

## Sustainability: Efforts to promote and adopt sustainable practices and respond to climate change

A climate change education and initiatives plan engaging every person in every way possible, including setting goals, monitoring and feedback.

A comprehensive funded action Plan.

A holistic ambitious plan for change.

A renewable energy scheme for the town. Proactive initiatives for reducing plastics in the shire. Ban single use plastics. Pick up and compost green waste.

Actively encourages & promote waste sorting, solar power on community buildings

Anything in a positive direction, local power grids, better recycling facilities, incentives to get people on board

Assist with education and facilities.

Better recycling/reuse services, stop using glyphosate spray for weed control, water recycling

Bridgetown is an ideal sized town to develop a whole shire approach to making the shire 100% renewable energy friendly at the same time making it a center for eco excellence and eco tourism.

Bridgetown is uniquely situated to partner with utilities to trial more sustainable / renewable practices, either in water management and storage, energy generation and storage, utilisation of other natural resources. Bridgetown should peruse this and be a leader in this space.

Climate change - set clear pathway to change that makes small achievable steps to long term goals.

Climate change: Assume it is on us and plan to confront it. Nothing to lose in doing so.

community microgrid, protection of old growth forests, education and support on regenerative farming practices

Concerns with people accessing native timber from the bush for firewood. Gas pipeline would help manage smoke haze in winter.

Consider Community solar project  
Promote elimination of single use plastics  
Promote Shop Local/ use of local produce

Consultation with experts in this field. We recently had a local community group inviting an expert talking about solar grids and batteries for community. It would be nice if the shire would take part and actively engage in these issues.

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

Could the Shire send out a flyer to households outlining the best way to recycle rubbish. People tend to forget or find themselves being a little lazy with recycling.

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Deforestation. Reforestation in the streets.

Develop public orientations with strong adjectives

Do anything to support environmental concerns ie: no GMO, water access, revegetation, pest and weed control, single use plastics.

Emissions reduction targets and plans to meet them across the shire.

Encourage and be pro active with green initiatives/solar etc.

Encourage cafes to discourage or not allow coffee cups, encourage iga/Blackwood fresh to remove all/most single use plastics available to use or purchase in store, teach proper recycling to the community

Encourage retailers to promote local products. Limit outside companies and businesses. Promote sustainable power sources for business and retail.

Encourage/support local produce as much as possible (food not just crafts). Have this as a focus for tourists and us. Develop/support our capacity to survive in the future. Power/water supply managed and planned.

Foster community projects that provide sustainable energy I.e. solar, wind.

Encourage regenerative farming and market gardening practices.

Promote and foster local food markets and local skilled artisans and trades into business.

Have off grid power, recycle as much as possible.

Help farmers and local businesses draught proof properties. Fence and reveg remnant vegetation.

I am unaware of measure taken by the Shire to develop and promote sustainable practices. It should be noted that having a paper and cardboard recycling bin at the tip does not count. This is the absolute bare minimum. There are 3rd world countries (I've visited them) who are more involved at the local level in looking to develop sustainable practices and respond to climate change.

I guess it would be good to know what changes are being done to respond to our changing climate. We live in a tinder box which is scary in summer.

I think more needs to be done to ensure that we are preserving our unique amazing environment, that we plan for a more sustainable future using the latest technologies available to us.

If allowed to use rain that falls on the road that one own (can reduce erosions, reduce pond sides, grown more food or fibre, less fertilisers in rivers and oceans.

Immediate steps to introduce community generated power with introducing solar and other energy saving methods. Better recycling methods for rubbish.

It needs to be the priority and a consideration for all decisions.

Leading by example such as solar panels and battery storage on all shire buildings, rainwater collection and use, maintain tree cover for summer shade and temperature regulation, solar passive housing design for the shire etc etc.

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Logging needs to stop of Jarrah and Karri forests, for the short term gain of jobs. This is adding to the increase in temperatures and the reduction in rainfall and subsequent loss of native species which affects all of us. Just for woodchips (Japanese paper Karri) and charcoal (Jarrah) for what I don't know.

More assistance to communicate groups working in these areas. Assisting events and festivals to be sustainable.

More awareness of climate change.

Natural environment. Blackwood River and sustainability are only parts of the environment. The Shire's natural environment (weed management, vertebrate pest management) tree coverage, revegetation projects requires continuous funding and physical work. The Shire needs to work cooperatively with those organisations that undertake such work and fund this work as well. The shire needs to balance fire management with maintaining natural environment. Natural environment provides biodiversity and temperature controls, which allows us to live.

Need to promote a more sustainable Shire.

Ongoing seeking of funds through State, Federal or corporates to support clearing weeds from creek lines and planting of fire resistant trees. Fire management planning for the town and communicating this to local business and community.  
Composting of all green waste.

Planting of more trees, grants.

Promote more local organic produce, transition to the use less fossil fuels and develop unique local solutions to our issues. Bringing all the areas of the community together as whole.

Promoting bike and e-bike use (also small cars and electric vehicles) for a healthier lifestyle and to reduce pollution. Painted lines on many roads, signage and extra dual use paths will encourage bike riding. Look after our soils and waterways by banning glyphosate (round up) Many countries have already. It is poison. Bad for our future soil, waterways and health.

Provide recycling facilities in the shire. Such as recycling bins as well as rubbish bins.  
Identify situations where education about recycling is beneficial to the community, such as explaining the recycling process within schools.  
Educating people on what can go in their recycling bins, provide green/compost bins to reduce green waste in "normal" bins

Readiness for disaster level/intensity fires.  
Road (track) access, water supply, and cool burns are both within the council's ability to control.  
You have an army of people able to put out fires - use them to conduct burns either side of winter.  
Increase the density of water refill points to decrease travel times for fire crews.  
Push through tracks where they historically haven't been put. Hill tops/ridge roads are the best for low maintenance, but they're terrible for stopping a fire burning up hill towards you. Dirt tracks, 4WD only, intended for fire access, in valleys, are needed.  
Lastly there is abundant evidence for the effectiveness of deciduous trees slowing fires and sometimes even stopping them dead. Let's plan a strategically placed network of deciduous trees throughout the shire to help contain fires when they start.

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Recycling of all rubbish the town produces including a recycling shop and mulch from greens that are disposed of. Also compost for property owners rather than just burying and burning it at the tip

Renewable energy. Fire management.

Re-planting native Jarrah & Karri reserves into area & turning area into reserves to future generations of tourist will visit the area. Cleaning & maintaining drains in the North Greenbushes area to stop land erosion & damage created by excess rain water.

Shire and Councillors need to realise the coming impacts of climate change and be proactive in their management. Waterwise Shire would be an example. Better communication and promotion of good ideas/projects/courses of action.

Show some improvement in Climate Change. Water sustainability. Involve the youth and community and listen. Relying on the mine/wood (not sustainable) look at renewable sources of energy, solar etc.

Solar lights and less irrigation to parks. Soft plastics recycling depot.

Stop clearing of mature trees. Genuinely recycle. Reduce landfill.

support environmental groups.  
Control environmental weeds  
Revegetation projects.  
Improve cat laws- enforce compliance  
Undertake bushland management

Support for businesses and properties that manage their land in this way. Local governments can also become members of initiatives such as Waterwise etc.

Sustainability - community power. Like Denmark, Mount Barker, Albany. More feral animal/weed management work - continue.

Sustainability - look at sustainability holistically and considered in all aspect of growing economy and social development.

Sustainability - respond to climate change. No chemicals and herbisides used around river. Town composting/recycling system. Protect local forrests and replant habitat.

Sustainability for Bridgetown area is difficult because almost all of our necessities are from out of shire area and have no facility to recycle our waste into a useful product. We can use industrial waste (blue gum) to make biochar and syngas to make power. We can power the re centre with solar panels and the shire office and other facilities.

Sustainability. For the Shire to stand firm and allow no more trees/old growth to be removed from our Shire. To be responsible for the future of our children. Plant more trees.

Sustainability. Adapt/implement sustainable best practice. Work towards zero carbon emission town. Advertise electric car charging stations? Where are they.

Sustainability. Shire needs to develop 'climate change' policy in coloboration with community and consider alternative to land fill.

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Sustainability. Still very much an after thought rather than a driver of Shire actions. Staff and Councillors need education, it's not good enough for them just to think they know the issues. Localisation is vital for water security, tree protection, food security, healthier soils and river. Where are the initiatives?

Sustainability. Workshop? Public education. Three bin options in public spaces. More rain water tanks as drinking options. Encourage local shopping and growth of fresh produce.

Sustainability/climate change. Renewal energy for public spaces, and for community investment. Compost facility at tip and use of product for community.

Sustainability/Respond to Climate Change. As for above and encourage worm farms, mulching, community energy grid, support for grass roots groups in town, reduce plastic waste and energy use.

Sustainability/respond to climate change. Encouraging tourists, visitors and locals to contribute to a carbon offset emissions plan by donating a tree/plant - similar to Qantas carbon offset programme; greater co-operation and support of community garden, revegetation and weed clearing programmes.

The shire needs to educate themselves by exposure to the success of this area in other countries. Then educate the Bridgetown community to promote changes at all levels of the community, including school children. Make this a funding priority.

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

There is a need to develop in consultation with the community and others a "Climate Change" policy that will outline how the Shire will be addressing this issue

There is potential for the employment of lots of people in areas of forest management, better farming practices, improvements to power systems, tree planting.

Think this has now a higher profile; would like to see a community "battery" installed by the council for power, so that many residents who cannot themselves afford solar panels could join into the scheme.

This will be the big question that will determine our quality of life in the next decade. Everybody have to try even harder. This shire needs form goals on becoming carbon neutral and a step-by-step plan for getting there. The plan should be published and a scorecard displayed in a public place so we all know how we are adhering to it. Public pats or boos are a great incentive.

We need to focus on living sustainably, this needs to happen at all 3 levels of government.

What ever is done from now must be sustainable. Planting trees, solar, battery packs, wind generators, we need to be storing, using, selling. Minimum to go (waste) into ground (hopefully).

Where is there any leadership in sustainable / climate change / ecosystem health? Too many meeting + talking + no action. And you're too compliant to the mine's agendas.

Work with the community knowledge and passion in order to plan for and respond to our changing climate. Listen. Be part of the team. Show some leadership, take some positive action.

You need to step up and protect the local environment, reduce chemical use (road verge spraying) return to slaying them.

## Efforts to maintain and enhance the Blackwood River

A water playground like Bright, Victoria, to encourage families, youth, tourism etc to use the river and visit Bridgetown. This would also open up opportunities for community groups such as a River Life Saving Club and businesses such as pop up shops

Access and weed control along bank (Blackwood River).

After the new redevelopment the shire needs to maintain the infrastructure which it acquires unlike previous developments which were let to decay and be overcome by weeds. Or it will be wasting another million dollars.

Blackwood River - health, monitoring activity to celebrate river. Work with river shires to wholistic ends.

Blackwood River - the whole of the river walk in atrociously maintained.

Blackwood River as above priority 2.

Blackwood River is lacking tourist facilities and needs maintenance.

Blackwood River management.

Blackwood River more revegetation workds, more fudning to community landcare for rehabilitation.

Blackwood River weed controll and access points for public recreation via cycles/walkways and some picnic points would be great.

Blackwood River. The river and rolling hills are the main attraction so these need to be maintained by the Shire and locals to eradicate weeds and fire hazards. Work together with biosecurity group to achieve this and lessen feral animals eg Foxes, rabbits. more labourers, less administration.

Clean up the riparian sections of the river that are not in private ownership and encourage private landholders, particularly in town, to clean up their river banks. The amount of debris along the length of the river way up along Tweed Road is a real fire hazard and is overgrown with feral plants

Create a start of the art toursim facility along the river for water based tourism activities - mainly kayaking. A proper kayak entry platform, not the one planned in the new upgrade. Consult with City councils along the Swan River to get the latest designs that are sustainable and effective.

Use proper landscaping techniques to enhance the banks of the river with local species and control weeds effectively. Don't use the mulcher to manage fuel loads as this damages the plants, destroys the habitat and only encourage more weeds. Build proper walk tracks along the river that are designed to last and maintain them, without overdoing the disturbance to natural water flows and habitat.

Design longer walk tracks along the extent of the river to Winnijup Bridge and to Nannup where possible, and engage with land owners to have free access along the river reserve and foreshore. Get Noongar interpretation signs along the walk tracks with proper respect for their culture.

Create nature park tourist attraction at Brookman Highway entrance. Reveg work and weed eradication along river.

Grant apps for Blackwood River.

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I am happy with what is constantly being promoted but I notice some local property owners could do a little more or given incentives to spend a little more time protecting the area. I think around the bridge area could do with a little more landscaping without changing the environment. The river area is the Life of Bridgetown and smaller towns. good job

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

Investigate ways of returning water life to the river eg. Black bream/marron.

It would be nice to use river more, to have a Bridge so you can have a loop, removal of fallen trees, invasive weeds, and re plant where possible.

Keep the river as accessible as possible without destroying the natural and native vegetation surrounding it

Keeping the Blackwood River clean and accessible to all including visitors and children. The river is the only tourist attraction Bridgetown has.

Look after the river. A massive part of the Southwest.

Maintenance of river, control of weeds, rabbits. Remove snags in river to improve areas for small pleasure (paddle) craft boats. No fast motors. Bridgetown looks untidy at both ends of our town.

Make this a tourism destination to bring in families and attract visitors to boost the businesses and employment in town..

Races events around the river parks and facilities to attract campers caravaners etc playgrounds fishing comps races novelty , sporting and entertainment events music etc

Massive river clean up.

More thought in ways to present the Blackwood River to encourage tourism and locals to use it more.

More time with maintaining lawns and gardens.

More work along the river and Geegeelup Brook is terrible - its little more than a drain.

Natural beauty of Blackwood River should be preserved.

Nearly 1million for the footpath and a canoe ramp? That's a lot for little value in my opinion. It could get used better

Need to listen to community concerns about city based consultants making development plans for our river foreshore. A natural asset not a place for power boats.

Needs to be more of an attraction with open spaces to have activities, picnics, swimming, boating.

No consultation on Blackwood bio security issues.

Picnic area along the river apart from boat park. On Tweed Rd or Brockman Highway.

Publicity along with education of the problems, weed management, water testing, community involvement.

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River - more attention needed.

River is choked up and barely flows in summer needs a clean up

River management is extremely important for the health of the river & all who live in it.

So much more could be made of the Blackwood particularly around the Bridge in turn connecting with all the trails that we need.

Stop or help stop the damming of the Donnelly

The banks of the river are being choked by weeds. Blackberry, Periwinkle etc. Preventing access by both wildlife and humans and for firefighting purposes.

The Blackwood 'foreshore' is the biggest draw card and asset for the town. PROMOTE IT. Improve park/facilities café? Manji timber park as example!

The Blackwood river is a much unused shire resource and should be developed for the tourists to use and local people.

the Blackwood River is a unique and incredibly important part of our shire , it just about defines our shire, and needs sensitive and thoughtful management . no concrete paths, better weed control , better grass control replanting of vegetation indigenous to this region

The Blackwood River needs to have a lot of submerged tree removed to make it safer for canoes and small boats.

The river precinct can be much more utilised by providing more facilities for playground/mobile coffee or food and benches and tables with shade

The waterways leading to the Blackwood need to be maintained and regenerated. I think it would be a great investment in the future to have the Blackwood River managed by scientists and ecologists to improve the health and maintain it's beauty. I don't just mean walking around and spraying weeds. Replanting, weeding, oxygenating, creating habitat etc.

This area was surveyed years ago but still no solution to the boardwalk flooding & breaking away. Too much time talking but not doing anything.

This needs to be managed environmentally in conjunction with state and federal governments. Banning of toxic pesticides on farms, in stores and from domestic homes would be a good start. Again people need to be educated on the destruction and disease these cause, plus the alternatives available. Other countries and scientists have proven that many health issues have increased due to the ongoing exposure to chemicals in our soil, water and air.

To enhance and beautify the Blackwood River pathways. Picnic areas and trails, the Blackwood River is Bridgetown's most beautiful natureal feature but is under utilised and under developed.

Weed control  
Better walking paths



## Waste services

A green waste pickup occasionally

Actively encourages & promote waste sorting, solar power on community buildings

Better recycling - find a new company that really does recycle because I don't think the current one does.

Better recycling and waste services.

Better recycling methods - introduce smaller bins but more of them to households to allow better sorting at household. This may need more staff but would increase employment.

bigger bins

bigger bins and more tip hours.

Deal acceptably with plastic etc in waste.

Develop public involvement with aims to achieve zero waste targets

Employ .... so that the tip can be open everyday, with 7-4 which may help stop dumping off rubbish, help local gardeners, handymen, builders etc

Encourage minimising waste of source eg unnecessary packaging. Grant funding to promote local recycling businesses (eg compost making for sale).

Extend services to Kangaroo Gully. I am 6 minutes from town and I do not receive rubbish collection, nor can I purchase a bin from the shire. Yes, I am given tip passes, however not everyone is physically able to lift bins onto a trailer, drive with a trailer to the tip and empty them.

Genuinely recycle. Reduce landfill.

Green waste bins should be a priority.

Include Kangaroo Gully in the waste management services, bin collection and verge pickup. I recently have been advised that due to not being on the bin run I couldn't even purchase bins from the shire to use for my household waste and recycling.

Increase recycling options.

Knowledge that recyclables aren't going straight to landfill.

Manage the rubbish so it is contained. Manage the tipping site so it is not a eyesore.

more tip hours

MORE TIP HOURS

Our waste management needs to be improved and updated.

Recycling bins in truck bays

Recycling reuse development.

## Waste services

Recycling upgrade and management.

rubbish incinerator to generate power

Rubbish seems all right.

Solar lights and less irrigation to parks. Soft plastics recycling depot.

Sorting and utilization of recyclables. minimisation of landfill.

The rubbish tip! Walking through what use to be a virgin bush to look for wildflowers and it is disgusting. It is an eyesore when you drive into/out of town on the Boyup Brook Rd - and it will only get worse. And there is rubbish all over the neighbouring farms which is disgusting. More emphasis is needed on recycling waste as well in the general community.

The waste facility needs to concentrate on both internal waste disposal methods and more importantly, clear up all the litter surrounding the waste deposit dump. Health issues.

To change the season for kerbside pickup. Instead of winter, where there's lots of reusable furniture put on the kerbside, however it gets wet so cannot be re used and to have the tip shop open more for recycling.

Town rate payers should have rubbish bin pickup.

Waste "The Tip" should be open daily.

Waste management. Education - what is recyclable. Recycling - needs improvement/height of skipbins (especially for rural owners). Improve tip fencing rubbish going into the neighbouring properties.

Waste management. Kerb side pickup for all ratepayers as per other Shires.

Waste services - as is.

Waste services are confusion (not the Shires fault) backyard burning could be reduced by a more efficient service, and lessening the smoke pollution.

Waste services at tip.

Waste services definately need attention.

Waste services. Honest and clear information on what can be recycled. Green waste; mulched and available back for community use.

Waste: Compost facility. Clear and extensive recycling options for community.

We only have two bins, no green waste bins.

I'd also like to see more collection points for a variety of different ways and things to recycle

## Natural disaster management (education, prevention and relief for fire, floods, etc)

Allow residents to take dead wood/trees for firewood. This would help to reduce the severity of bushfire.

As an aged person not sure where to go or what to do, especially with pet dog (male) also transport for the elderly - out of town medical and specialist are a problem.

As we have new residents each year and for those of us who have forgotten promises made to one's self in the past.

Just to strongly remind the community of the risks of bush fire and the choices they make

bush fire prevention, readiness and enforcement of rules in relation to this

Fire hazard reduction. Burn or clear roadsides. Inspect and enforce property owners to reduce their own fire hazards.

Fire hazard on roadside of the Southwest.

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

Improve first services - regular bush burns.

Improvements in fuel reduction strategies  
Improvements in planning of housing developments  
Improvements in bush fire fighting resources and strategies

Local roadsides. Litter. Fire hazards.

More clearing of shire verges of fire hazards including burning off.

More done to protect townsite, lives and property during fire season

More encouragement and knowledge requirement and action on preparing and maintaining property for fires. Encourage volunteering attitude no matter what job a person does. Fly in Fly out or workers on roster are not unable to volunteer for fire brigade for example. I hear this excuse all the time. We live in a 24/7 world now. Everyone is operating at different times and circuits. We need everyone to pull their weight and spread the load. .

Negotiate with private landowners to improve risk management strategies where private lands about building estates ie plantations and waste disposal (private).

Never to sure how best to access info or help, even though, re fire, the rate notices have list of fire officers to phone.

Prepare new TPS, council to provide strategic fire accessways and safety areas.

remove barriers to landowners managing their own fuel loads during burn periods removing the need for a ranger to issue permits because optimum burn periods often occur during a short window of opportunity

Renewable energy. Fire management.

## **Natural disaster management (education, prevention and relief for fire, floods, etc)**

Staff that are properly trained in fire management or other disasters  
More professional staff with a vast amount of experience in fire management as our town is surrounded by bush  
And more shire staff trained in fire so they can drop their tools and help when needed

The removal of undergrowth on embankments to lesson fire bed and removal of branches cut by council on verges.

To calculate fire hazard risks & provide alternative exit routes.