

Services and facilities for youth (14-24 years)

Offer cheaper fees and make facilities cheaper for youth to be involved in (weed is cheaper to smoke under the bridge than go for a swim at the pool or play on the courts)

A youth forum to ask them what they want and need in the area. A section of CBD dedicated to whats available to youth in the area ie mental health, employment, education.

Access to more online computers in a safe place they can hang out and also study.
a weekend bus service that connects friends on rural properties so they socialise off farm
Exhibitions that inspire them in science and not just art all the time.
Annual summer camp.

Advocate for greater education opportunities, mental health services, and financial & administrative support for activities.

After school activities, job placements

As both parents work these days - holiday times present a real problem with youth - nothing much for them to be doing. A well supported centre offering a variety of activities.

as per my 1st choice comments [Promote accessible courses and encourage local workshops to youth for work guidance. Build the confidence in our youth offering skills building resilience and confidence. "Business buddy" system offering work placement not just during school work placement time slots.]

assist BYA in developing its proposed youth centre

Better activities for everyone to do. Big park like in Donnybrook.

Better facilities for youth : after school, in the weekends;
Better work chances/apprenticeships so they will stay in town.

Build the kids a pump track and expand the skate park.

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Cycle path from The Cidery to the BFC

Encourage training for young people to keep them in the community

Future proofing the town by developing youth. Provide facilities and training for youth, more extracurricular activities (in town). Young people need access to training opportunities that enable them to give back to the town and develop it into the future. Extracurricular activities keep kids busy and build a sense of community.

Give the youth of Bridgetown some direction and ownership over their town. Introduce activities centred around helping others and building rewards to get improved youth services. eg; skate park, youth drop in centre.

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Have more youth targeted events, encourage youth to run these events (seems less stilted than when coming from adults), use appropriate language (not government document speak) so the youth will understand

I have explained the ways they can address this earlier in the survey. Please refer [Have an indoor pool added to the current complex. The skate park will be up there with the best in Regional WA, incorporating outdoor sporting complex, well lit for evening competitions of basketball etc; Substantial, well researched and planned children's playground - security cameras in place and working.]

If we have good facilities for youth families may choose to live here.

Increased services

Job opportunities other than retail and hospitality, safe spaces, health services

local youth needs to be consulted in a meaningful way, and the outcomes acted upon.

Make better fun stuff for kids to do.

Mental health for young people. A youth officer who really works with youth. A meeting place for youth and not just another sport facility, there are a lot of young people who are not athletic or physical!

More activities for youths and not just sports.

More development of youth social facilities

More facilities and activities for youth and families.

More opportunities and facilities so young people have things to focus on and have fun with, keeping them from boredom

More options for youth to be busy and having free activities so they have the opportunity to do it

More programs for the youth. Maybe a 24/7 drop in safe centre or similar. More focused education and training for them. Not all students are suited to formal education.

More suitable areas for youth to hang out. (Collaborate better with BYA) Development of Cinema.

More support for youth within our Shire, especially the youth marginalised, grant applications possibly to support these areas.

More support services for our youth and young adults. More activities to engage the youth in town.

More things for youth to do

More things to encourage families with teens to live here

More youth employment needed.

Need more community activities youth focused and they can be involved in

Need to develop better youth services or the crime will increase. These services and facilities need to be in conjunction with police and other agencies.

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No youth 14-24 facilities.

Other than skateboarding board park not much else for outdoor activities as swimming pool is only seasonal

Progression, safety, accessibility.

Retention of youth is critical to the future survival of rural towns and it is necessary to develop projects to keep young people in the town.

Schooling should be available to year 12 and should include a more stimulating arts and music program. More employment opportunities are needed for young people leaving school.

Scouts back would be great

Shire needs to help ensure there is employment opportunities for our youth when formal education has finished. Apprenticeships and traineeships and an environment where small business can prosper and employ local people

Start being a bit proactive. Community is made up of people. Individuals. Yes, adults 'run' the show. But adults began as children.

If we do not include our children as valued members of our society, we can hardly expect them to want to contribute to it when they are older.

What we offer our youth speaks to how we value them. This speaks to how they view their own self worth and this impacts on every part of their lives as an individual, family and community member thereafter.

Parenting well is a big deal and an important job. We are shaping our own future in the process. Let's collectively do a good job for all the children in our community.

Stop buckpassing to NGO and take responsibility for providing youth and senior services, something real like a youth and seniors centre

Support for youth in drop in centres, counselling and support

Support local groups that are attempting to do this with little money or support. Provide safe places for youth to be (eg rec centre is underused and not open enough and too expensive for many youth).

Support/back/fund a Youth Centre in town for the younger generation which encourages access to a range of youth services and counselling

The centre needs to be up and running quickly for the youth and youth clubs and outings to keep them off the streets and happy and interested in their town and living here.

The skate park area could be improved-made bigger (area not the size of the jumps!), things to do or areas to hang out-outdoors areas

The youth need places to meet with some form of professional leadership outside of the school programme

The youth services are very poor except for the pubs and some sports facilities, therefore the young people get involved in drugs and alcohol instead of more wholesome activities.

The youth. More bowls in Greenbushes/BTown. We have none - skate park - pump tracks - Youth services etc.

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There are groups like the Blackwood parent support group who have been trying to implement things over the years to help teens and also people and kids with disabilities. Over the years these strategies have been ignored and outright rejected by the shire. These groups are volunteer groups and get no funding.

There is just not enough things to do for teenage youth and young adults 18-30. We struggle as a community to keep young adults in town once they've completed school, as there is no entertainment or activities to keep them around

There needs to be more facilities for the youth to keep them from wandering the streets. It maybe a special party be employed to actively research and promote required facilities.

Upgrade to skateparks and youth space. Better lighting and toilets. More activities for youth like roller discos, parkour, bmx bike track, coderdojo, makerspace ect.

We need more for the teenagers in town to keep them out of trouble.

Young people need the Shire to invest in facilities that give them activites to do outside of school.

Youth - Blackwood Youth Group house on Steere Street has been zoned for over a year and still nothing has progressed.

Youth engagement: Focus on strategies to foster youth engagement with the broader community. Refrain from creating a paradigm of "The Shire/ratepayers will provide." Perhaps put out information about ideas, eg billy cart races, and invite residents to ehlp run these types of community activities.

Youth in Bridgetown seems to be in the doldrums. Too much suppressed energy. Need challenging, thrilling non team based competitive "sports" perhaps BMX, Motox, Marksman, speedway, rodeo. Need! Senior high school, exposure to manufacturing trades.

Youth Services - I don't believe there is enough for tweens/teens to be entertained in Bridgetown unless they play sport.

Youth services - more community involvement at all levels and youth opportunities - work etc.

Youth Services - put some funding towards providing services and facilities for youth, rather than just allocating all responsibility for this to BYA.

Youth services and facilities

Youth services. Provide BYA proper renovated building! Help support/engage youth in our community.

Youth services. More hang out places, improvement to skateparks. More events e.g. discos, rollerskating. Training opportunities.

Youth services/facilities give them some ownership fo their plans. Mentor strategies that give them some sense of pride and belonging.

Youth Space and youth facilitator. Mountain bike trails and walk trails. Organised activities for youth

Youth, more options (safe)

Youth.

Services and facilities for families and children

New park play equipment. It's all outdated and hasn't been checked in years for safety.

A school for Year 11 and 12 students? Some (indoor) pre-teens activity ie. Trampoline/fun centre etc for primary school age children.

At the skate park there is only one bench seat not enough seating and it needs a couple of tables so you can sit and watch your kids and have a cuppa or snack

Availability for extra curricular activities for school aged children .
 Youth centre for music and arts.

Because young families are the type that the shire needs to attract.

Better park and bike path/trails.

Build more playgrounds. Specifically a nature playground and pump track . The area behind some creek is just ugly bare grass not used for anything. It could be a huge play precinct that brings tourists and families to the area. Aside from the memorial park there is barely any other places in town for kids to play. The highlands estate has a huge amount of families living there and there is absolutely nothing for kids to do up there and as there is no walk path into town it is unsuitable for them to leave.

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Do things for the young kids.

Draw cards for tourism to accommodate families

Families - no creche, no programs for those with young children. No school holiday events. Reliant on community centres to engage activities.

Family services.

Food bank ?

Fund the child health clinic indefinitely
 Create an early years network like the manjimup shire

Help to ensure families feel that Bridgetown-Greenbushes is a safe and healthy place to raise a family and to see this there is a long term future for their children's education and interests and activities

Increased Services

Make the Towns more user friendly for families.

More clean drink fountains.

More facilities and activities for youth and families.

More parks, better paths for prams and children, more cover at the park

Need to attract families so we have a more balanced population.

Promote town as family destination.

Services and facilities for families and children

Services for families & children. Better access to medical / health facilities. Activities & events for youth.

Services for families. Speak for itself - not enough.

There is very poor access around town for parents with prams - very minimal places roads can be crossed due to large kerbs! No parent parking bays (wider bays).

To improve and construct new, modern children's playgrounds and equipment as well as parks and picnic areas which are below the quality of nearby towns at present.

We are seeing more and more family's moving to Bridgetown and we don't have a very big focus on the 25-40 age group. It would be nice to see some ideas of ways to engage this age group and encourage them to get involved with the community.

Services and care available for seniors

Access such as good footpaths in the shopping precinct, crossover points and transport options for those who can not or do not wish to drive, eg a better bus and bus connections to Bunbury and Perth particularly for medical appointments.

The southwest coachlines minibus is not suitable for seniors or disabled.

Access to home help and gardening upkeep.

Affordable housing, care services and accessibility to health and home care assistance. Services to help older residence stay in their own homes and in the community they are familiar with.

An easier way to know/access available senior services for several seniors who are computer illiterate by having available information put in "mail boxes".

As Bridgetown has many retired people living in the area, there needs to be as many senior services and care as possible provided and make it easily accessible for people to be aware of these services.

As I've stated before slowing down the drivers going past our retirement Village
 In Nelson st it's a 50 kms limit . But hardly anyone obeys it , they go past it at anything up to 100 kms .
 One day there will be a terrible accident, then maybe the shire will do something about it .

At present most seniors services are run by community and/or volunteers, Shire should provide better access to services, have a paid, qualified person in a seniors related position.

Bring back the previous health and fitness services for seniors.
 We have a large population of seniors and all the previous fitness classes were cancelled.

Check with seniors and carers.

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Consider needs of seniors who do not live in township of Bridgetown.

Weekly bus services

Health care accessibility for people with no transport appointments

Services and care available for seniors

Continue to provide local services.

Continue to upgrade Geegeelup Village.

Focus on building and improving infrastructure.

hopefully there is plans in the future for the expansion of geegeelup village etc., even though a lot of people leave bridgetown to downsize in their 70s/80s, i for one wish to stay here to live out my days.

I am unsure of this yet as I have not had time to look into this yet, but I am hoping that there is a Mens Shed that runs something that assists the elderly and disabled with handing man skills and that the Mens Shed as some funding for this.

i believe there is good systems in place. I notice more and more elderly on the streets and around town. Better local transport for them? I know that there is already silver Chain Services available. To keep the Seniors more Active a possible transport for locals. I know I have mentioned this, I don't really know what is around. I may have to look out for these things.

I don't know what senior services the Shire provides. So perhaps it would be an idea to let seniors know what is available.

I have heard many of our aged residents upset due to the fact that they can no longer come in on the bus and go to the library as the bus only drops them in the centre of town.

Improve healthcare. Improve shopping services.

Improved business and retail provision, trades services, better roads and wider footpaths and increased aged care alternatives and services

Increased services.

Like many rural towns I expect that our shire has an ageing population and those residents need to be consulted as to their needs and wants then develop practical solutions.

More "elder" and disabled parking.

Footpaths more suited for mobility scooters.

More access to a bus service from outer areas of the townsite.

More access to doctor appointments which now take weeks.

More 55 or over housing and aged care units, also Alzheimers area.

More aged care.

More available home care services

More footpath's for the elderly leading to town

More funding to provide staff and services to enable elderly to stay in their own home A "rosie" bus run to Bunbury for the elderly to do shopping with set stops and pickups at discount.

More info to seniors for help with accessing whats available to them.

More services for seniors ie a heated pool would be good for fitness as large population over 50.

Services and care available for seniors

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

Need better facilities to encourage people to stay.

Not much happening for older residents. Most aimed at those with young families which is good, but it would be nice to be recognised occasionally.

Not really know about.

not sure what is needed however the ageing population is coming on rapidly and the shire needs to be ready

Over fifties accommodation as in Manjimup
 More physical support for disabilities(especially vision impaired)

Parking for seniors who are not wheelchair bound, but cannot walk a distance without getting tired carrying shopping. The main parking needs to be (as it was) Chemist. IGA. Post Office. Mitre 10 have their own, as do Mini Mart, Clovers and Fat Arts.

Planning and maintaining aged care accommodation of a high standard. Services for people to stay in their own homes. Attract more Drs for the populations.

Provide housing for seniors at reasonable prices.

Provision of economical residential retirement villages.
 Opportunity for seniors to share their knowledge with part time work and volunteering

Readily available transport for the elderly

Recreation and social interaction for fit seniors. So far only facilities are for disabled or frail seniors.

Resume silver chain visit to the seniors.

Senior services and care must be maintained especially for getting to Drs, bus, shopping etc.

Senior services and care. With the high percentage of over 65's in Bridgetown, although Geegelup is expanding, more needs to be done.

Seniors - make parking areas more level and easily accessed to town sites - at present parking is very hilly and quite rough on the ground. Dangerous for elderly citizens.

Seniors Centre

Seniors have a wealth of knowledge and skills. Listen to them, respect them, utilize their knowledge and skills. Treat them as valued members of society. Have them feel useful. Use their talents, skills, contacts for promotion of the shire and creative ideas. Get them involved in think tanks about how to carry forward new ideas and values for the shire.

Seniors Services. More funding for seniors access and cheaper housing for seniors. Better community planning for seniors @ home and in care.

Seniors Services. More time allocated to maintaining seniors in the home.

Services and care available for seniors

Smaller blocks of land for seniors.

The aging population.

There are some services for seniors, CHC, Silver Chain, these and other services need to be promoted more, there are lots of people who don't even know they exist.

There needs to be a centre for mobility and independent living aids available in town. Senior activities and information available not just left to hospital, library or GP.

To build an over 50's village with activities available for seniors, pool, games areas etc (Not Geegeelup old peoples home).

transport for the elderly - out of town medical and specialist are a problem.

Transport from Geegelup to Town for Shopping, Drs visits, etc. A local bus service would greatly help the Elderly continue to be part of this wonderful community.

Upgrade and publicise activities for senior to attend during the week at a dedicated meeting place.

We lose too many older residents leaving town and moving to the coast to live.

We need to have good care for the ageing population to be able to keep our seniors close to their roots/families.

We need to look after our valued elderly much better! (This is not a WACHS problem). Provide aged care support coordinator role, location for their office that is visible and accessible, increase home care options & subsidise access to their aids and therapy to stay living in home or with the family.

Access to services and facilities for people with a disability

ACROD in main street.

Ask the disabled to test/give their thoughts to new projects that affect them. Listen to their needs more. For example the ramp at the new pool was a total nightmare for people with a disability, elderly and everyone else. It is dangerous (the drop off at the end of ramp).

Build/use the group homes. Provide a respite home (or include in above). Set up a facility, similar to the youth drop-in centre for people with intellectual disabilities.

By adding more disabled parking, making buildings accessible & encouraging town businesses to do the same with financial assistance if needed.

Disability access. A lot of buildings don't have access for people with disabilities

Disability care and services. A local agency is needed to address NDIS and care options/delivery. Having to drive to Bunbury/Busselton for these services is not adequate.

Disability parking is a disgrace plus it is not policed even before they were taken away.

Access to services and facilities for people with a disability

Easier access for people with disability and make it safer to cross the road.

Easier access to toilets for wheelchairs and disabled.

Fix the uneven paths on Steere street. Make the paths and kerbs in town wheelchair friendly.

Flat paving, more acrod parking, acrod parking spaces monitored,

It is time for innovation and change we are being left behind. Parking, disability access is extremely poor. Get trucks out of centre of town. All tourists complain about the trucks, parking. If it s not calm and relaxing they will leave.

Main Street could do with a couple of parking bays chemist / IGA and Westpac

Make sure above [nature playground in Highlands] is wheelchair friendly.

More acrod parking spaces. Wheelchair access onto all pavement areas. Access for wheelchairs to enter shops better.

Not enough parking and need to be flat and large in width

Opportunities for those with disabilities once you get past the age of 18 is almost non-existent. Some initiatives in this area would be very useful given the increase as a whole of the autism spectrum.

Parking for disability in main street is a disgrace. As less bays now.

Parking, building accessibility requirements, safe road crossing, promotion of events/ activities that are disability inclusive.

Premises upgrades, service access. Not just physical access but hearing and vision impaired, consider cognition, bariatric and anxiety/psychiatric demographics.

Put disability parking back on the Main Street the people with difficulties have to walk the furthest

Supervision of parking times and ACROD stickers.

Tactiles at all crossings.

Taken away disable bays!! Especially P.O we have to collect, no delivery

Taxi service or bus.

the Art trail - there is no access to this at the library to the sculptures.the track is dirt & mostly mud & there are trees across it.

There are groups like the Blackwood parent support group who have been trying to implement things over the years to help teens and also people and kids with disabilities. Over the years these strategies have been ignored and outright rejected by the shire. These groups are volunteer groups and get no funding.

There is no permit parking in the town for those with disabilities making it very hard for those people

This is for everyone. Good access needed for shops where possible - many already have ramps. Fix uneven or broken paving and brick areas. Keep footpaths clean including up Steere St, Peninsul Rd and Nelson St.

Access to health and community services

[organisation removed] should be investigated for oversubscribing and manipulating people health.

A reliable and cost effective transport system to help all members (residents) of the community.

A severe shortage of Doctors is looming. Shire needs to more proactive in assisting, attracting and maintaining health services.

A women's shelter for those affected by domestic violence

Ability to access a doctor within a couple of days . Not three weeks to a month.

Access to drinking water fountains after hours. Outside the Bridgetown Library would be good.

ACROD in main street.

Allow more Dr's into the area, after all Bridgetown has a high proportion of seniors and young families

Always an aged town. Our health service is the best, but has to be kept up.

Apalling medical centre. Doctors superb but overworked. Ridiculous wait times. \$15 per script well don't start.

As a 60 year old on a full Disability Support Pension, I'm finding it very difficult to access help. It seems I am not old enough, nor Torres Strait Islander or Aboriginal and therefore unable to receive necessary help with maintaining my home.

Assist the health professionals to come and stay in Bridgetown.

Because the medical center has failed to attract sufficient doctors for over ten years we need a fresh approach. RHW and WACHS schemes have failed. If we keep relying on these failed programs we will get the same results.

Local families and seniors in particular can only stay in Bridgetown if their health needs are met well.

During COVID the government is investing \$millions to rejuvenate less important areas such as fishing, recreation, the arts and sport. There is an opportunity for the Shire to ask government for financial innovation to attract new doctors and to support the medical business aspects needed to keep the medical center going.

COVID recovery funding will soon end so there needs to be a sense of urgency.

Better access to top quality doctors.

Better health management. Quicker visits to doctor.

Bigger hospital with more services available here without having to travel miles to get scan, ultrasound, Physio, optometrist. More home help organisations.

By giving more support to organisations that give help our elder citizens

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Community services in the newer estates which could bring together the community.

Access to health and community services

Do what it can to retain our hospital facilities and local doctors and other medical facilities such as dentists, physio.

Heated pool

Easier access to services from the outer areas such as Highlands and Bridgetown Gardens, pathways etc

Encourage specialists to visit Bridgetown and advertise their visit. Expand facilities at the hospital.

Encourage visiting specialists & services at the hospital, upgrades of the hospital facilities.

Get more doctors into the town those who are approp qualified as GP's. Get grants to up grade the aging hospital.

Have a look at the Shire demographics and see if the services we already have meet the needs of the community. If there is a gap, address it.

Having a strong focus on health and community needs/services makes for a more robust, stress-free community.

Health and community services - keep up to date with any new advances in these areas and equipment purchase.

Health and community services. The difficulty for residents to obtain access to medical appointments in Bridgetown is almost at crisis level. The medical centre is grossly understaffed with practitioners. Maybe the council can help by offering accommodation help to attract more GP's to the area.

Health and community services. With the aging population, Bridgetown is in dire need of an upgraded hospital and support services which includes more medical staff.

Health and Community. Community care seems reducing eg home nursing.

Healthcare services. The staffing issues at the hospital are disgraceful! So many agency staff and nurses that are not up to date with current evidence based practices!! A home health service would be good.

Hospital needs revamping.

I believe the hospital needs a massive renovation. Money needs to be spent to provide a modern facility for the ever ageing population

Improve healthcare. Improve shopping services.

Increase access to specialist medical services.

It is difficult to get a doctors appointment and then it seems rushed because they are so busy.

It is very difficult to see the doctor in Bridgetown, this forces people to go outside of town for basic health needs, we need a second surgery and more doctors

Keep services here, not let them go to out of town. Support the child health nurse and the group that is set up to find rent (I don't know of anywhere else in the state that parents have to find money to pay the rent of the child health nurse) Many local governments support family centres without making parents ask for money every three years.

Access to health and community services

Lack of doctors. Long wait to see a doctor. Access to full-time doctors.

More access to additional services like physio, skin cancer treatment, etc all covered by private health and medicare.

More doctors - can't get into see a doctor when you need to as they are too busy.

More doctors to be encouraged to live here. Waiting up to a week for an appointment is not on. Travelling to Manjimup the only option and can usually get into a doctor there within a day

More local services so reducing the need to travel

More medical services would attract more families to live here if they didn't have to travel 100kms to Busselton/Bunbury for appointments.

More visiting health specialists

Optometrist

More advertising

New hospital with more beds to accommodate our ageing population. We need to expand our CBD Franchise takeaway food. "The Chicken Cavery" is embarrassing to our town.

Not sure if the Shire can do anything about it. But it is ridiculous that you need to wait a month to see a Dr here. And other health services are almost non-existent.

Oir hospital is very out dated and old. Mostly not even up to standards. We need a new hospital as members of our community growth will put pressure on a facility that is out dated. Community services also need to be increased. Allied health is limited in our shire. All of these improvements would increase employment.

Resume silver chain visit to the seniors.

Services for the aged health, community events for families

Shire to first develop a far better understanding of the needs of the community.

Shire to have more active representation on community organisations that drive health and community service.

Shire to double their community grants application scheme to provide better support for the community groups which are supporting members of the community while the shire don't.

Spearhead an assistance group. There are many retirees who would be happy to help on a volunteer basis, those unexpectedly needing assistance.

The closing up of South West Mental Health.

The shire should be active in preserving our hospital as it is. For Bridgetown to survive we need medical services such as the hospital.

These do not take into account people under 65 who require help maintaining their home and quality of life.

Access to health and community services

To my knowledge the Shire seems to have a good understanding of the towns needs especially with the many volunteers assisting such as meals on wheels.

I feel i have nothing constructive to add

Waiting times are ridiculously long to see a GP

We desperately need more GPs in Bridgetown Greenbushes.

We need to encourage more Doctors to settle in the area.

with the growth of the town, more doctors are needed, currently waiting 2-3 weeks to see the one usual doctor you want to visit is an issue, plus we need doctors to STAY and live here, as i don't like seeing a different doctor every visit. Plus mental health services need all the help they can get what with the increasing abuse of drugs.

Community buildings, halls and toilets

A modern building with the space to social distance and engage with like-minded community members.

A number of public facilities are very old and tired and in need of some TLC. Public toilets/leisure centre regularly has 'issues' ie Carpark lighting etc.

A suitable building (art gallery and museum to display art) we have a renowned artist whose are is unavailable for view by general public, also historical articles.

All toilets and town hall need an up grade and a bit of TLC.

Allow more use of the community halls to the ratepayers and not for profit organisations at a lower rate of hire. The buildings would be used more and would encourage more events. The toilets need upgrading.

As a tourist town our toilet facilities are disgusting.

Build and keep better public facilities such as toilets. (Note Manjimups public facilities).

Buildings. Bring them further forward on their "to do" list, particularly the toilets.

By ensuring we have up to date and clean facilities that we can be proud of

Community buildings and halls and toilets: Improve buildings and halls with better maintenance, toilets are old and outdated, replace with modern updated interiors and heritage style exteriors.

Community toilets are a disgrace (old, dirty). Shire building always has cobwebs and dust on walls. Lesser Hall curtains never hang properly, need renewing.

Direct funding correctly

Dumping station at the car park behind the railway station and some public toilets there and a shower for people travelling.

Facilities for families and others to use and enjoy

Community buildings, halls and toilets

Halls are run down and need improvements to help rent them out. Also overpriced. Needs upgrade to building and bar area. Kitchen has had an overhaul in recent years. Toilets are terrible and need upgrading and better cleaning.

I know there is some grants for the river front and the old railway station, not before time I will be interested to what use they will be put to when complete. The railway station should be a tourist attraction, not turned into office space.

Improve facilities to welcome tourists to the area and make them stay (eg street beautification, public toilets).

Improve the appearance of our public toilets - Hampton street toilets in particular

Improve the condition and appearance of the civic centre to make it more attractive for events

Improve tourism facilities (Basic!) (public toilets, caravan turnarounds, parking).

Maintain buildings to a better standard and toilets at the southern end of town

Maintenance and upgrade of town hall and facilities.

Make them more appealing to those who would use them.

Making sure that these are of high quality and maintaining them as so, with a focus on the history and type of activities that have been pursued over this time. E.g. the public toilets within the community are of a very mediocre quality and need to be upgraded to a quality more appropriate for modern needs and standards.

Maybe the Shire could look at the old Kordies building - it would make an excellent Art Centre for all varieties of creativity. Again I mention Mundaring Art Centre.

Modernise bring them up to date the toilets are unbelievable

Need to encourage the local history and heritage by support of heritage buildings eg Railway Station.

Providing good toilets for the public is a huge attraction to a town. We have a lot of travellers either pass through town or stop in town and if there are good toilets then this is always an incentive to come back for another visit. Word of mouth is a powerful way of communication.

Public toilets - more needed in main street.

Public toilets in main street are not cleaned properly. Always filthy. Bins maybe emptied and sufficient t/paper, but doors/walls/floors need to be scrubbed/bleached. Embarrassing for tourists to our beautiful town.

Public toilets near pharmacy need upgrading, plus provision of a mothers room. There are no toilets at the southern end of Hampton Street.

Renovation of shire halls in both Bridgetown & Greenbushes. Make hall hire a realistic price for everyone to use.

Repairs to buildings, painting, cleaning just a better appearance in all insidenses.

Community buildings, halls and toilets

Shire building.

Some of the Shire building are run down and need attention.

The exterior of the shire building is a disgrace.

The Heritage Officer will also research old photos of community buildings and the dates they were built. the Shire needs to promote careful and sensitive restoration of community buildings. All future developments should fit in with Bridgetowns character.

The pool/Gym is great... but town hall is stuck in time. I like herritage, but that building could do with some love!

The public ablutions in Manjimup are AMAZING! There are a number of them located within an easy walking distance of town - especially for families with young children who need a facility urgently!

The town hall and public toiets are an embarrassment to the town. Stop blaming the cleaners for the poor state of the toilets and upgrade them.

These are in an appalling state which needs to be addressed before we can take on the enormous role of adverting Bridgetown as an essential stop-over within the tourism industry. Currently they do not support the efforts of private groups, Blues, Tennis, Marathon etc.

Toilets are not clean, even just after cleaner has attended sites. Need facilities towards south end of town. Deperately need toilet location signs. Improve seating, landscaping, bins. Additional toilets at south end of Main St.

Toilets are old and dirty. Good paint, clean up, modernise a bit.

Toilets in Bridgetown need to be upgraded. They are cleaned but need to be upgraded.

Up grade all public areas

Upgrade the toilets at the Council building.

Visitor Centre upgrade and move to a better location. Clean toilets for visitors.

We need more public toilets in the main st. There is really only the ones near the pharmacy (only 2 for the ladies) during holidays and busy tourist times nowhere near enough!! More toilets in the main shopping area.

Well they are just out dated

your toilets are terrible and out dated, one of them has a glory hole! your parents rooms don't have change tables.

the eye piece of the town "the council office" appears that it should be condemned.

HAVE SOME PRIDE

Sport and recreation facilities and services

As Skate Boarding and bmx riding and action sports are becoming increasingly more popular each year forward, i believe a focus on better more up to date facility's are needed for local kids and adults to use would be an appropriate step forward. Skate park revamp - a bmx/pump track - mountain biking tracks - rock climbing facility - great quality outdoor facility's that could potentially attract new people to visit or move to the area

Assist small sporting and recreational facilities to apply for grants etc and how to go about it.

Be more proactive at Shire level of applying for grants to provide facilities in the Shire. eg mountain bike trails etc.

Bridgetown Sportsground look run down

Build an internal heated swimming pool for lapse and other exercise in winter plus a spa.

Community Development. Services and facilities - youth, families, seniors. Improvements to health and community services, Sport and recreation facilities.

Community Development: The current section does not consult or communicate with the community. Much of their responsibilities are carried out by volunteers. Some responsibilities are micro managed and therefore poorly run eg rec centre, swimming pool and lessons, tourist centre, the section writes plans but doesn't carry them out, fail to consult local experts and fail to return calls. They 'lose' community consultation documents. The boxes I marked unsure indicate that thto the best of my knowledge they are run by community organisations.

Discount sport at rec centre so it is more affordable

Establishment of off road bicycle trails

Footy oval is in terrible condition

Have an indoor pool with better more swimming instructors for swimming lessons.
 Maintain the football oval better

Having a person on the shire who is interested in creating more activity at the Rec Centre. Anyone who tries to start something up usually gets shut down and it becomes too hard. Not really sure what the two people employed there do all day when there is basically nothing happening there. If there was someone motivated who ran the Rec Centre and was allowed to run sports, social sports, classes etc, it could be a vibrant centre again. Have a look at the red tape the indoor volleyball has had to deal with. This could easily be an activity the employees in the office could do instead of sitting talking to the cleaner for a vast majority of the day.

Having staff at the rec Centre that will facilitate the creation of new Sports teams

Heated Pool - Bridgetown is cold most of year so pool is virtually useless and a waste of money.

Improve condition if oval at Bridgetown sportsground

Improve the condition of the oval at Bridgetown sports ground

Sport and recreation facilities and services

In the statement provided by the shire it states it is working towards advertisement of kayaking, mountain biking and bridle trail facilities.

I have not seen any evidence in the last 7 years of any funding being applied to kayaking or mountain biking. Large amounts of money has been spent on the bridle trail, the addition of accommodation and upgrading of the trail. However there are no launch points/ exit points from the Blackwood river, other than those that have been created by users, no advertisement of courses through the river, severity of rapids, distances etc and no clearance of debris.

In relation to mountain biking no money has been invested to build or develop trails, no trail head has been created, no trails are marked or signed in accordance with international mountain bike standards, no maintenance has been completed on the trails that were developed by locals over 10 years ago.

The shire has recently investigated and allocated funds to a pump track in the town, near the rec centre, however the plans for this pump track show it to be inadequately sized, it is also being designed by a company who don't normally build pump tracks, rather than those who have experience in building them, like the ones in Pemberton and Nannup, as a result it is unlikely be fit for purpose.

its funny you mentioned footpaths and street scape, the town doesn't seem to know what kind of foot path it wants, most are in poor repair.

as for street scape the fridge doors on a fence in an abandoned yard should have you all scratching your heads

Just different types of facilities, to keep people entertained

Keep supporting local clubs.

Leisure centre needs to be more user focused, promoted better and managed more positively and proactively, ensuring the services are available for users when requested.

Staff are not very friendly and can be difficult to interact with.

Sporting facilities such as the football/trotting ground should be relocated to the Showgrounds area so it can be accessed easier for young people and everyone else. A sporting precinct would be very successful and better utilised if it was closer to the main street.

Library is now terrible. Rec / pool is now terrible. Don't care attitude from management (not all staff)

like most other towns bring back a creiche at recreation centre to assist families to keep mentally and physically fit

Make the pool financially accessible to all again.

Make the pool indoor so it can be used all year round - a great asset for all ages & can be used for rehabilitation purposes.

Make the swimming pool an indoor one. You might actually get someone there for the other 11 months of the year.

Manage all sport and recreation facilities - not just swimming pool and rec centre. Manage proactively instead of waiting for it to break and then saying there is no money in the budget to fix it.

More support for sporting clubs.

Offer other sporting activities in rec centre. Not just aerobics! Volleyball/indoor soccer/hockey etc. Family Activities.

Sport and recreation facilities and services

Other than the footy/cricket/soccer oval and the Rec Centre, there's no where for sporting teams to train or families to play. The Sports Centre is too far to walk to and there's no where free for basketball or netball teams to train.

Playground at the pool instead of volleyball net.

Pool - the pool is a marvellous asset but seeing the pics of the built up duck shit is really really offputting and disgusting thinking I am going to swim in that. The heating is still not fixed and this is over a year later so the coming season will be challenging. Waiting from parts that are coming from Mars.

The pool cover system is still not fixed leaving the pool open to everything thus making maintenance very difficult. Parts from Mars again??

Staff are excellent but having to work with such poor resources is embarrassing for them and the shire. Having to swim in mornings while the shit is cleaned away is just horrid.

I would use the pool all year round particularly as I have a mobility issue and really am dissapointed that you can't. It is a beautiful pool and aerobics class numbers show how much it is wanted and will be utilised so should be a no brainer to fix it.

Should also have a membership that pertains to only the pool season. I don't want to pay for a year membership when I am only swimming for a few months.

Please please sort it all out.

Pool needs to be covered at night, to help stop of the amount of duck poo in the water each morning. Disability shower room needs a chair and a small table to enable one to keep clothes dry when getting dressed.

Locks on the door often are not working.

Promote sport or opportunities that is popular within the region. Don't waste money on horse trails that aren't even within the shire of Bridgetown.

Provide opportunities for sporting teams to upgrade facilities within the shire. Be a leader within the community for recreation development, don't rely on sporting codes to seek funding.

See previous- need to invest in recreational facilities trails- playgrounds that feature the stunning local outdoor environments in the town

Skate park facilities. Greenbushes as well as BTown - not just kids skate.

Sport and rec facility - cheaper access. Add to rates and then make it all free to utilise. We paid for it! People who rent in town or visit have to pay.

Sport and recreation: There are 2 - 3 staff at the rec centre daily, but I'm not sure what they do all day as there are no courts being used, no community members in the place using it. The Shire could save a lot of money by not paying 3 people to sit and talk or they could put the staff to work and organise some local competitions or classes.

Sport and Recreations: I do acknowledge there has been a great improvement in this area. Suggestions: Creche facilities at rec centre. More encouragement for people to visit the rec centre space.

Sport Facilities: Maintain paths/walkways by the Blackwood River area to create an exercise/cycling circuit for locals and tourists.

Sporting facilities need upgrading particularly the football club. Why the Showgrounds and the Football club are not in one place is beyond me. Relocating the Showgrounds - updating that facility for hockey, soccer etc is an option.

Sport and recreation facilities and services

Sports and recreation.

Sports facilities are critical to attract families and seniors to a town as the need to stay fit and healthy is becoming a priority for more and more people.

Sports facilities are old and tired. Roof leaks, building is cold/drafty. Gym is tiny. No shade on pool. No creche. Always unmanned and nothing on.

Sports field is full of weeds and has bad management.

Sports teams can form the back bone of local communities. Any money spent on facilities is well spent.

The pool should be enclosed

The sports grounds are embarrassing. Have you been to Kojonup? Or even Goomalling? These small towns have beautiful, well presented grounds that are shared by many clubs. Ours is ridiculous. The football club seems to have the best funding and facilities - why is that not equally shared?

It should be noted that all of the sporting groups are run by volunteers and not the shire - so really, could the shire not invest time and staff into better facilities management so the clubs can focus on the sport?

There needs to be someone at the Rec Centre that is allowed to make decisions and run sports. Look at the volleyball comp, the shire didn't want to have anything to do with it, made them complete it all in 2 hours because, good forbid, we waste money on wages. Then there was a blurb on the shire website looking like it was all the shires idea when it proved to be extremely successful. There should be more social sports, night and day, organised by the Rec Centre to save people who want to get it happening having to deal with all the red tape the shire throws at them. If you cut back the 3 lots of wages getting paid when no one is actually using the Rec Centre during the day, maybe you could just employ one very proactive person. It is a big white elephant not doing very much. When the centre first opened, there were back to back classes catering to all fitness levels, we need that again. These classes were very well attended until there was a change in the office and the staff started squabbling amongst themselves which carried over into classes, no one wants to be involved in the politics, we just want to exercise!

They need to listen to the people who are involved in recreation and not just make decisions without previous and thorough consultation with all stakeholders.

The people who know best are the stakeholders not those sitting in their office who think they know. Talk with the people who use the trails or parks etc and find out what they think before deciding and most importantly take on board what they have to offer .

We need proper maps for tourists to be able to find some of our trails also.

This was a tie with parks/reserves etc. see previous point re-young families.

To be more proactive at Rec Centre. Sixty or Seventy people recently signed up for volleyball organised by someone outside of the Rec Centre. Cricket nets would be good.

To improve the courts with a cooling system in summer.

Upgrade facilities and services

Upgrade sporting ovals.

Upgrade sportsground facilities.

Sport and recreation facilities and services

Upgrade the sports ground, irrigation, subsoil drainage, lighting - it would be great if it could be combined with other sporting facilities - maybe long term to go to showgrounds.

Whilst the Shire is advertising for tourism: kayaking, mountain biking and bridle trail they told people who are asking to put in a submission for money for more bike trails that they did not have the time to put in a submission! Have a list at all the Shires that got money and how much!

Last Summer the swimming pool was infested with duck poo - a health issue which was played down with "enough chlorine in the pool and that the Health Dept was checking". That's not good enough! Every morning the poor employees had to hose down the sides and try to catch as much poo as possible which was not possible because a lot sank to the bottom. And then there is also the kids' pool.....

Why is there a football club / soccer / cricket club / trotting club sharing a multiple use facility with different building scattered around. We should have one massive sole building for all sporting groups to use. The only sporting oval in Bridgetown is a disgrace and embarrassment. Sport bring the community together yet here we divide and provide sub standard facilities.

Playgrounds, parks and reserves

New park play equipment. It's all outdated and hasn't been checked in years for safety.

A natural playground

A new park, barbecue area with lots of trees and plants and water feature.

All of the playgrounds are out of date so to speak. They are a poor reflection of a town that is trying to attract families and tourism.

Look at Manjimup playground, Donnybook and Katanning. They put the towns on the map. Yet ours are sad and tired looking.

better mowing and gardening. cleaning up dog poo

better playgrounds and parks to encourage visitors with children in the area

Bigger or more upto date playgrounds

Bridgetown needs a fenced dog park!!

Decent parks,.playgrounds and facilities will bring tourist to town, therefore more money spent in our town. A large park/playground that covers all ages groups would be great.

Develop an all inclusive nature playgrounds in Highlands. Host more school holiday activities especially in winter.

Develop/enhance the natural beauty of Geegeelup Brook - public can't access much of the area. Improve/develop playground at River Park. Manage reserves - continue doing this.

Developing Traditional Noongar burning practices for fire mitigation in all Shire Reserves.

drink fountains available

Playgrounds, parks and reserves

Fenced dog park. The questions I am most often asked by visitors is "where is the dog park?" I am embarrassed to say "we don't have one!" With so many dogs locally plus with visitors, there is a glaring need!.

Check previous comments [The "PC we've ticked the boxes" oversized/underused monstrosities loosely referred to as "gym" equipment will have long gone from this area and Somme Park will be clean with pathways meandering through an interesting parkland incorporating a family friendly picnic area with toilets... The piece of wasteland on the left at the southern end of the Main Street will have been purchased by the Shire and developed into a garden area with seating and toilets, enabling strollers to take a breather/eat the ice cream they've just purchased and re-group ready for the next leg of their journey. Both ends of town will be welcoming, neat and tidy with garden beds always in bloom and well cared for, giving people the idea to break their journey here rather than elsewhere. The old Kordics building, the packing sheds and the land in front of and surrounding it that looked so unsightly and uninviting in 2020, will have been removed or tastefully renovated and utilised with parking available thus complimenting the Fats complex and promoting a stop off point for visitors. The tired, uninteresting and boring "play" equipment at the old boat park a little further down the road will have been replaced by a family friendly area with a maze made from a native hedge to encourage families to play together, plenty of garden bench type seating and barbecue area, complete with a modern toilet block incorporating wheelchair facilities accessible from both the park and the street.]

Get up to date with other Shires and put more nature friendly playgrounds in for families of all ages.

Highlands has a public space but it has not been developed to meet the needs of the residents

Hire less office staff more grounds people.

Improve River Park. It's a great place to stop but a poor playground.

Improvement and updating or all of these to offer more active participation of residents, visitors and tourists, and to indicate that Bridgetown Green bushes is now living in the 21st century as well as valuing its history.

Increase the development work providing additional and improve current parks etc.

Indoor playground.

Invest in park upgrades: equipment

Keep the open spaces usable

Larger park with better Bbq facilities.
 Regular cleaning of park .

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

Maintain them to a higher standard. They often look overgrown and shabby

Make memorial park bigger and better.

Make the playgrounds safe for our children and visitors

Playgrounds, parks and reserves

Maybe a lotterywest Grant for a nice upgraded playground, one for local families, people travelling, somewhere to stop and spend time. The area is perfect. The equipment in our playgrounds are old and outdated as well as past their used by dates as per stated on them. We dont need extravagant just usable and we could bring more people to stop in our little town and a place for our locals to take their families.

More kids equipment to play on

More playgrounds and active activities for primary school aged kids.

More signs up re Dogs on leashes lots of attacks in parks .

Most reserves are controlled by management of forests and wildlife.

Much bigger investment in infrastructure targeting school age children- good trails for walking, running, riding in and from town, nature playground, interactive and better historical activities and displays

Nature playground.

Open spaces made people/children. See mature trees as unvaluable assets and seek to preserve them while planting younger ones to replace them in years to come.

Open up the various reserves so they can be enjoyed by families visitors and the elderly

Parks are pretty good already, let down by the roadsides, verges, etc. as you come into and leave town.

Parks need a better playground (ours is old).

Playground at the pool instead of volleyball net.

Playgrounds , parks and reserve. Water Park is needed at main park. Have BBQ areas. More play equipment at various parks.

Playgrounds need improving. There is only 1 in town.

Playgrounds, parks, reserves - Highland Estate desparately needs a playground and a park. Maybe a combination of the two.

Preservation of biodiversity is vital to human survial and parks and reserves are essential. playgrounds, particularly nature-based ones will greatly enhance this community.

Public park for dog exercise

Regular maintenance of the garden & grounds behind the Library. Permanently solving the yearly issue of slippery pathways near the Pagoda by installing a leach drain higher up the grassy embankment so no one else falls over.

See question 3 Highlands Park. [Development of the park in the highlands. A cycleway into town from highlands.]

Something built like a community park not just a sandpit slide and swings. Donnybrook park is example.

There is lots of beautiful native woodland around full of orchids and wildflowers that needs protecting.

Playgrounds, parks and reserves

These are our biggest asset yet are taken for granted. They could be improved out of sight if the Gardeners who have maintained these spaces for decades were given more credit and resources. New parks could be created from wasteland spaces. All that is needed is leadership which can engage with and enhance the workforce instead of cutting it and destroying the decades old knowledge base.

To improve and construct new, modern children's playgrounds and equipment as well as parks and picnic areas which are below the quality of nearby towns at present.

Town gardens are almost non-existent council simply does not care.

Upgrade existing facilities and additional play space needed

Upgrades to all existing playgrounds and potential additional playground. Inspiration of hamlet area at Manjimup Timber Park

We need more off-leash dog exercise areas that are regularly maintained, including sportsground area.

Where is the playground for the community living in the Highland Estate - there is absolutely nothing for any age group here - we have an area chosen but nothing is being done and this is always put back on the agenda's - Council needs to urgently find grants to improve the well being of Highlands.

Animal management (dogs and cats)

A big challenge - but something needs to be done to lessen the number of cats wandering around at night.

Adopt strict cat and dog management laws particularly regarding domestic cats with severe fines for owners breaking the law.

All cats should be contained in outdoor spaces. The loss of birds to cats is astounding.

Animal management - dogs in various area's faeces in local parks and streets. Needing more litter bags and bins - Bridgedale especially.

Animal management - dogs wandering in public areas faeces a major problem in park areas and public streets.

Animal management - Look into the welfare of dogs constantly roaming and make it law that cats must be inside at night.

Animals. Rabbits seem to be multiplying.

BARKING DOGS AND DOGS ROAMING STREETS ALL THE TIME

Barking dogs and too many untended cats.

Better, clear cut process for dealing with issues with neighbourhood dogs that actually supports the complainant. Current system deters people from reporting and allows out of control behaviour and encourages discontent between neighbours.

Cats are running around without any restrains, visiting parks and neighbours etc and kill a lot of native wildlife.

Animal management (dogs and cats)

Clean up the scourge of roaming cats, domestics and ferals. Enact, monitor and use local laws. Be proactive.

Control of cats, laws to keep the inside at all times. Hefty fines for non compliance.

Creating a specific dog park that is designated and completely fenced would be extremely beneficial. As we have a HUGE problem with people walking their dogs off the lead where ever they wish and not keeping their dogs under control. We also have a big problem with dogs escaping regularly and people not having secure yards. It has become such a problem that I no longer feel safe walking my dog (on lead) by myself as I have had so many run in with other dogs just roaming around and then charging or trying to attack myself and my dog.

Demand that all cat owners desex their animal and build a run, so that they are not out hunting birds and endangered mammals.

Dogs are mostly maintained responsibly. Cats are not. On many occasions one can see cats with small animals and birds in their mouths after dark. There should be severe penalties for cat owners who allow their cats to wander at night. Cats should be sterilized unless the owner has a breeders license.

Dogs need to be locked up on their owners property or on leads. Its impossible to take a dog on a lead on a walk in town without being accosted by strays or dogs not locked on property. Cats wander everywhere killing birds.

dogs off leads, cats out and about

Dogs out of control and process for neighbourhood complaints is timely and difficult. Ranger needs better powers to deal with nuisance animals

Domestic cats can decimate natural fauna - there needs to be a tight control on cats. Cat owners should be responsible for containing cats on their own property (in a cat run). Dog barking is a contentious issue. It should be mandatory for dog owners to restrain their dogs from barking - this could be done by regulation of dog barking collars and following up complaints of dog barking by visiting the owners and not just left to neighbours to sort out.

Don't allow cats out at night, need to be contained. Hire full time ranger Donna does a great job but needs back up. don't make it so neighbours have to do run a round to get anything done bout barking and roaming dogs. Police dogs off lead in parks as not safe for others to walk safely

Enforce that responsibilities of animal owners in accordance with the relevant state government legislation. Improve signage for dog exercise areas and clearly communicate this to residents.

Enforcement of cat enclosures in yards

Fenced dog area! stop all the dog complaints at the memorial park

Feral cats - control over feral cats. Prosecution to owners who dump kittens.

Have a communal dog exercise park where dogs can run freely off the lead and socialise happily with each other as they do in many areas in Perth.

Hire rangers to round up wandering animals, hold registration checks on animals. Check properties in residential areas (Padbury is a good start) sheep, alpacas, pigs, geese etc livestock not on rural land and despite reports nothing has been done in 5 years. Ferrets running loose and much more

Animal management (dogs and cats)

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

Introduce and police a Domestic Cat Containment Local Law. Roaming domestic cats are a hazard to native wildlife and children's backyard play areas.

Introduce cat containment laws for all domestic cats and ensure that they are policed.

I've have always found the Shire to be very dog-unfriendly! If dogs are regularly exercised, this helps to reduce "nuisance barking". I have exercised mine for years along bush tracks as there is virtually nowhere close to town where they can be exercised off lead. We used to be able to do this along the river walk, but not any more. Most people who want to do this have good control over their animals. I would like to see the Shire emulate the City of Swan and set up a fenced dog exercise area, with perhaps some agility equipment, seating, maybe a gazebo, water point, etc. etc. This would assist in socialising animals and their owners.

Lots of dogs let off at night.

Make the owners of pet dogs and cats responsible for the damage their pets cause.
 Address the feral animal problem in the Shire

More area pets friendly

More focus on cat and dog management. To many pets left to wonder the streets at night

More patrolling for loose dogs or people walking dogs off lead. It is a serious problem currently. Also a fully enclosed dog park would be very beneficial.

More policing of the registration/microchipping/sterilisation of dogs and cats in the area. Too many strays.

More signage in parks to keep dogs on leash with penalties
 Prosecuting people who let their dogs wander, check adequate fencing etc

Owners to control their own cats and dogs.

Please make an enclosed/designated dog exercise area for off lead walking, the showgrounds is inadequate and private land. Feral cats are a big problem as well as domesticated cats that are allowed free reign outside.

Policing our cat and dog policies. Provide sufficient resources at weekends.

Program with rangers catching feral animals watching their habits and trapping them and education for owners.

Provide more dog friendly locations in and out of the center.

Rangers that actually answer the phones and do something about the problems

Shire policy that all cats must be restricted to owners property. Advertise it and enforce it. Cats found out-owners get a warning/fine

Shire rangers are hard to contact especially after hours. Lots of illegal parking in main street.

Animal management (dogs and cats)

Signs in parks where dogs must be kept on a leash. Enforce limit of animals per household in accordance with council by laws.

sort out roaming dogs and barking dogs

Sterner penalties for dog and animal owners letting their animals roam regularly.

Stricter penalties for wandering dogs.

Rangers be available on call after hours as this is when dogs are usually out wandering.

Tell people cats are theirs not mine. Shire can't put out notices, maybe. I'll trap them and take them to the pound. Cats kill wildlife.

There's a problem with cats not being contained in their property boundaries. Also there seem to be recurring problems with dogs running loose.

To make sure people keep cats inside too many birds are killed.

Too many cats impacting on birds and animals, should be chipped and owners fined for allowing cats to stray at night away from their place of residence

Too much bull**** attached to working dogs.

We have an issue with many residents not correctly confining their pets. This problem needs to be tightened up on

Safety and security

More police presence

24/7 police presence.

Hampton Street parking with no access for heavy vehicles.

ACROD in main street.

Address the dangerous situation of heavy traffic thru main street.

At least one if not two CCTV security cameras should be positioned in a permanent location of town

Better policing and attention to petty crime. Better accountability.

Camera

CCTV cameras in all public places.

Rehab centre for drug addicts.

CCTV in the main streets would hopefully stop the vandalism and destruction in town

Community watch program. Police support, get more police

Safety and security

Efficient ranger with gun at all times.

Good street cameras.

Infrastructure investment. Community based approach to law and order and safety. Foster wrap around services for youth at risk and families.

I've had on three occasions to my knowledge ripe apples, lemons and recently oranges stolen plus three orchid plants earlier in the year - also petrol from car.

Keep a strong focus on fire control while maintaining a policy of dialogue and communication

Keep the good work and checking going, that way we will continue to feel safe.

Meth problem makes me feel unsafe. I've been robbed numerous times. Waiting to be robbed again.

More police and better police response.

More security cameras in known problem areas. Pre-empting issues rather than doing things afterwards.

More security cameras in public places to deter youth crime and vandals etc

More Street lights

Security cameras

Educate the youth

Get rid of the "rotten eggs" in the community

More support for local police, more police, security cameras that work.

Our business got broken into 4 times over 4 years. And noone was ever caught. Not sure why police aren't on shift at night time when all the crime actually happens.

Please reply to a phone call, especially in an emergency.

Regular patrols by security persons or police to prevent break ins and vehicle damage..

Safety/security.

Security - security cameras are needed in the main street and other spots ie skate park etc. Security will be a major issue over the next ten years as the town grows in size.

Security i.e. lighting footpath needs improvement. Around steet not just in town centre.

Security service definately required.

The extra use of cameras at problem areas

There needs to be more vigilance with the increase in anti-social behaviour around town.

There seems to be more and more petty theft and venderlism - needs to be stopped before it becomes worse.

This is imperative due to the fact that we are encouraging more out of Towners to settle in our town and the aging community

Safety and security

Trail bikes and cars reckless speeding. Trail bikes using laneways. Hoons tyre burning all round streets.

Vandalism seems to be on the increase. Maybe cctv cameras on main street

We are very lucky to have low crime but there has been an increase of late - more cameras might help to stop this

Work more closely with authorities to impliment systems to reduce drug usage and crime rate. More security (cameras) and lighting.

would like to see CCTV cameras in key locations to discourage vandalism and anti social activities

Library and information services

Employ someone who knows something.

Improve library management which would help staff morale.

Increase library hours.

Increase staff hours in the library.

Library and tourism to move to current shire office - central Shire can relocate.

Library hours and staff have been reduced - restore these to previous levels.

Library is now terrible. Rec / pool is now terrible. Don't care attitude from management (not all staff)

Library: refrain from cutting back on staff, hours and activities. Better inform the community about the service and broaden opportunities for engagement. Information - keep abreast of changing demographics then modify strategies for sharing information. Ensure the Shires website it kept up to date. Place a digital signage board in a safe place. Maybe ?

More books in the library.

More staff at the library, that would be helpful

Open the library for longer hours. Include an information area for tourists about Bridgetown.

Opening Saturday

Recognise that tourism is a major economic driver and maintain a positive street front facility. Library services are great.

The library is excellent but the lack of information about "whats on " in Bridgetown is sadly no longer as good as it used to be.

The Shire has recently reduced the Library hours and staff. This should not happen to such an important community resource.

Library and information services

The staffing levels have been falling steadily. The staff is always friendly and tries very hard to help - but it is hard when they are more and more pushed to get everything done. To build a library into a community meeting place, and that is what really good libraries should be, takes a friendly staff that don;t feel rushed and giving them time to help organize community events and involve their patrons. We have this fantastic building with some of the best gardens in the town - but we are not suing it to its fullest. It is probably the biggest untapped resource of Bridgetown.

To increase the library staff from the skeleton crew they have now

We have a beautiful library. The library needs to be a friendly and inviting place for locals to find information about whats happening in the shire. At all times it has, or had before covid, a jig-saw being completed by locals. It could become a place for locals to meet, have a coffee and tell stories. Story time about incidents or historic events in the shire. Involve seniors in this. They have a wealth of stories. It doesnt have to be big events to frighten them but friendly

Festivals, events, art and cultural activities

A dedicated shire building to exhibit local artists work is really needed to promote our shire as a centre for art and crafts and to give all our amazing artists a great venue to show off their work. This should also be a centre for art workshops and residencies and regular art classes.

We should have a GardenExpo in Bridgetown with the wider garden, nursery and landscaping industry involved, not just market stall and open gardens. We have wonderful gardens and gardening enthusiasts here, a great environment and good soils. We should capitalize on these assets.

A vision to create events that bring in the tourist dollar to assist local businesses

A weekly market in Summer instead of fortnightly. A Christmas in July festival.

All things culture are the heartbeat of any community. Rise of the Creative Class! Again a way of getting people to visit to see the beauty of the Shire and also get creative people in the community engaged.

Although I stated this was "okay", that is because they are not being managed or supported by the shire. They are all being organised and funded by volunteer groups. People that are not paid are doing the hard work and the shire has little to no involvement. Perhaps one of the many community services staff members could be more involved in supporting these volunteers and initiatives?

Although the shire is often happy to give out money to varied groups it does not provide guidance to these groups to get the most from the limited monies they receive. Although there are many people with good intensions they rarely have the skills and knowledge to think globally about what they wish to achieve - it is always about them, them, them. Having a guiding hand to steer them would be helpful. Furthermore we do not need more walking and riding trails in the town - these are things for a limited few not the majority.

An art Gallery.

A stonger selection process for artists at the Blues festival.... seeing the same thing year in and year out is becoming very stale fast - if the blues festival is charging simular prices to the Byron Bay blues and roots music festival why dont we get the same caliber of artists? Im assuming this is the biggest draw card of the year for most people to visit the area and provide economic stimulization, so why not ramp up the selection of quality artist playing the festival...?

Festivals, events, art and cultural activities

Attend more cultural events

Be flexible - make it easier to organise and promote

Be more involved through Shire Council leadership to involve themselves in the arts & cultural activities - show enthusiasm and back it financially

Be open for festivals/events/activities by attending and become a member of organisations/groups (when a member can provide a two way communication).

Better facilities for the arts, people able to sell from home studios, encouraging artists to contribute to beautifying the town in unique ways. Enhancing all the natural beauty.

Bridgetown is a great location for festivals and other events

By making it easier for organizers to plan and hold events. By reducing or eliminating fees for organizers for events that promote the area and bring valuable tourist dollars to the shire.

Commitment to Bridgetown Show

Continued focus on events, festivals etc to lift the profile of the town as a tourist destination and vibrant place for residents and visitors.

Continued support for the events in town and support for the artist and musicians

Do things that you say you are going to do.

drink fountains available

Easing restrictions and fees for new ventures. Promote and facilitate the establishment of new arts and cultural ventures. Provide adequate promotional information to visitors every day of the week.

Enabling environments/people, strategy, grant writing support for community groups

Engage with the youth - have new fresh faces leading and getting the festivals and events.

Festivals, events, activities - allocate staff to work on grants and events allocate funding. Don't just rely on the business and tourism assoc to do all the work.

Find a way to nurture The Green Door!

Get a professional person /team full time to run events and promote the Shire.

Get on board

Get the economics right and the rest will follow.

Given the plague's likely suppression of international travel for some time, the Shire should take advantage of the extra city cash floating around by hammering tourist opportunities, from development of them via grants and workshops to advertising for those already extant.

Have more events and involve Greenbushes in the Blues Festival like it did when first started. By running shuttle buses with bands in our hall and hotels organised by the Blues Committee.

Festivals, events, art and cultural activities

I have written my opinion regarding this in previous questions in this survey. [It would be appreciated by a lot of people if the Council would develop an Art Hub, Gallery in a Shire owned building and acknowledge the large creative community by providing this.]

I put this first as I think that festivals, art etc is already a happening thing and already brings people and money into the shire. If we can keep it happening and increase/improve it etc then it brings more people and money into the Shire. The amount of people that come to an event in this town and go on to purchase a property and this become ratepayers and spend money on said property can't be measured. The more cash coming in, then the rest of the stuff like the river, community buildings, etc flows on from that. Nothing can happen or be improved without the funds coming in to start with. We don't have a huge amount of industry apart from western power/water Corp/talison so tourist dollars and bringing new people into the shire is where the bulk of the dollars will need to come from IMO.

I think it's being handled well at the moment, but possibly more marketing would help as I'm never really sure when events are taking place. I'd hate to see a decline as was the case in Shire of York where they lost a lot of festivals and the town went through a huge downturn because of it.

improving facilitation, instead of hindering. It is not about cost - a community without arts and culture has no soul.

Increase the number and amount of effort put into of all activities; starting from the top of management downwards, more input into services and activities for community events and participation and improvement of facilities required for this.

instead of a yearly event have ongoing activities and events to encourage all round visitors

Just more of them to generate more visitors to the region [Hopefully have more things to do for visitors to the region , more upmarket eateries, quicker and easier building approvals so people want to build and live here]

Keep up the good work

Make it easier for building and businesses, events organisers to hold events and start businesses. Red tape is horrendous.

Maybe events that include skate with the youth as a priority. The Blues which are awesome aren't really catered for the youth, so a concurrent event would be welcome.

More activites, promoted via the Shire newsletter.

More activities

More activities need to happen throughout the year that attract visitors to the area!

More advertising and letting local shop owners of what is coming up. Having more events and activities for all ages

More community Art.

More effort into cultural activities for locals to attract new residents and visitors and the spaces to do this.

More financial support for Blues at Bridgtown (being the most patronised event held here in Bridgtown, bringing much needed economy to all businesses).

Festivals, events, art and cultural activities

More investment, involvement in bringing in different festivals, events into the area.

More local events and cultural activities are needed.

more markets , promoting local produce and aboriginal culture

More music and art events in line with the Blues festival. Eg buskers festival.. a water sculpture event in the river.. lighting festival.. illuminate trees as in kings Park. Replace the quirky fridges mid winter event with something that is classy (perhaps from those listed above)

Not boring events. Have music or entertaining things for kids.

Promotion and support ARTS community.

Provide grants for garden festivals.

Shire to be more invested in promoting/advertising events that bring in visitors.

Support and create more events/occasions/concerts markets that promote localising and healthy, environmentally friendly living. Acknowledge with signage and art our Noongar history and culture.

The shire does nothing to bring in these things all of the festivals and events are run by local volunteer groups. I know the shire was approached to have a film made here - it was to hard for them and said no so went to Pemberton. What a waste?

The Shire in the past has shown a huge variation in its support for the many Festivals, events, art and cultural activities. There is no doubt that the Shire favours the Arts. Is it the preferred like minded company, free wine, free food? From past experience and many questions, there are obviously many grey areas leading up to the final decision of who gets what. You will not get a clear answer from anyone on the Shire because they are all covering each others back. If the same person/s has been in control of the decision making for a number of years and the shade of grey hasn't changed then I suggest that the controller needs to be regularly changed. Those involved in all these events put their heart and sole into bringing a varied and entertaining array of entertainment for the enjoyment and good of the Community. It is very depressing and sole destroying when Shire Representatives form an opinion that gives preference to a certain activity year after year. Outright ignorance about the activity is a factor to some extent but another is the double standard or two faced information that blatantly sends mixed messages to those on the Shire and to those Committees who all volunteer their time and energy. To spend time (as a group) meeting and discussing strategies and options with Shire Representatives and then to later find out that they have changed their minds or that they deny having said anything is no longer acceptable. Many of the community are involved in one or more of the activities, each having a role in making Bridgetown a special place to live. To gain respect the Shire needs to change its attitude now towards fairness to all.

The Shire need to do more to support events within the community. Instead of making community groups jump through hoops for the simplest things the shire should be asking "what do you need" and "how can we support you". Your service agreement and grants process is flawed and corrupt. Why is a bias shire employee given the right to decided what grants applications are presented to the grant committee? All applications should be presented to the committee and given a chance.

The shire needs to reduce the red tape that prevents people from creating activities that bring people to town. It feels like some people who work in admin are just trying to justify their jobs and have no interest in making the town better. It would help if they lived in the town! This also ties into tourism and marketing.

Festivals, events, art and cultural activities

There needs to be support for all sorts of activities from the shire instead of the shire shutting down people in the thinking phase. Look at the support Nannup shire gives the flower festival. Every morning the workers go down the street checking flower pots, replacing ones that need it, even having a hot house at the depot so the tulips can be grown and protected. Nannup is going off with tourists by the droves over there, on enquiring to a cafe about what it is that drives it, I was told it was the support of the shire. Nannup has one thing after the next happening over there and the people are quite positive to be around. This shire can't even get behind the beautiful flower baskets in our Main Street! It is quite logical, the more festivals, events and activities in town, the more tourists, the more money flowing through the town, more positivity amongst the locals. Manjimup shire gets right behind their events and encourages these to happen, maybe our shire should get on with working for the people and not for themselves, not swanning around the Street in twos shopping or walking to the Rec Centre to inspect all the employees up there doing nothing. From what I have heard, the shire even made it very hard for the art trail, this is a major attraction that needs to be supported. Even the Blues, biggest thing on the calendar, struggles to get support from the shire, they just seem to want to make everything hard! We need to be supporting, nurturing, assisting all sorts of festivals.

There seem to be many great events happening in the shire (usually, not in a Covid year.), which help economically as well as with positivity within the community. It would be great if the shire could continue to support these events and encourage and support all new ideas.

With the current travel restrictions, promoting WA tourism is seeing an increase in visitors to town. Having unique events, will help our economy. We need to have events and promote them. Can we get local accommodation to do package deals... overnight stay includes entry to ??? Is there an option to expand on current events eg: Country Music Weekend- have a marquee with a country and western inspired meal and alcohol.

We have seen an increase in cultural activities in the last year. Let's keep it coming!

Would be great if we had more family type events.

How local history and heritage is preserved and promoted

Local history & heritage. Restoration and clean-up of packing sheds on East side of highway (South of Bunbury St)

All historical assets need urgent maintenance, preservation and protection into the future. Bridgetown is an historical town and needs to be kept that way.

As one of the oldest areas in the state, with a mine that has underpinned the southwest economy for 130 years... we have untapped unique history to enrich visitors lives.... if only we could open our eyes and see what is really at our feet.

As the only Heritage town in the South West it is imperative that the Shire collaborates with all business and property owners to ensure that buildings are appropriately restored or maintained. This also applies to all Shire owned buildings.

How local history and heritage is preserved and promoted

Assist the Main St store owners to upgrade their buildings with interest free loans and to colour coordinate buildings and install bullnosed verandas to reflect our heritage town.

Bridgetown has such a rich and colourful history that very few residents know of, including some of our current Shire representatives. Ignorance is no excuse as in the last 8 or 9 years there have been numerous local books published about the people, events and places of our town and community. Some of these books can be locally purchased and all are available to read in our local library. The wealth of information within these pages makes me very proud of this place that I call home and where I have lived all my life. What is lacking is a suitable large space within our town to house the proof of who Bridgetown is and where it has come from. Bridgetown has been for many years and continues to be, let down significantly in this area by its leaders who have thrown promises in the wind since the 1950's to provide this town with a living museum.

The Historical Society have endeavoured to hold together some semblance of our history but without genuine support from the Shire it is all a losing battle. Money doesn't have to be the 'be all and end all' in achieving this. Bridgetown has an amazing goldmine of dedicated volunteers who can and would offer assistance. Local History and Heritage come arm in arm with our Visitor Centre which was once a thriving hub, supported by a large number of volunteers, offering local produce and the first stop over for any visitor to town. This is the best way to learn about a town and any events when travelling anywhere throughout Australia. Our town is now full of visitors, especially on weekends, all thanks to the business owners who are open. The Shire needs to back off now, take off the blinkers and re-look at what they are doing - a half closed Visitor Centre is doomed to fail. The Shire has tunnel vision in its approach to the State's Tourism approach and sitting in the pockets of so called tourism Officials (I went to all the meetings) who have no interest or connection to what the Bridgetown Community need. We are Bridgetown, a Heritage Town with so much to offer. Let's open our Visitor Centre up and share with our Visitors how proud we are of all we have. Fill our Visitor Centre again with our local history and local products. Wandering out Yonder you gain so many potential ideas, from visiting other towns and their efforts to impress the visitor.

Bridgetown is a historic town. What are you doing to support enhance and encouraging this?

Develop the museum; research into the history of the place and add pictures of people and their families with narrative.

Expend more funds and maintenance to assist with historic sites and streetscape.
A dedicated museum.

Give support to the Local Historians

Given we are a Heritage town, the Shire appears to do nothing to preserve, encourage and/or promote this to our community benefit. More active engagement with this aspect of our community is vital. Working with building owners and providing liason with Heritage Council and tourism bodies to see this part of the town's culture flourish.

Having recently investigated purchasing a heritage property, I discovered through Landgate that the fence lines do not match the property boundaries. Also that rear access is not what is shown on the map and should be improved. This alerted me to the fact that if one heritage property has this issue then others may do as well. The MHI has been reviewed, but photographs and details such as these need to be attended to as well

Heritage building in main street.

How local history and heritage is preserved and promoted

Heritage: others before us, along with nature, give us what we have. Without living in the past, recognise their effort. Public art?

History and heritage - compared to other towns we fall behind in this space not enough thought in encouraging the towns historical qualities. And shire building needs some exterior work.

History and heritage - needs more promotion - old jail, puzzle area within visitor centre. Info signs at sites such as old bridge site, historic buildings etc.

In depth research of Aboriginal and early settler history, history of heritage buildings, preservation of heritage features and new buildings compatible with old

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

Local history and heritage. Working with local property owners to ensure heritage value of town is improved. Shire building need to be upgraded to protect history and support for local history groups.

Local history and heritage: To encourage and invest in heritage buildings i.e. like return the main street façade back to original verandahs etc.

Maintaining and preserving building facades and interiors locally in the town centre and to other locations within the shire

Maintaining the historical building in town having more information about the old day's for tourism maybe on walkways

Maintenance and restoration of Bridgetown's heritage buildings. A covered market in the old station and surrounds. Development of the area near the Community garden and railway. Create a feature of that open space .

More information, up-keep of old buildings, promotion.

Museum

need bigger, better engaging historical and heritage facilities

Need to encourage the local history and heritage by support of heritage buildings eg Railway Station.

No idea. Not my field of expertise. But the town enjoys a slice-of-the-past feel to it which is increasingly rare in this day of tear-it-down-and-build-a-new-one. Capitalise on it.

Not much interest is shown by the Shire in its history. It is an historic town. Showcase it.

Preserve the history of B/Town - G/Bushes ask people who know, not rely on the supposition of people who think they know.

Preserve the old buildings etc and encourage more care of environment.

Preserving historic buildings in the main street and surrounds that are falling into ruins.

Promote Bridgetown's heritage.

How local history and heritage is preserved and promoted

Promote the fact more strongly . Develop a strong profile around the offering while nurturing a desire to live in or visit .

Provide help to obtain and disseminate our history with the help of trained people (library) then make a living and/or exhibition. Animated or responsive/tactile component.

Something unique or significant from the regions history needs to be identified and leveraged as an identifiable feature.

Support the Historical Society 100% because once the information and history is gone, it is lost forever. Perhaps another heritage trail could be done with different places involved.

Take advantage of the fact that Bridgetown is the only SW Heritage Town and develop tourism marketing strategies around this.

The Shire should seek funds to employ a Heritage Officer who will research the original inhabitants of the area before white settlement and search for their descendants to form a reference group on indigenous issues in the Shire. Assist residents to find the date of their homes and find any photos of the home.

The town although 'prospering', looks old and tired. We are a "Historic Town" but no where is that stated to promote our historic value.

This is a tourist town. The businesses in town rely on tourism and yet there is no marketing that I'm aware of that encourages visitors to come and see the local history and heritage. The towns website STILL has inaccurate information (Thomas Turner did not discover Bridgetown) even though I sent through evidence several years ago and asked for the site to be corrected.

This is the only heritage listed town in the south west and yet the heritage walking trail booklet is totally out of date and inaccurate. There is a huge interest in heritage yet we don't sell that aspect of Bridgetown

To beautify the main street, purchase the old BP site which is a blot on the main street and to impose stricter guidelines for preserving heritage/historical buildings as well as promoting our history to attract visitors.

to maintain and embrace the history

We are supposed to be a heritage town, so encourage businesses to maintain (paint etc) in a "heritage" manner, have better info regarding town & residents history. Have a proper museum and an up to date visitors centre.

Work more closely with owners of heritage buildings and state heritage to encourage reasonable, achievable and economic restorations that are sustainable.