strategy component of the LPS to be discussed at councillor workshop in light of potential rezoning of P &amp; Co Packing Shed site. Workshop held on 19 March 2015 with further work and liaison with Department of Planning continuing. Updated draft to be presented to Council for consideration by July or August (April 2015). Meeting with DoP staff held in Bridgetown on 30 April 2015 for further discussion. Further discussion with DoP staff on 24 June 2015, work progressing (July 2015).</p>	
<p>C.16/0513 Greenbushes Overnight Stay Facility</p>	<p>That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Endorse the proposal to establish a short term caravan and camping transit park (6 sites) at the Greenbushes Sportsground, adjacent to the old cricket pavilion.</li> <li>2. Endorse the proposal to redevelop the old cricket pavilion to a "camper's bunkhouse" with 4 bunks being provided.</li> <li>3. Seek the approval of the Minister for Local Government for</li> </ol>	<p>R Weston</p>	<p>An application has been submitted to the Department of Local Government (October 2013).</p> <p>Approval for the use of the land as a transient caravan park has been granted (subject to conditions) by the Department of Lands. The approval of the Minister for Local Government is now required and an application is being submitted (September 2014).</p>	

	<p>approval of the transit park and bunkhouse</p> <p>4. Consider allocation of a sum of \$6,000 in the 2013/14 budget for development of the transit park and hikers bunkhouse.</p>		<p>Concerns have been raised by Water Corporation due to proximity to Greenbushes water supply and it appears that until such time as the water supply dam is discontinued (as proposed under new integrated water supply project) the transit caravan park will be deferred (May 2015).</p>
<p>C.10/0114 Proposed Land Purchase – Western Portion of Lot 1 (97) Hampton Street, Bridgetown</p>	<p>That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Resolves to purchase the western portion of Lot 1 (97) Hampton Street, Bridgetown (currently on Diagram 2897 Volume/Folio 1550/175 for the sum of \$9,600 plus subdivision and legal costs.</li> <li>2. That the unbudgeted expenditure of \$9,600 purchase price and estimated \$7000 subdivision and legal (transfer of land) costs be funded by withdrawal of an amount of up to \$16,600 from the Land &amp; Buildings Reserve.</li> <li>3. That the CEO be authorised to submit an application for subdivision/amalgamation with the Western Australian Planning Commission for the subdivision of the land to be purchased from the balance of Lot 1 (97) Hampton Street, Bridgetown for amalgamation with adjacent land when acquirable by the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes.</li> </ol>	<p>T Clynch S Donaldson</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Noted.</li> <li>2. Noted.</li> <li>3. Pending investigation/negotiation for purchase of adjoining land (March 2014). To be progressed given Council resolution C.21/0614a made on 26 June 2014. Subdivision application form pending landowner signatures. Subdivision approval granted by WAPC on 24 December 2014. Deposited Plan being finalised by consultant land surveyor, prior to clearance of conditions (February 2015). Deposited Plan sent to Department of Planning on 27 March 2015 for endorsement. Deposited Plan endorsed and solicitor engaged to progress purchase (August 2015). Pending negotiations for land purchase under C.21.0614 (May 2016).</li> </ol>
<p>C.21/0614 Proposed Land Purchase – Western Portion of Lot 30 (99) Hampton Street, Bridgetown</p>	<p>That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Resolves to purchase the western portion of Lot 30 (99) Hampton Street, Bridgetown (on Diagram 69746 Volume/Folio 1859/336) for the sum of \$13,700 plus subdivision and legal costs.</li> </ol>	<p>S Donaldson</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Noted.</li> <li>2. Plan being drafted by Shire's surveyor. Subdivision</li> </ol>

	<p>2. That the CEO be authorised to submit an application for subdivision/amalgamation with the Western Australian Planning Commission for the subdivision of the land to be purchased from the balance of Lot 30 (99) Hampton Street, Bridgetown for amalgamation with adjacent land when acquirable by the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes.</p> <p>3. That expenditure of \$13,700 purchase price and estimated \$7,100 subdivision and legal (transfer of land) costs be allocated in the 2014/15 Budget, funded by withdrawal of an amount of up to \$20,800 from the Land &amp; Buildings Reserve.</p>		<p>application form pending landowner signatures (September 2014). Subdivision application lodged with Department of Planning on 27 October 2014. Subdivision approval granted by WAPC on 24 December 2014. Deposited Plan being finalised by consultant land surveyor, prior to clearance of conditions. Deposited Plan sent to Department of Planning on 27 March 2015 for endorsement (April 2015). Deposited Plan endorsed and solicitor engaged to progress purchase (August 2015). Pending authorisation from mortgagor (May 2016).</p> <p>3. Expenditure and Reserve transfer has been included in the 2014/2015 Budget.</p>	
<p>C.22/0614 Proposed Partial Road Closure of Henry Street and Land Exchange – Lot 1 (141) Hampton Street, Bridgetown</p>	<p>That Council:</p> <p>1. Affirms its support for the partial road closure of Henry Street and gives additional support for the proposed land exchange with Lot 1 (141) Hampton Street, Bridgetown (on Deposited Plan 2648, Vol/Folio 1670/636), as per Attachment 17, pursuant to s.41, s.58 and s.87 of the Land Administration Act 1997, subject to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Shire making a one-off payment of \$8,000 to the landowner;</li> <li>• The Shire waiving cash-in-lieu for car parking bays for future development up to 160m<sup>2</sup> gross floor area, with the Shire and landowner to enter into a written agreement;</li> <li>• The Shire meeting all legal costs for preparation and finalisation of the written agreement of approximately \$4,000; and</li> <li>• The Shire meeting all subdivision, surveying and transfer costs of approximately \$7,100.</li> </ul> <p>2. Directs the Chief Executive Officer to seek support from the Department of Lands and progress negotiation with the</p>	<p>S Donaldson</p>	<p>1. Noted. Correspondence sent to landowner on 2 July 2014.</p> <p>2. Correspondence sent to Department of Lands on 2 July 2014. Response pending. Response received indicating support and best process. Correspondence sent to proponent and licensed surveyor engaged to prepare subdivision/amalgamation plan (July 2015). Subdivision application lodged with Department of</p>	

	<p>landowner with respect to Point 2. above.</p> <p>3. That expenditure of the \$8,000 payment, \$4,000 legal costs and \$7,100 subdivision and transfer costs be allocated in the 2014/15 Budget, funded by withdrawal of an amount of up to \$19,100 from the Land &amp; Buildings Reserve.</p>		<p>Planning and Shire's referral response provided (November 2015). Subdivision approval granted on 26 November 2015. Appointment of solicitor being investigated for preparation of legal agreement (February 2016). Negotiations continuing with landowner and Department of Lands (May 2016).</p> <p>3. Expenditure and Reserve transfer has been included in the 2014/2015 Budget.</p>	
C.10/0315 Investigating the provision of an Organic Waste Collection Service	That Council investigate the possibility of introducing "Organic Waste" kerb side collection for the Shire.	L Crooks	A meeting has been held with the relevant officer at the Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup to discuss various aspects of its organic waste collection service. This will assist in preparing a report to Council (February 2016).	
C.15/0415a Proposed Land Purchase – Western Portions of Lot 20 (81) and Lot 21 (87) Hampton Street, Bridgetown	<p>That Council:</p> <p>1. Resolves to purchase the western portion of Lot 20 (81) Hampton Street, Bridgetown (currently on Diagram 14110 Volume/Folio 1130/54) for the sum of \$18,000 plus subdivision and legal costs.</p> <p>2. Resolves to purchase the western portion of Lot 21 (87) Hampton Street, Bridgetown (currently on Diagram 14110 Volume/Folio 1550/177) for the sum of \$8,750 plus subdivision and legal costs.</p> <p>3. That the unbudgeted expenditure of \$26,750 purchase price and estimated \$8000 subdivision and legal (transfer of land) costs be funded by withdrawal of an amount of up to \$34,750 from the Land &amp; Buildings Reserve.</p> <p>4. That the CEO be authorised to submit an application for to the Western Australian Planning Commission for the subdivision/amalgamation of the land, and amalgamation with adjacent land if required when acquirable by the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes.</p>	S Donaldson	<p>1. Noted.</p> <p>2. Noted.</p> <p>3. Noted.</p> <p>4. Noted. Subdivision plan prepared, pending finalisation of purchase of 97 and 99 Hampton Street, Bridgetown, before application is lodged with WAPC (August 2015).</p>	

<p>C.02/0515 Amendment to Town Planning Scheme No 4 to Introduce a New Use of "Home Business"</p>	<p>That:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The CEO present a report back to Council on the possible amendment to Town Planning Scheme No. 4, to introduce into a new use of "Home Business" with 'AA' use applicability in the Rural zones of the Scheme.</li> <li>2. The report to Council also address allowing uses already listed in the zoning table to be approved as a Home Business subject to such businesses meeting the restrictions (floor area, restriction on employees, etc.) of a home business.</li> <li>3. A review of the Home Occupation Cottage Industry Policy be undertaken in conjunction with the above report to Council.</li> </ol>	<p>T Clynch S Donaldson</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Noted. Action not progressed (June 2015). Preliminary investigations commenced (February 2016).</li> <li>2. Noted. Action not progressed (June 2015). Preliminary investigations commenced (February 2016).</li> <li>3. Noted. Action not progressed (June 2015). Preliminary investigations commenced (February 2016).</li> </ol>
<p>C.02/0615 Blackwood Environment Society Office Space Lease</p>	<p>That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approve the lease agreement with the Blackwood Environment Society (BES) for the lease by BES of the office space adjacent to the Bridgetown Visitor Centre currently occupied by Shire Community Services and Ranger staff.</li> <li>2. Authorise the CEO and Shire President to sign and seal the lease.</li> <li>3. Recognise that the Blackwood Environment Society is a body of a cultural, educational and/or recreational nature compliant to the contents of Regulation 30(2)(b) of the Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996 and therefore the disposition of the property (office space of 20m<sup>2</sup>) is an exempt disposition and the requirements of Section 3.58 of the Local Government Act are not applicable.</li> <li>4. Write off the debt of \$1,091.05 owed by the Bridgetown Railway Station Committee (c/- Blackwood Environment Society) being the reimbursement of insurance costs of</li> </ol>	<p>T Clynch</p>	<p>Lease signed. The Shire's Community Services and Ranger staff will be vacating the space once the works to the upstairs admin office are completed – expected to be mid to late August. Some minor works at the visitor centre will be undertaken prior to the BES relocating (August 2015).</p> <p>Due to delay in works for proposed Ranger office space at admin office the vacating of the space adjacent to the visitor centre has been delayed (September 2015).</p> <p>Asbestos removal work in ceiling and walls (approved by Council as unbudgeted expenditure in January) has to be completed before premises is available for occupation by BES (February 2016).</p>

	the Bridgetown Railway Station building.			
C.03/0714 Proposed Terrace Walls Memorial Park	That Council approve in principle the construction of three limestone block walls above the existing terraced seating in Memorial Park and authorise the CEO to grant final approval for the works upon submittal by Blues at Bridgetown of acceptable plans and specifications.	T Clynch	Meeting held with Chair of Blues at Bridgetown. Due to short timeframe to Blues Festival Blues at Bridgetown is unlikely to undertake the works until early 2016. Final plans have been submitted for the proposed walls and these are currently being assessed (September 2015). Works have commenced April 2016.	
C.13/1015 Petition – Blackwood Youth Action	That Council: 1. Receives the petition from Blackwood Youth Action.  2. Requests the CEO to include the proposed establishment of a youth space in the community consultation for the review of the Youth Strategy which is an informing strategy in Council's integrated planning framework.  3. Advises Bridgetown Youth Advocacy Inc. that prior to being in a position to considering supporting the proposal Council will require a comprehensive business plan demonstrating the viability of the proponent's proposal. This plan is to include business premise, organisational overview, management structure, key personnel, service delivery, insurance, risk management, legal considerations as well as comprehensive financial projections (for both the start-up and ongoing operational costs). The financial projections are to be for a minimum of a 5 year period and include expenditure and income for start-up and operational costs.	M Richards	Item 1 is completed.  Consultation is currently underway. The officer will give a briefing at the June Standing Committee regarding how the engagement of youth in this process is being implemented (June 2016).  Item 3 is completed (letter sent in November 2015)  It is noted that the Youth Advocacy Group is in communication with the Police Department about temporarily acquiring access to the former police residence on the corner of Steere Street and Spencer street for use as a youth space. This would allow YAG to prove the need for such a space. Although the Shire hasn't been part of those discussions to date there is a possibility that if agreement is reached with the Police Department the shire may have to be a party to the proposal. If so, a report would be presented to Council (February 2016).  An engineer's report into the integrity and condition of the former police residence has been prepared for WA Police and a copy has been provided to the Shire. This report is currently being assessed (March 2016).	
C.11/1115 Extractive Industry Review	That Council: 1. In accordance with Section 3.12 of the Local Government Act 1995, Council gives notice that it proposes to adopt a Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes Extractive Industries Repeal Local Law. The purpose of the proposed repeal local law is to	S Donaldson	1. Noted.	√

	<p>repeal the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes Extractive Industries Local Law, adopted by Council on 26 July 2001, gazetted on 14 August 2001 and subsequently amended on 31 January 2002, gazetted on 15 February 2002, as per Attachment 1. The effect of the proposed local law is that extractive industries within the Shire district will no longer be regulated by a local law.</p> <p>2. Directs the Chief Executive Officer to undertake statutory public consultation in relation to Point 1 above, with a report to be presented to a future meeting of Council for further consideration.</p>		<p>3. Public advertising to close on 22 February 2016, then to be presented to Council In March or April 2016 (February 2016). Report to be presented to Council meetings in June 2016.</p> <p>Report included in June Standing Committee agenda.</p>	
C.11/1115a Extractive Industry Review	<p>That Council:</p> <p>1. In accordance with Schedule 2, Part 2, Clause 4 of the Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015, pursuant to both Town Planning Scheme No. 3 and Town Planning Scheme No. 4, adopts the proposed draft Extractive Industry Town Planning Scheme Policy, as per Attachment 2, for the purpose of public consultation and to replace the current Extractive Industry Town Planning Scheme Policy TP.15, as per Attachment 3.</p> <p>2. Directs the Chief Executive Officer to undertake statutory public consultation in relation to Point 1 above, with a report to be presented to a future meeting of Council for further consideration.</p>	S Donaldson	<p>1. Noted.</p> <p>2. Public advertising to close on 22 February 2016, then to be presented to Council in March or April 2016 (February 2016). Report to be presented to Council meetings in June 2016.</p> <p>Report included in June Standing Committee agenda.</p>	√
C.02/1215 Annual Report & Annual Financial Report 2014/15	<p>That Council:</p> <p>1. Accepts the Annual Report including the Annual Financial Report and Audit Report for the 2014/2015 financial year and gives local public notice of its availability.</p> <p>2. Schedules the Annual General meeting of Electors to be held on Thursday, 4 February 2016 in the Council</p>	T Clynch	<p>AGM held 4 February.</p> <p>Report on ratios not commenced (February 2016).</p>	

	<p>Chambers, commencing at 5.30pm.</p> <p>3. Note Administration's comments in relation to the matters raised in Appendix 1 of the Auditor's Management Report.</p> <p>4. That a report be presented to Council on the effect of fair value and depreciation on the operating surplus ratio and asset sustainability ratio and meeting the current benchmark.</p>			
C.03/0116 Request for Installation of Street Lighting – Pioneer Road	<p>1. That Council requests Western Power to prepare a design plan and estimate for lighting Pioneer Street between Nelson Street and Peninsula Road and that the costs of this be funded by council as unbudgeted expenditure.</p> <p>2. Prior to any action being taken at dot point 1, financial support be sought from the Bridgetown Agricultural Society and the Blues at Bridgetown to meet one third each of the cost of installation.</p> <p>3. That the Shire's portion of this cost be funded in the 2016/17 budget.</p> <p>4. That the project be abandoned should the support funding from both Bridgetown Agricultural Society and Blues at Bridgetown be refused.</p> <p>5. That Council also investigate the option of installation of pedestrian solar lighting.</p>	T Clynch	<p>Application being prepared for Western Power.</p> <p>Design and cost estimate obtained – correspondence to be forwarded to Blues at Bridgetown and Bridgetown Agricultural society enquiring about contributions to the project once a cost estimate for alternative solar lighting is obtained (June 2016).</p>	
C.06/0116 Proposed Closure of Rights-of-Way for Partial Dedication as Public Roads and Amalgamation – Adjoining Barlee Street, Bridgetown	<p>That Council, in relation to the proposed closure of the two Rights-of-Way adjoining Barlee Street, Bridgetown, as per Attachment 6:</p> <p>1. Notes the public submissions received, as per Attachment 8, and the Shire staff responses in the Schedule of Submissions, as per Attachment 9.</p> <p>2. Supports the proposed closure of ROW West (being Lot 66</p>	S Donaldson	<p>1. Noted.</p> <p>2. Noted.</p>	

	<p>on Diagram 4315) for ceding to the Crown for action as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Dedication of the 65 metre east-west portion of ROW West as a public road pursuant to s.52 and s.58 of the Land Administration Act 1997; and</li> <li>b) Amalgamation of the 82 metre north-south portion of ROW West with adjoining properties where practical.</li> </ol> <p>3. Supports the proposed closure of 150 metre length of ROW East (being Lot 67 on Diagram 5653) for ceding to the Crown for dedication as a public road pursuant to s.52 and s.58 of the Land Administration Act 1997.</p> <p>4. Directs the Chief Executive Officer to forward relevant information to the Department of Planning and Department of Lands requesting approval in relation to Points 3. and 4. above.</p>		<p>3. Noted.</p> <p>4. Correspondence sent to DoP and DoL on 4 February 2016. Responses pending (March 2016).</p>	
<p>C.07/0116 Town Planning Scheme No 4 – Amendment No. 69</p>	<p>That Council, in accordance with the Planning and Development Act 2005 and the Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Noting the submissions as per Attachment 10, and the staff responses in the Schedule of Submissions as per Attachment 11, grants final support for Town Planning Scheme No. 4 – Amendment No. 69 and associated modified structure plan as per Attachment 12, in relation to Lot 150 (85) Sunridge Drive, Bridgetown, subject to the following modifications: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The structure plan being modified to show a stream protection area for the watercourse in proximity to the northern boundary.</li> <li>(ii) Existing Special Provision (k) of Schedule 3 being modified to read: No trees or substantial vegetation, including vegetation in proximity to the railway line on future Lot 7 which forms an important regional ecological linkage, shall be removed outside an approved building envelope except where: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• required for approved development works</li> <li>• the establishment of a firebreak (as) required by</li> </ul> </li> </ol> </li> </ol>	<p>S Donaldson</p>	<p>1. Noted.</p>	

	<p>regulation or by-law; or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>trees are dead, diseased or dangerous.</li> </ul> <p>2 Authorises the Shire President and Chief Executive Officer to sign and seal the amendment documents and modified structure plan and forward the documents to the Western Australian Planning Commission for final approval.</p>		<p>2. Amendment documents signed and forwarded to the WAPC on 16 February 2016 for final approval. Response pending (March 2016).</p>	
<p>C.08/0316 Desktop Review of Strategic Community Plan</p>	<p>That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adopt the revised Strategic Community Plan 2016 following the desktop review process with the following minor changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2.7.3 Change wording to read: Identify a long term waste disposal and recycle option for the shire by monitoring regional initiatives and opportunities.</li> <li>2.8.3 Change wording to read: Prepare and implement a gravel strategy.</li> <li>2.8.4 Add 'and gardens' after 'reserves'.</li> <li>Add dot point 4.5.6 - Regularly review service level provision.</li> <li>4.9.3 Remove the 'A' from LEMAC to read LEMC.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Undertake to complete a full review of the Strategic Community Plan, including further community engagement, by 30 June 2017.</li> <li>Request the CEO to report back on the findings of the community survey 2015 by July 2016.</li> <li>That the findings of the community survey 2015 and the "Bridge of Success" Workshop book of proceedings be used to initiate the community engagement process for the full review of the Strategic Community Plan in 2016/17.</li> <li>Request the CEO to report back by May 2016 on the recommended community engagement process for the full review of the Strategic Community Plan in 2016/17, including budget considerations.</li> </ol>	<p>T Clynch</p>	<p>Executive staff will be visiting the Shire of Murray in May to jointly discuss/workshop processes for implementing a 4 year rolling review of all integrated planning documentation. Therefore the report to the May meeting has been deferred to June so the results of this consultation can be factored in.</p> <p>Discussion on the proposed method of community consultation and development of a new Strategic Community Plan will be listed for discussion at the next quarterly briefing session (May 2016).</p> <p>Instead this matter is listed for discussion at 2<sup>nd</sup> budget workshop to be held on 16 June.</p> <p><b>Refer report in July Standing Committee agenda</b></p>	<p>√</p>
<p>C.09/0316 Age Friendly</p>	<p>That Council notes the draft Age Friendly Communities Plan 2016-2020 and determines to seek community comment on the</p>	<p>M Richards</p>	<p>Consultation is complete and the Plan will be presented to Council in June for formal endorsement.</p>	

Community Plan	document for a period of 4 weeks prior to presentation back to Council for consideration of formal endorsement.			
C.02/0416 Speed Limit Tweed Road	That a request be submitted to Main Roads Western Australia seeking: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A reduction in the speed limit and erection of appropriate speed signage on Tweed Road from its intersection with South Western Highway to its intersection with Little Basin Crescent.</li> <li>2. A review of the current open speed limit from Little Basin Crescent to Carburnup Brook Road.</li> </ol>	T Clynch	Correspondence forwarded to MRWA (June 2016).	
C.06/0416 Bridgetown Railside Landscaping Project	That Council seek a review of the decision by Brookfield Rail regarding the proposed Bridgetown Railside Landscaping Project and seeks the assistance of the Minister for Transport and Minister for Regional Development in facilitating this review.	T Clynch	Discussions being held with Terry Redman's office on best way to progress this matter (June 2016)	
C.10/0416 Statutory Review of Local Laws	That Council: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Notes the legislative requirement within Section 3.16 of the Local Government Act 1995 and proceeds to undertake a review of its existing Local Laws, excepting the Extractive Industries Local Law and Standing Orders Local Law.</li> <li>2. In accordance with section 3.16(2) of the Local Government Act 1995, gives State wide public notice of its intention to undertake a review of its Local Laws, excepting the Extractive Industries Local Law and Standing Orders Local Law.</li> <li>3. That the CEO be requested to submit a report back to Council on the review of its Local Laws at the conclusion of the statutory advertising period.</li> </ol>	G Norris	Advertising commenced. Submission period closes 8 July 2016.	
C.11/0416 Municipal Inventory Review and Draft Assessment of Cultural Heritage	That Council: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Notes the appointment of Ms Annette Green from Greenward Consulting, under the Heritage Council of Western Australia's Heritage Advisory Service Funding Agreement, to assist with the review of the Municipal</li> </ol>	S Donaldson	Advertising of policy – submission period will close on 30 June 2016.	

Significance Policy	<p>Inventory and related heritage policies.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Notes the three examples of the reviewed draft place records, as per Attachment 13, and supports renaming of the Municipal Inventory as the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes Municipal Heritage Inventory.</li> <li>3. Supports the draft Assessment of Cultural Heritage Significance Policy, as per Attachment 14, and directs the Chief Executive Officer to proceed to public consultation in accordance with Clause 6.7.2 of Town Planning Scheme No.3 and Clause 7.6.2 of Town Planning Scheme No.4, with a report and feedback to be presented to a future meeting of Council.</li> </ol>			
C.04/0516 Proposed Investigation of Strategic Purchase for Somme Creek Improvements	That Council considers investigating the potential strategic purchase of Lot 84 (42) Forrest Street with the possibility of purchasing a part thereof, which encompasses the Somme Creek creek line and associated riparian edges, to be incorporated into the Somme Creek Parklands project.	T Clynch	<b>Not commenced</b>	
C.05/0516 Leisure Centre Outsourcing	That the CEO prepare a report to Council on the process required for Council to investigate the potential outsourcing of management/operations of the Bridgetown Leisure Centre. In preparing the report the CEO is to consult with the Department of Sport and Recreation and any other appropriate authority on merits or otherwise of the outsourcing option.	T Clynch	<b>Refer report in July Standing Committee agenda</b>	√
C.08/0516 Levying Rates in 2016/17 – Setting the rates in the Dollar and Minimum Rates	<p>That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. After consideration of its strategic community plan and annual review of the corporate business plan fund the estimated budget deficiency of \$4.13m by applying differential rates when drafting the 2016/17 Annual Budget.</li> <li>2. In accordance with section 6.36 of the Local Government Act 1995 endorses the advertising for public submissions on the proposed differential rates as set out in the table below, and makes available to the public Attachment 6 to this report setting out the objects and reasons for the differential rates:</li> </ol>	M Larkworthy	<b>Application submitted to Minister for approval (July 2016)</b>	

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C.10/0516	<p data-bbox="407 855 1167 959">That Council endorse an increase in the annual funding allocation for community group grants, service agreements and donations to \$160,000 per annum.</p> <p data-bbox="407 1002 1167 1106">That Council determines to allocate \$136,117 in the 2016-2107 budget for community donations (as shown in Attachment 10) as follows:</p> <ul data-bbox="407 1118 1167 1449" style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$36,282 New service agreements</li> <li>• \$35,873 Existing service agreements to be carried forward</li> <li>• \$10,897 New community group grants</li> <li>• \$2,500 Chief Executive Officer donations</li> <li>• \$4,000 Chief Executive Officer hall hire donations</li> <li>• \$850 Rubbish and recycling collection for community events</li> <li>• \$350 Rubbish and recycling collection for Shire</li> </ul>	E Denniss  E Denniss	<p data-bbox="1406 855 2056 887"><b>Noted</b></p> <p data-bbox="1406 1038 2056 1110"><b>Letters to be sent out to applicants (successful and unsuccessful) in first week of July.</b></p>																

	<p>leased facilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$2,000 Bridgetown Biosecurity Group</li> <li>• \$500 South West Academy of Sport Sponsorship</li> <li>• \$250 Agricultural Society School Art Prize Sponsorship</li> <li>• \$1,000 Manjimup Airfield Contribution</li> <li>• \$41,615 Landcare Officer (1<sup>st</sup> year of guaranteed 3 year funding commitment 2016/17, 2017/18 &amp; 2018/19)</li> </ul> <p>That the Chief Executive Officer be directed to develop a new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) specific to the allocation of funding for the Landcare Officer with the Blackwood Environment Society for a 3 year funding period with the draft MOU to be presented to Council for ratification.</p> <p>That Council endorse provision of \$23,883 for Geegeelup Village Inc being a contribution towards rates for the 2016-17 financial year.</p>	T Clynch	<b>Not commenced</b>	
		E Denniss	<b>Verbal advice conveyed – written confirmation to occur first week of July</b>	
C.13/0516 Proposed Amendment to Cut & Fill Town Planning Scheme Policy	<p>That Council endorse in-principle the following amendments to its Cut and Fill Town Planning Scheme Policy (TP8) and direct the CEO to commence the community consultation required for amending a town planning scheme policy by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Deleting reference for the requirement of a landscaping plan.</li> <li>2. Deleting all reference to or requirements for submittal of a landscaping plan and payment of a landscaping bond.</li> <li>3. Noting that such amendments wouldn't be retrospective for applicants that have already had landscaping conditions imposed and/or paid a landscaping bond.</li> </ol>	S Donaldson	<b>Currently being advertised – submission period closes 21 July 2016</b>	
C.18/0516 Extension of Rubbish Collection Area	<p>That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. As at 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016 extend the rubbish collection service to include all of the land within the areas shown on Attachment 7, being:</li> </ol>	R Brogan	<b>Letters have been sent to affected property owners.</b>	√

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Four Seasons Estate</li> <li>b. Properties fronting Whittells Road, Bridgetown</li> <li>c. Properties fronting James Street and Forest View Court, North Greenbushes</li> </ul> <p>2. That land owners within the areas not identified for extension of the rubbish collection service be advised that upon application, the Shire, in consultation with its rubbish collection contractor, will determine whether a rubbish collection service can be provided to the affected property.</p>			
SpC01/0516 Cost Overruns at Bridgetown Sportsground Change Rooms	<p>That Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Amend its 2015/16 budget as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Increase the 'materials &amp; contracts' allocation for Job No. 17BU 'Bridgetown Sportsground Change Rooms' from \$316,864 to \$401,000.</li> <li>(ii) Decrease the 'materials &amp; contracts' allocation for Job No. 08BU Shire Depot Building Renewals from \$48,735 to \$32,735.</li> <li>(iii) Decrease the 'materials &amp; contracts' allocation for Job No 28BU '32 Gifford Road' from \$8,700 to \$3,500.</li> <li>(iv) Transfer an amount of \$62,936 from the Building Maintenance Reserve to Job No. 17BU 'Bridgetown Sportsground Change Rooms'</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Request the CEO prepare a 'Major Projects Evaluation' Policy for consideration by Council.</li> </ul>	T Clynch	<b>'Major Projects Evaluation' Policy yet to be commenced (July 2016)</b>	
SpC.01/0616 Provision of Waste and Recycling Services	<p>That Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Awards the Contract for RFQ 01/16 – 'Provision of Waste and Recycling Collection Services' to Warren Blackwood Waste for the period of 7 years with an option for the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes to extend the contract for a further 3 years at the rates stipulated in the price schedule provided in the RFQ response from Warren</li> </ul>	S Gannaway	<b>Contract finalised with Warren Blackwood Waste</b>	√

	Blackwood Waste. 2. Authorises the CEO to finalise the contract with Warren Blackwood Waste.			
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