

## Over the next 10 years, what do you think the biggest challenges will be for the Shire of Bridgetown Greenbushes?

1) Balancing tourism & ugly mining - truck, light, noise pollution and environmental destruction. 2) Fire & drying climate. Energy / power infrastructure vulnerability

1. Generating sufficient income to meet the costs of community needs/wants
2. Implementing changes to how work is carried out(contracting out)
3. Finding solutions to recycling waste and reducing the use of land fill
4. Collaborating with business owners to improve all aspects of building heritage
5. Meeting community demand in respect of sustainability

1. Truck traffic through the main street of town is increasingly making it difficult for car drivers to pull over on a whim and bring commerce to the businesses in town. It also makes it hard for visitors to enjoy being outside (at Cafe's etc) on the main street. How can the council divert trucks, but not cars?

2. Without data to back it up, my observation is that the population age average is increasing. Aged/Disability Accessibility in a hilly environment will need careful planning.

3. Loss of working aged residents - btw the working from home forced experiment from COVID can be leveraged here!

4. With bush fire severity predicted to get worse, we are woefully under prepared, on average, both in terms of individual home preparedness and the equipment/infrastructure available for our volunteers. We need to be planting deciduous tree fire breaks now, pushing tracks through in valleys (where fires can be stopped) rather than relying on the existing tracks across hill tops network where fires are too fast to contain. Whilst equipment is not in the Shires control, accessibility is.

1. Unmanaged tourism that could damage our uniqueness. We need to get out ahead of increased tourism to encourage it while at the same time preserving the very qualities that make it so attractive.
2. The Shire's disconnection from the community - having little understanding of the things that are really important to the community as against what's important to the "business" of the Shire.

A much more vibrant council.

Accept change and meet the needs of the town and its occupants.

Accommodate influx of people/families moving south.

Accommodating for the greater influx of tourists. There's not much here or open to entice them to stay so they move on. We are perfectly located to be the [illegible] start point for day trips.

Accommodating for a older population,  
Providing services for all community groups.  
Financial sustainability, renewing assets to an acceptable standard

Ageing population and keeping the shire fire safe.

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Aging hospital facility

Aging playground facilities, outdated hospital facilities, support for eateries to open evenings

Aging population, employment.

Aligning with diverse community of Bridgetown, building trust in the community.

All sides of the street trees to be pruned as question 3

Allocating most of the Shire's money to Bridgetown ONLY & leaving the other towns in the Shire DRY

Allowing too many people/buildings .The existing ambience is created BECAUSE we are a small town. Keep it that way.

Allow more building freedom. Stop requiring people to remove trees, some of which are old and provide animal and bird habitat. Also stop the BAL. Just advise people what they should do - dont make them.

Water supply - not enough of it. Require rainwater tanks for all new houses

Global warming

Pandemics

An aging population

An increase in rental properties as the population ages and property changes hands. An increase on low SES residents and the associated social issues that come with it. More needs to be done to ensure residents are productive in the community rather than moving to the area because rent is cheap (volunteering, training, job opportunities in local farms).

Answered in previous comments-improve business oppportunities, provide more choices in retail/food/supermarket outlets, be more inclusive and diverse in its approach to residents and newcomers.

Anticipated/proposed population growth based on growth of mining and services to accommodate that growth.

Area of residential building. Keeping them safe and equipped.

Arguing over your pay increase again.

As a visitor to town it seems Bridgetown is behind other Shires in developing facilities-infrastruture-trails to engage tourists, especially school age children and youth.

I would say the Shire needs to change this as people will bypass the town as a place to stay

as I stated prior, no leadership or vision from council, have left an absolute incompetent shire management.

its difficult to narrow down the issues when the main issue is so broad

As previous

Re think the shires role as part of the community and what they bring to the community.

Clean out the dead wood and and bring in young dynamic forward thinking people to drive the local economy.

## **Over the next 10 years, what do you think the biggest challenges will be for the Shire of Bridgetown Greenbushes?**

As with most Shires & councils to increase recycling and reduce landfill through education

Ascertain why some residents are spending their money in other towns (eg Manjimup's heated pool and larger supermarkets) and try to make Bridgetown a stronger option.

Assisting in the recovery from COVID 19 whilst balancing their budget  
Managing economic & residential development

Attract and keep new young families to town. Find funds to build new infrastructure to attract residents and tourists. Build affordable but attractive retirement living complexes.

Attracting business, while restricting large vehicles. Providing a means of transport for elderly between their accommodation and commercial area.

Attracting more visitors with worthy events

Attracting people to build in the area as a result of shire hold ups.  
Employment

Attracting tourists that like to go to eg Margaret River.

Attracting visitors interested to visit as the show ground is in very poor state and attract decent performers for the blues festival

Attracting visitors.

Attracting young, creative professionals - singles and families - to the region. Also mitigating the increased risk of catastrophic bushfire due to climate change.

Attracting younger families to the Shire, offer increase job opportunities, cater for an aging population better, has more interesting tourist attractions, and has a more forward looking and innovative Council and CEO

Avoiding the push for no growth by selfish people that have moved here and don't want anyone else to!

Balancing growth of population with being sustainable in energy, water, waste and food.

Balancing the community expectations for new and improved facilities and services with limited funding. We are not inundated with government funding like local governments in marginal seats

Beaurocracy.

Beautiful historic buildings falling into further disrepair - upkeep of appearance - availability of parking.

becoming carbon neutral & recycling better

Being able to secure or generate significant income to meet needs. Finding alternatives to landfill rubbish disposal. Managing growth and development in a climate changing environment.

Being fire ready

## **Over the next 10 years, what do you think the biggest challenges will be for the Shire of Bridgetown Greenbushes?**

Being ready for a growing population and its needs. Plus having the financial capacity to build more infrastructure.

Being understaffed. Through recent experiences, the Shire has shown that they are understaffed. This will continue to effect the level of customer service they provide to ratepayers and community members.

Better manages.

Biggest challenge will possibly be for the mental attitude towards the value of the arts to be changed to more positive to drive energy required to make the beautiful place a tourism Mecca!

Blacberry eradication, ferral animals (wild cats).

Breaking with entrenched ideas and beliefs that are opposed to progress and protectionist policies. We have a great little town but blocking specific businesses from coming to town because they are from a big chain or similar is hurting our ability to grow. Locals vote with their feet and simply shop in Manjimup at coles and woolworths but the knock on effect of that is all the local businesses lose out such as the butcher, baker, pharmacy and so on because people tend to just do 1 big shopping run.

Bringing business to town. Creating jobs.

Building an awareness of the need to understand how to manage our natural forest environment and water resouces in a sustainable manner.

Building tourism - Improving local spending - employment - at risk youth. Increased crime rates. Increased drug use, Increased socio economic issues.

Bushfire & Climate change control

Bushfires

We need sensible planning provisions

More sensible hazard reduction aimed at protecting property

A well financed program of hazard reduction burns

Bushfires, viable businesses

Bushfires.

Business growth. Everything revolves around the idea of a quaint little one street town full of old heritage with no room for expansion

Busy main street, trucks, buses, caravans.

By-pass for main street. Cheaper rates (especially sewerage).

Bypassing heavy haulage vehicles around the townsite or reopening the rail line

Roadworks to existing roads linking nearby towns

Capitalising on the potential for growth. Improved local Government/community relations. Attracting a younger demograpfic through business/industry.

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Careful and sensitive planning and development so as to allow new residents and businesses to integrate smoothly; preservation of the natural beauty and attraction of the area.

Carparking overflow issues around the town centre..no where to park

Fire is a big one with more houses being approved near plantations and other bush  
Fire brigade members= volunteer numbers are becoming more difficult with people working full time and people working away  
Have incentives ie grants...for landowners to buy their own slip on units so they are self reliant and dont necessarily have to rely so heavily on volunteers

Catering and providing services for all ages. Keeping Bridgetown a place where businesses new and old can compete and prosper to keep people staying local instead of shopping out of town.

Catering for the population growth.

Catering for the aging population, providing facilities for the young adults and creating more employment opportunities. Maintaining Council infrastructure and promoting our town as a tourist destination.

Change of attitude, progressive thinking, taking care of the environment, flora and fauna.

Change of staff within the shire. The shire is known to be hard to work with in most regards. I think it's a mindset which needs changing from the top down

Change! Adopting a culture of progress, encouragement and support in order to prevent the decline of business and services. Putting life into the region.

Changes in Shire.

Changes to Local Government procedures will probably be a challenge but I feel the biggest challenge will be keeping both towns vibrant by ensuring there is ample parking, offering information support to businesses if they require it and by encouraging a growth in businesses who then are employing a strong workforce. Continually increasing rates builds resentment and discontentment and the Shire will need to use common sense in listening to the communities needs ensuring expenditure covers a cross section of what benefits the community as a whole.

Changing processes and attitudes towards and overcoming complacency and denial of the real issues and impact of climate change and pandemics on our local community. Distance from and limited resources in our local community. Encouraging investment and Business and employment for a younger Generation.

Changing the archaic, outdated culture at the shire. [identifying information removed] I have been consistently shocked by the racism, sexism, untrusting nature of the leadership. Many employees have had little experience outside of the shire and are out of touch with legislation, functionality and have very low opinions of their staff. Leadership is very hierarchical and stale. I think a massive change is needed in the leadership as it is stagnant and outdated with a sense of entitlement. The public are seen as a nuisance which I find incredible as a member of the Bridgetown community. For me the Bridgetown community is extremely proactive with amazing ideas and an incredible ability to make amazing things happen but rarely with the help or assistance from the shire and sadly often met with disdain and even resistance. It is time for change, the shire of Bridgetown Greenbushes does not represent the brilliant smart capable residents of Bridgetown.

## **Over the next 10 years, what do you think the biggest challenges will be for the Shire of Bridgetown Greenbushes?**

Changing the culture to work with the community. Increasing age of population. More community demands from limited rate base. Being proactive.

Changing the current mindset

Changing the current mindsets of shop owners and residents.

Changing the mind set of the employees and Ceo of the Bridgetown shire so Bridgetown can become a progressive shire.

Changing the mindset and culture of governing bodies to benefit both younger and older population.

Changing the one way thinking of the staff within the shire and yes man attitude of the councillors. If the shire executives actually wanted to spend money on things in the shire that clearly benefited the community rather than useless ridiculous projects the town and shire could be amazing.

Changing their ways and being open to evolving. Replacing outdated, stagnant ideas and leadership.

Climate and its effects. Sustainability, regeneration.

Climate change - water securiy, fire management, loss of biodiversity.

Climate change environmental factors reduced water.

Climate change, bush and farm - grassland fires and to bring the community along with the changes we will have to put in place.

Climate change. Waste disposal. Environmental risk factors - fire especially.

Climate change..decreasing rainfall,aging population

Closed shops. More old people.

Collecting the money

Competing with other towns in WA for the tourist dollar.

Connecting the urban sprawl that has been followed into a more cohesive "town"

Controlling urbanisation to retain a COUNTRY TOWN abience - not another suburb of Margaret River

Controlling population growth. Protecting what we have now.

Convincing the state government to invest in the rail.

Coping with the influx of people and tourists. Infrastructure for youth and homeless helping to promote our town as a garden town.

Couldn't imagine.China probably embargoed us to the poor house

COVID 19 and later viruses.

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COVID, climate change.

COVID-19 getting loose. Keeping the character as is and not falling prey to changing it to a Margaret River 'Lite'.

Create a bypass road for trucks out of the main street.

Creating a cohesive leadership team who can manage and guide the amazing community who are already energised and eager to become the community described in Q3.

creating employment especially so the young people can stay and live in town. we need young people and young families to help keep the shire a dynamic place to live

Creating native vegetation belts along the banks of the Blackwood River.

Apply a catchment plan to reduce salination and siltation of the Blackwood River.

Reduce the application of insecticides, herbicides and fungicides to preserve and encourage invertebrate populations, including the honey bee.

Cease the application of glyphosate. Adopt non-chemical means of weed control.

Cutting red tape. Keeping rates rises at or below inflation level.

Dealing with the continual influx of demanding retirees.

Dealing with the effects of climate change and economic downturn.

Dealing with the Lithium price fluctuations vs capital expenditures.

Decaying shops/buildings. Family friendly facilities. Playground parking. Top standard recycling bypass.

Decreasing population.

Delivering on their budget promises.

Recreational and support services for rural youth.

Actively supporting the local mining industry through engagement and partnering

Developing a marketable identity. Give tourists stuff to do. Rainfall (climate change).

Developing town centre/providing employment opportunities.

Disbanding its current approach of being 'top heavy' with personnel and jobs for family members.

Wasting rate payer money on unneeded things instead of focusing on what rate payers see as important - and not minority groups pushing own agenda.

Reducing cost of wages across the Shire.

doing their job

Don't know.

## Over the next 10 years, what do you think the biggest challenges will be for the Shire of Bridgetown Greenbushes?

Drying climate. Supporting businesses and town centre post covid. Keeping rates low. Competing against more coastal locations for tourism

Dunno 🤔 🤷 🤔 🤷

Economic, implementation and cost of new infrastructure, employment ( outside of the mine)

Economic, post pandemic spending will run out and self funded retirees will be impacted which will affect spending in the town and also demand for houses and land.  
Bypass will become an issue again as traffic volume grows.

Economy - finance.

Education training, employment.

Embracing new ideas, listening to its residents visions for the future, taking innovations from other Shires and being more interested in building a better place to live rather than the closed ideas they currently embrace with glee.

employment

Employment

Employment that encourages young people to stay in Bridgetown.

Employment for under 25's.

Employment for youth

Employment opportunities

Employment opportunities (if we don't prepare) Mental health and drug challenges. A challenging extension program for schools. If you are standing still you are going backwards.

Empty shops on Main Street.

Encourage new business to town  
Keep youth from moving away  
Giving residents value for their money  
Getting good people into local government positions

Energy - wind & solar. Bio tanks to re-cycle all grey water. Each household should catch their water.

Enough aged care facilities. Access for disability to shops and toilet.

Enough houses and jobs for everyone who moves here

Ensuring access to services for a growing population

Ensuring diverse consumerism for all ages and keeping large brand companies out



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Ensuring that funding continues to be available to maintain the town - its infrastructure and public places as well as develop new opportunities - encourage grown, new ventures and people groups seeking to create opportunities for both themselves and the community. No one comes to Bridgetown for just one thing they what to do and see a variety of things, activities and places.

Ensuring that people are engaged with the shire and see benefit from being on a volunteer committee. Working with volunteer management committees to move their organisations forward.

Ensuring that bridgetown is an attractive place to start or open a business.  
Maintaining employment and population with declining Lithium employment in Lithium mining

Environment.

Environmental issues such as climate change  
Increasing pressure on resources due to increasing population

Everything.

Expansion of talison

Expansion of town whilst keeping aesthetic appeal of the town and surrounding areas.

Facilitating the place so the employees of the biggest employer (Talison) want to live here and spend their money here.

attracting a bit more population

Facilities not increasing insync with the aging population.

finances

Financial  
Population growth  
Water

Financial restrictions and Government funding for projects.

Financial sustainability

Finding a decent CEO and community engagement officer. Both are a colossal waste of money!!!

Finding avenues other than the mine to stimulate the town and provide opportunities.

Finding staff that reflect the values of the wider demographics in town (not just their own).

Finding staff to ensure state and federal grants are applied for.  
Providing the infrastructure up cope with the increasing population.  
Providing tourist attractions

Fire precautions - clear roadsides. By pass - get it done! Keep the lid on rates.

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Fire proofing the town- years ago the shire crews would down tools at the end of spring and tidy up and do hazard burning around town and the surrounds.

More parking and facilities for our ageing population (heated, all year round pool would have been good).

Attract more variety of shops to save trips to nearby, bigger centres.

Fire safety.

Fixing gravel roads, stuff for young kids, new parks in Highlands and Bridgetown gardens.

Fixing the pool and making it fully functioning all year round. It is sorely needed and should be a priority.  
Competing with other town for business and growth whilst maintaining our Bridgetowness

For the Shire Council and staff to change their way of how things are run at the moment and to open their minds to the very many good ideas that the community is fighting for.

Funding

Funding for capital works.

Funding for future projects.

Forward thinking and planning for projects

Challenging old ways and embracing new ideas, and acting upon them

Funding from rates, State Government, Lotteries Commission, Royalties for Regions etc.

Getting ratepayers to accept that larger rates increases will be required.

Ensuring the Shire's staff are happy in their workplace. The Shire is only as good as its staff.

Funding of projects.

Funding operations without increasing rates

Funding refer former answer this applies here as well.

Funding road improvements.

Initiatives for a vibrant restaurant/cafe stripe to keep the tourist wanting to come again and again.

Using or initiating our river for having events

Funding services and improvements

A culture change within the management from the very top, all the way down.

Funds. Climate change. Fire.

Get budget under control.

Get confidence back in ratepayers, promoting Bridgetown as a place to build a home, get the shopping precinct vibrant, more art, more street colour, flower boxes etc, try to bring more people and hope they stop.

Get new people in (most have been there too long) [identifying information removed]

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Get out of the office talk to people but more motivated.

Get rid of the silly garden on top of the Library. Improve the safety of local roads-especially the ones school buses travel on.

Getting a shire workforce to plan and work for the community.  
Positive and successful Change management.

Getting a unified approach to the aims from our diverse population

Getting over the terrible reputation it has

Getting past their archaic attitude to improvement, reduce overstaffing by totally unqualified people, generally move into the 21st century

Getting people to want to settle here

getting rate payers onsite

Getting rid of the CEO.  
Recycling  
Being open and honest with the ratepayers

getting rid of the dead wood in the shire

Getting rid of the heavy traffic continually driving through the Main Street

Getting rid of the staff that are making it so difficult for anything to happen in town (whether it be buildings or organising events etc) and replace them with staff that actually want to make things happen.

Getting some forward thinking people into the office, who have a vision for where Bridgetown is heading. It is getting busier but doesn't have the infrastructure to support that.

Getting the hierarchy of the shire to work with the people and listen to what people want. Cutting the red tape so that people want to do positive things in town and not go to the next town that will support them. Getting shire councillors to be proactive, currently there is only Jenny and Tony who appear to want to work for the people and not just earn a pension.

Getting the locals in embrace newcomers

Getting the staff to listen to what the locals want and act on it. Cater for everyones interests and hobbies and businesses not just the ones the Shire staff are interested in.

Getting traffic off main street.

Getting younger people on Council.  
Business development.  
Getting more visitors to the Town.

Grow the population  
Maintain the roads  
have a contingency plan if Talisan closes

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Growing economy, sustainability. Should look for opportunities in 'Green Economy'.

Growth and employment.

Growth and jobs.

Growth and parking (traffic management). Youth engagement. Infrastructure as more people move to town, health, water, roads etc. Economic development and business support.

Growth of local business in Bridgetown + Greenbushes

Growth of the town

Growth of the towns.

Growth without loss of control.

Drugs.

Retaining people that move here for more than 3 or 5 years rather than them moving back to Perth - a stable rather than a transient population.

Hampton st traffic and steer st .keeping costs down for local residents.

Having been here seventeen years, by dearest wish would be for the area to carry on as is.

Having enough rate payers and younger people to finance the town's economic stability (notice I do not say growth, as I don't believe in the paradigm of economic growth), so jobs and new business opportunities will be paramount

Having shire councillors of all ages to allow focus on shire services to not just the elderly but youth & middle age.

Health services.

Traffic and parking issues in the main street

Heated, covered pool. More seating around the town centre.

Heavier traffic through centre of town suggestion - bypass along the disused railway line.

Heavy vehicle traffic through Bridgetown.

Highway through town

Housing in Lithium Mine goes ahead. Traffic Hampton Street.

Housing the aged and unemployed.

How to support a tourist industry in the local area that will stimulate employment and attractions.

Climate change issues such as fire.

Recruiting leadership that have a vision, i make some comparison to the Shire of Manjimup in that statement ie so much more progresses in that end of the world.

How to take increasing amounts of money from us as ratepayers and taxpayers.

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I am unsure all about this.

I don't know.

I think the biggest challenge for the Shire as an organisation will be retaining good quality staff and thusly delivering quality and value for money for ratepayers.

As a ratepayer I am very dismayed at the amount of feedback I hear regarding the dysfunctionality and incompetence of the executive management of the Shire.

I fear this has lead to poor morale within the shires workforce because of a toxic atmosphere.

I will leave this for the businesses in town to comment

If people just want Bridgetown Greenbushes to stay the way it is and always has been - it needs to look forward to a new and more positive future as part of a more positive, creative and active South Western region of WA, at the same time as it remains a place of positive and encouraging community. As it develops a positive and future focused community, those who want to work against this will probably move on to somewhere else.

If Talison in Greenbushes close that will be a huge challenge. And if the Shire keeps stopping progress in all industries due to the amount of greenies that keep moving into area it will become a ghost town.

If the Council won't encourage businesses to operate and change some out dated rules and regulations there will be nothing to encourage people to live, work and visit the town. Shops are closing and/or go out of business quickly because of high rents and lack of shoppers. The Council need to acknowledge that the old industries such as farming are declining with a more diverse type of people are coming into the area and should be supported to contribute to the community by encouraging small business. If this doesn't happen, the population will diminish, shops will shut and tourism will decline.

Implementing the previous mentioned targets

Improve its image with community.

Improve roads. Raise funds from state to improve entrances.

Improve tourism facilities - toilets etc.

Improved and efficient planning approval processes to encourage and support development,

Improvements to procedure of house approvals. Welcoming to new comers and enviro builds. BGS - poor reputation. Slow approvals to date!

Improving old buildings and keeping all our heritage buildings. Providing more parking. Showgrounds need update.

Improving or retaining essential services such as hospital, medical centre, bus lines, taxi service, etc.

Improving relationships between administration and the community by building a much better communication network where residents feel valued and a part of decision processes with outcomes which reflect residents input

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In the words of Henry Ford... if you always do what you have always done, you will always get what you always got.

The funding is remains a constant and the infrastructure and aesthetics deteriorating and the Shire needs to reset/catchup with the same income

Increase in low SES community members. Bringing a strain to the schools and local community activities. Ageing population putting pressure on the medical facilities available.

Increased population especially of elderly

Increased traffic on main street. Population growth through mining. Aging population.

Infrastructure in town centre, expanding it to accommodate our growing population. Stores for families ie clothes and shoes. Sealed roads. Mail delivery and rubbish services curb side. Take away food. Footpaths and sealed roads.

infrastructure to support a growing population. the current infrastructure seem to be lacking for the current population. you are already on the backfoot

Infrastructure, maintenance of areas. Tourist attractions.

Infrastructure. Employment.

Investment for long term environmental sustainability. Ensuring all follow policy guidelines and requirements rather than only rules for some.

Is hard to say as we have a small community here in Greenbushes. The last ten years has changed the town to a more beautiful place. We just have to look after it.

jobs

Jobs - Empty shops - Help for elderly and disabled including healthy minds and usefulness. Loss of young people.

Jobs for people might be tricky if not being able to rely on the mine. Even when there are big plans for the mine it is not a secure place of employment for people nor is it an achievable place of employment for a lot of people.

Most places in Bridgetown often hand pick employees without advertising, which is fine but it can be very hard for people to get a foot in the door.

So creating job opportunities that are sustainable and particularly are suitable to the 45+ community will be a challenge for the town.

jobs for the young adults.

Keep the forest the way it is

Keep the mine ongoing.

Keeping a close connection to the community without becoming autocratic which is where we currently are.

Keeping Bridgetown as a genuine country town while blending in discreetly modern improvements.

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Keeping Bridgetown safe, quaint and cute.

Keeping business going.

Keeping business in the community

Keeping businesses open in town and encouraging tourism.

Keeping cost down.

Keeping costs (Shire operating costs) at a minimal level without compromising services/facilities eg greater efficiencies. Shire workers (outdoor staff) visibly working faster than turtles.

Keeping costs down

Keeping everybody happy!  
Making Hampton Street safe for everybody.  
Convenient parking, especially for the aged and disabled.

Keeping 'everyone' happy.

Keeping it just like it is now!

Keeping life and enthusiasm in the community as we deal with Covid.

Developing the town and community without losing its small town character.  
Recycling!  
Climate change considerations

Keeping local business alive, promoting new enterprises and encouraging youth to stay in the local region.

Keeping local business going.

Keeping rates reasonable but still building new facilities

Keeping services and facilities affordable so all can participate.

Keeping services that could go to other towns, eg Bunbury and Manjimup

Keeping Shire a country town. No more residents/sub divisions etc. No more Perth homes. Bio diversity causing trouble and upset.

Keeping small business active in the town. Although I don't own a small business, I wonder sometimes how they survive in a small town.

Keeping the businesses operating

Keeping the friendly, clean and pretty environment in place, as it appears to be that a movement of people from cities to regional areas is highly likely due to COVID 19

Keeping the residents happy by working towards a Bigger better future for the town.

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Keeping the small business community going - the independent retailers are key to the town's success

Keeping the town the wonderful and safe place that it is.

Keeping the youth in town and employed

Keeping tourism. Increased traffic on the highway. Youth unemployment.

Keeping up with a growing population and supporting an ageing population.

Keeping up with a possible influx of people moving away from the city to the country and keeping tabs on shops doubling up on services that are provided by many other shops, eg hairdressers, coffee shops. Sadly the pool has been replaced but it should have allowed for a full size 50 metre length pool with heating facilities. This is a big downfall.

Keeping up with community changes, whilst shire councillors are elected (in a non-compulsory voting system), managerial shire staff are not challenged, and there is an unhealthy "mutual benefit society" amongst long serving councillors and staff. The current shire is unable to operate successfully with local community groups, and as this becomes more widespread and obvious, the Shire will find it difficult to be accepted by the community, which will then in turn increasingly ignore and bypass the Shire in order to develop this region. This is already entrenched in this Shire, it will become worse unless changes are made within the operation of the Shire.

Keeping up with infrastructure and maintenance. For too long there has been much work needed however the past 8 months or so I have noticed vast improvements in our local community used areas.

Keeping up with other progressive towns, otherwise we will die

Keeping up with the growth of the town.

keeping up with the pace of new residents, the more sub divisions of land you open up, the more services like schools, doctors, policing etc the town needs.

Keeping verges clean.

Keeping young adults occupied, aged care facilities, land and erosion management, accommodation, the main street traffic.

Keeping young families employed and entertained. Keeping sufficient water supplies finding suitable level area for a Coles/Woolworths and associated shops and parking. Having heavy transport to bypass congested pedestrian intensive areas. Bush fires - having enough equip and less reliance on volunteers.

Keeping young people - providing jobs.

Keeping young people in the region  
Aging population  
More doctors and Dentists  
Youth activities

Keeping young people in the town. Keeping it "young" and the attendant "problem" of an ageing population. That means pressure on aged care/health.



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Keeping young people in town

Lack of imagination. Being narrow minded, having no foresight, and people with the power stopping all good things happening to Bridgetown.

Lack of sustainable employment and slow community growth

Leadership, commitment to not only see projects completion but to maintain the amenities once they are completed. Finance for projects.

Leadership.

Limited income compared to the immense amount of capital works required! Keeping up with the increasing access needs of aging population.

Listening to the community and actin on the suggestions. Inertia is prevalent.

Listening to the public and their ideas.

**LISTENING TO THE RATE PAYERS**

Listening to the ratepayers and not just doing what the shire wants to do.  
Recycling all rubbish and greens at the town rubbish facility. All greens to be mulched and made available for ratepayers

Listening to the voice of all the people. I think political correctness is becoming a very real problem and making it easy for (mostly the left) to shut down the views of people with whom they don't agree.

Living within their means from monies received. Making sure funds are expended where there is a need and not a want! Budgeting efficiently.

Local roads.

Local sustainability. Maintain community and wellbeing. Youth/teenager support and areas. More public art.

Looking after our aging residents while still making it an attractive place for families to live

Loss of employment, lack of young people, teenagers having to move for employment

Lots

Love Shire employees, take more notice of things that need fixing. Improvements etc. Bypass for log trucks. Repairs to Hospital. ER needs a real upgrade for Doctors and Nurses.

Main road alignment - street to narrow. Weed and pest management.

Maintain current facilities and roads.

Maintain what they have already got! And keep up with what they need to do!

## **Over the next 10 years, what do you think the biggest challenges will be for the Shire of Bridgetown Greenbushes?**

Maintaining and creating skilled well paid jobs. Currently Shire public face jobs are being reduced to low skill or volunteer. Dealing with the social, environmental and economic impacts of climate change. Developing and maintaining services (waste, roads, playgrounds, weed and animal pest management) to the standard residents now expect and not just for new high density developments.

Maintaining business in town, encourage restaurants getting trucks out of main street.

Maintaining current infrastructure and budgeting to expand and create a tourist friendly town. To boost the economy.

Maintaining rates and charges at an affordable level. Accessing grant money.

maintaining road infrastructure

Maintaining services for the growing population, especially in the 'outer suburbs'.  
Maintaining and upgrading the parks, gardens, road and street verges in the Shire.  
To not become a 'top heavy' Shire Administration.

Maintaining the character of a country town which is welcoming and friendly, but provides economic incentives for small business to grow.

Maintaining the level of services offered with the rates catchment. Remaining a destination that visitors want to spend money in. Attracting (and keeping) a community young enough to enable it to continue to thrive for many years to come.

Maintaining the roads, the Library with the timber which will require ongoing \$\$\$\$. Keeping up the appearance of Hampton Street. Control of heavy vehicular traffic.

Maintaining the unique village feel in the face of population increase.  
Maintaining the rolling hills and greens cape in the face of urban sprawl.  
Congestion from trucks along the Main Street.

Maintaining the walk trails and natural areas in the Shire. Employing competent staff who listen to the local community.

Maintenance of everything. Councillors being pro active.

Maintenance of local roads, providing areas for kids older than 10 to hang out or areas for sporting teams to practice (kicking the soccer ball, hitting a hockey ball, kicking a footy within walking distance, outdoors basketball and netball courts). Getting projects off the ground within a shorter time frame.

Maintenance of roads and footpaths.

Maintenance of roads and infrastructure. Waste management.

making as much money as possible

Making the town inviting and interesting to drive into, without upsetting the locals and their way of life. And to ensure the town maintains its community spirit.

## **Over the next 10 years, what do you think the biggest challenges will be for the Shire of Bridgetown Greenbushes?**

Management of their own staff.

Expansion in population.

Increase in traffic.

Increase in visitors to the town.

Managing during the economic downturn and possible unemployment that results. Supporting community members who are most affected by these factors.

Managing residential growth whilst maintaining the "small town" feel.

Managing sustainable development - climate change. Catering for needs of aging population.

Managing the expansion in tourism and resident numbers in a sustainable and aesthetically pleasing way.

Managing the financial resources available to the Shire without having to make a large increase in the rates.

Managing the heavy haulage that goes through the town on a regular basis

Managing the influx of new residents and work to ensure they do not destroy the wonderful things we have here.

Managing traffic flow through main street so safety and ambience is not further compromised.

Medical clinics that allow appointments within a week

Towns heritage needs to be displayed in the Main Street like other small country towns do encouraging pedestrian traffic in the Main Street and leaving town with informed knowledge to share with other possible future visitors to our town

Meeting the needs of a growing population with more diverse needs.

Working out how to manage traffic flow through such a narrow Main Street

A drying climate.

Providing services like rubbish / sewerage disposal ,parking and road maintenance .

Providing better health and recreational facilities for a diverse population

The ageing population

Mind set of the city administration and CEO. New direction and people are needed ASAP. The shire is sitting by watching the town's businesses close and thinking that building new roads and bridges is economic development.

More businesses in the main street closing If rents are too high to sustain. Prices need to be affordable too or people will shop online for the same item to get it cheaper.

Sustaining and attracting younger people to the area if there's nothing to do.

Escalating crime and anti social behaviour. You must invest in policing and community engagement. I've already noticed crime and anti social behaviour becoming worse in the short time I have lived here. I moved to the country to be safer. I've only seen a police officer in town once the whole time I've been here

Attracting tourists. As more businesses close and the town looks shabby because the public parks and gardens are not cared for. Bridgetown is expensive compared to metro Perth. Prices at the supermarket

## Over the next 10 years, what do you think the biggest challenges will be for the Shire of Bridgetown Greenbushes?

and the chemist are higher. Petrol is more expensive. We need something that other towns don't have to encourage people to come here

more crime and drug related activity

More job vacancies.

More parking in town. Consider old Shell depot for parking. Would like to see the railway line being the centre of town.

More people moving here with not enough infrastructure (water, main street)

More social events.

More transparency. Put people and systems in place that will enhance the facilities and positive long term future of this shire and residents.

Moving forward in their ideas, they seem to be stuck in small country town mode presently.

New blood.

None.

Not having a truck bypass

Obtaining funding from State and Federal Governments to allow capital works to continue

Old school mentality, fear of change.

On today up to date. Not much.

One of the biggest challenges which is commented in regularly by locals is the difficulty getting our shire council to support and work cooperatively with the community on a range of issues from promoting and assisting community groups to supporting building projects.

Open library longer.

Ovecoming unnecessary bureaucracy. Getting a more progressive executive.

Over burdening property owners with red tape and inaction. Growth in population will bring challenges like fire risk, crime and anti social behaviour. Loss of small country community mindset is a real worry,

## **Over the next 10 years, what do you think the biggest challenges will be for the Shire of Bridgetown Greenbushes?**

especially as investor only property increases as these people have less interest in community than residents.

Over population and its inevitable outcome over development with adverse effects on the environment and social cohesion.

Overcoming objections to making the pool an indoor one and getting the trucks off the main road.

Overcoming the social apathy and too many opinions on what should be done.

Getting a new vibrant SMT that can work effectively with staff.

Overdevelopment and misguided adoration of 'growth'. Over reliance on consultants rather than investing in local capabilities. Top heavy, beaucocratic administration. Lack of initiatives. Lack of staff interations with community.

Parking and traffic management.

Petty crime becoming something bigger. No jobs and medical facilities just not sufficient for needs.

Pollution and mental health issues.

Poor management and lack of vision

Population growth and seniors.

population growth, viable businesses and services, attracting new businesses

Population growth.

Population growth. Social issues because of

Population pressure and the exploitation of our natural assets (ie forestry and mining).

Population will increase therefore shire will need to promote employment, increase infrastructure, recreation services and tourism

Population, traffic management and parking.

Preventing and/or managing criminal activity such as theft. There has been an increase over recent months. Do we need to increase police presence, change police station opening hours, procedures etc...

Rental shortages

Managing domestic cats/dogs that are not on leashes, lost, destroying other peoples property, owners not picking up their pets poos etc.

Keeping businesses open in the Main Street

Employment

## **Over the next 10 years, what do you think the biggest challenges will be for the Shire of Bridgetown Greenbushes?**

Preventing loss of population. Loss of families moving away due to insufficient medical services for their needs locally.

Failing medical services will also make it harder to maintain local businesses as well as attract new businesses.

We need a well thought out plan to do our best. Supporting tourism alone with such projects as the riverside re-landscaping is insufficient. We have to make varied improvements to achieve a thriving community. Best start is to ask "If I was to consider moving to Bridgetown what facilities would convince my family to come here".

Prioritising initiatives and balancing community expectations. Communicating effectively with the broader community.

Proper waste disposal and recycling.

Protecting the environment, dealing with the smoke haze due to wood fires in winter, managing the illegal taking of wood from the surrounding forest. Maintaining the economic economy/active. Providing medical infrastructure to support an aging population.

Protecting the environment. Creating employment.

Protecting what is valuable, while stimulating serious infrastructure

Provide adequate health services for its ageing population. Provide jobs for our young people. Clean up drug issues with young people. Give them a reason not to use.

Providing and promoting an achievable lifestyle to those who choose to live in and around Bridgetown.

Providing better recreation facilities.

Providing facilities for the growing population and dealing with a very narrow main street. Maybe the bypass discussion should be introduced again.

Providing health services. Law and order. Apart from basic health all other health requirements are referred out of the area. The crime rate is on the increase and this is unacceptable.

Providing infrastructure for the anticipated growth in the area. Committing to the development of tourism in the region.

Providing the infrastructure to cope with the increase in population

Public Transport

Rabbits. Focus on project completion. Finish one thing before starting another. Leadership- infighting. Yes the community notices.

Recovering from the economic effects of Covid. The fluctuating fortunes of Talison Lithium.

Recovery from Covid-19 recession, staff perceptions that Bridgetown is their personal fiefdom, small town politics, maintaining a ratepayer base that believes they receive value for money

## Over the next 10 years, what do you think the biggest challenges will be for the Shire of Bridgetown Greenbushes?

Redirecting heavy traffic from main area for shopping with children

Reduce heavy traffic thru town center.

Assisting Private estates Eg. Bridgetown Gardens with some road maintenance work .Upgrade of all foot paths along all business thoroughfares.

Reduced external funding

Amalgamation prospects

Ageing population

Maintenance of heritage listed buildings owned by shire

Waste management

Fire prevention

Reduced funding by State which places more liability onto local governments, ongoing maintenance of all Shire buildings, waste management, water management, fire prevention

Reduction of staff. Reducing administration costs.

Finding good Councillors that actually do something.

Looking after the new residents - both families and retirees - to the community.

Making positive changes without putting up rates.

How about applying for funding?? Manjimup got over \$400k in Lotterywest funds to support the community after COVID. What did our shire do? Our shire dont apply for grants that support people and volunteers.

Remove heavy haulage trucks away from Hampton Street!! Arrange to have Greenbushes lithium sent by rail not by road.

Replacement of the stagnant and non-progressive culture within the shire.

Resisting amalgamation with adjacent shires. Reduction of red tape and top heavy burocracy and consultancy.

Restock the river of yabbies and fish species.

Restrike the growth of the business re Highway.

Retaining a younger demographic. More opportunities for employment of youth.

Retaining our natural charm!

Retaining population, growing population.

Retaining residents, too many elderly (already impacting access to health services) Being family orientated at the moment this whole community segregation is ignored.

Retaining the things that make this place special

Retaining tourists' interests; the Shire needs to continually evolve and allow and encourage the attractions that will keep tourists visiting and spending money in our town.

Revenue

## Over the next 10 years, what do you think the biggest challenges will be for the Shire of Bridgetown Greenbushes?

Ridding their mentality of ever increasing power grabs.

Road upgrades.

Road usage - safety and diverting heavy vehicles away from the main pedestrian area. Parking areas.

rubbish

Safety of people in main street Bridgetown. Long term plan for Talison give back community. People set in their way stop community ideas for future development.

shire members not being sacked , by the state government

slow down of the economy, less people travelling through

Spending money on the town instead of wages and getting people that want to help community, not on a power trip.

State and Federal Government support. Every other town is getting millions in funding while Bridgetown misses out.

Staying alive

Stepping outside the box they have been in for the last 20 years

Stop being parochial old business.

Stop spending ridiculous amounts of money on unnecessary projects. The proposed cost of the railway station restoration is obscene as is the relocation of the Greenbushes Station. Where did the quote for the Bridgetown Station come from?

stopping the English expats totally controlling the council decision making they are the single largest group in Bridgetown and tend to impose their lifestyle view on our community process. Having a Council that recognizes the high fuel loads in and around our towns is the greatest risk to our future. Council that proactively assisting residents who would like to manage their own fuel reduction program's not endorsing non elected officers recommendations to restrict burn periods. Relying on local ratepayers to support private business in the tourism sector

Strong community respect with good leadership and less of an top down administrative culture.

Strong good management lead by example. Clean and tidy.

sub standard shire assets and services.

Sufficient doctors.

Supply of medical and commercial services. Employment (local) Renewing its forgotten relationship with agriculture and horticulture industry.

Supporting the tourism industry and services i.e Library. Comfort stops for tourists passing through. The rubbish tip needs an incenerator to be manned by professionals with a fee for service, thereby lessening smoke pollution caused by backyard burning of documents.



## Over the next 10 years, what do you think the biggest challenges will be for the Shire of Bridgetown Greenbushes?

supporting their locals & staff in workplaces

Sustainability ,Jobs and Wealth and Maintaining the local population growth and infrastructure.

Sustaining a financial balance.

Sustaining a growing population.

Tackling the responsible utilisation of recycleables. Accommodation for the ageing population. Transportation within the Shire for those with no drivers liscence. Shire staff to be active, proactive members longside residents.

Taking into consideration and responding to the voices/opinions of the people.

Taking on board and listening to what the rate payers of Bridgetown want

The biggest challenge for Bridgetown will be to make our main road safe.

The biggest challenge for our shire will be maintaining the health and well-being of our community members.

With an aging hospital and demonstrated reluctance by the shire to involve itself in health and community matters this will be our greatest challenge.

Reluctance demonstrated by: lack of participation in youth matters(BYA will do it), families (BFCC will do it) and seniors (Geegelup will do it).

The biggest challenge is being able to expand the commercial precinct.as there little suitable land.

Have a council that is more dynamic in decision making.

Having middle and senior management of the shire that listen to the wishes of the residents and act accordingly rather than progressing their own pet projects.

The biggest challenge is stopping trucks and speeding in main street.

The biggest challenge will be getting residents faith back in them. I watch what Paul Omedei does for Manjimup and weep.

The biggest challenges will be beautifying our town without the challenges of local rate payers who have. Toning better to do than whinge

the closer of Talison

The council needs to develop a better way of attracting new businesses and attractions that help our area thrive.

The current Councillors and staff same thereof - a controlling minority of each. There are some great Councillors and staff but they seem powerless to stem the power and control of a few key Councillors and staff.

The current Shire officers to hold onto their jobs. They are a disgrace

The effects of climate change - lower rainfall, more bushfires, hotter conditions in summer, effect on land based businesses. Have the skills knowledge and leadersip and workforce it will need to address changing conditions while maintianing the quality of life people have come to expect. Learning to listen to and

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respect the views and ideas of people in the community that I thought the council was there to represent and serve.

The environmental catastrophe we are in and the social issues that will come from it

The expanding mine at Greenbushes and the social impact.  
Maintaining a vibrant Hampton Street.

The growing population  
More young kids in town  
Not enough resources to cope with residents coming

The huge number of visitors/influx of residents and traffic management on the SW highway thru the CDB part of town.

The main road through town "Too busy".

The main road; as it gets busier and the population increases, it is increasingly difficult to cross. Lack of employment opportunities.

The planning of the central business district - eg: parking, footpaths, public toilets etc allowing for increased visitation on an year round basis.  
Engaging local youth in their community, it's services, facilities and employment.  
Ensuring that the impact of the lithium mine at Greenbushes is leveraged against in a positive way to bring positive outcomes to the Shire on a long term basis.  
Enabling local agriculture to function successfully within a mixed economy.  
Maintaining adequate health and education services.

The railway line. Energy eg.

The rate of growth and keeping up infrastructure for that growth.

the rates are extortionate

The recognition that the Town is the people and the Shire are the employees of the people who have been appointed to manage their interests in a proper and expedient manner.

The shire itself. It is time for a clean out at the top. New faces and fresh ideas needed.

The shire listening to residents and being able to manage a smaller budget and hopefully less staff so we're not paying increasing rates for very little.

The shire moving with the times and not being stuck in the past or not future thinkers

The Shire of Collie and Manjimup seem to be better at attracting and applying for government grants. Manjimup has been outwardly focused for many years has has paid this back ten fold to the residents and business. The visitor experience should be our focus for a few years.

The staff of the Shire needs to be able to communicate with the town residents as at the moment the residents have not a lot of respect for them.

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The SW Hwy is going to increase in traffic, not safe or desirable for foot traffic shoppers on the main street. A by-pass needs to be put in. Standing in shops listening to them shake when log trucks go by, has deterred me from shop as much.

Lack of hotel type accommodation for travellers & lack of eating establishments at night also.

The tourist, loosing of business and not changing anything in the town

The tourists rail line

Attending to people's requests much quicker.

Taking advantage of the fact that we have the biggest lithium mine in the world 🌐

The town is becoming more and more expensive, especially housing. That changes the quality of the town. The new residents that move in are mainly well-heeled retirees. Previously a lot of people where retired, or thinking about retirement, when they moved here, but they where a more diverse social background. Not only did that make the town a lot more interesting, but it also meant that events and businesses had to cater for those that tried to live on just a pension. It was a less expensive place to live. I have also noticed that many those who volunteer are the n-o-t the most well off of our community. They might give money, but are less interested in spending hour after hour in actually doing the legwork. It is these community organizations that are so vital to make this place so GREAT to live in. I have now run out of space to detail the second big challenge that we face - the town going too big. For Bridgetown to rein Bridgetown it can't grow too big - then it becomes another anonymous place where you don't know your neighbors or stop in the street to talk to them.

The unsure market for lithium in the world market affecting the mine for jobs & local business

There seems to be increasing crime? From durgs/bored kids.

They don't have any real challenges, the rates are comparable to Perth rates with few of the services

Thinking of ways to employ people in meaningful jobs which are needed to ensure the sustainability of Bridgetown and the world as a whole.

Through traffic on the south west highway with its increase in volume.

To actively fight/find the funding to improve the streetscape view of Bridgetown and Greenbushes and to maintain the country feel.

To actually develop a more pro active approach to Community . E.g. A local community group approached the Shire about applying for a grant for a community based project , the Shire response ...we are too busy!!!!

To address the increase of traffic through town.

To attract quality forward thinking shire management

To balance growth with increased need for services such as medical, schooling, employment.

To balance population and economic growth whilst keeping it's identity of Bridgetown being a beautiful small rural town.

## **Over the next 10 years, what do you think the biggest challenges will be for the Shire of Bridgetown Greenbushes?**

To balance the amount of people moving into area with the towns history, atmosphere.  
To create more local jobs

To balance the farmers, town folk and new estates with style of buildings, waste management and services  
- roads and footpaths.

To be able to manage budget better, stop wasting money on administration wages and get more outdoor workers.

To be able to provide for an aging population, especially if the local workforce not working.

To be more visionary!!

At present they seem to be just keeping things going as they always have been, rather than having any proactive projects or strategies.

I find the Shire's attitude to be very dull, boring and beauracatic, rather than looking for intiatives to invigorate the town or provide fabulous new services. They seem to be closing down services (eg Visitor Services) and spend inordinately long times to get anything happening (eg Visitor Centre redevelopment). They use the excuse of having public consensus and consultation to draw out any project timeframe and then not even consider public opinion anyway. The shire CEO and officers make their own decisions and plans without really allowing anything to be properly debated at Council meetings. Councillors are just seen as rubber stamps. The views of all councillors are not properly respected or considered. The Planning and Building section doesn't have a "can do" attitude, rather everything has to be strictly by regulations. This attitude is stifling development in town.

To be relevant .To be a first destination for visitors. To develop an image consistent with the History and architecture on show. Participate in a competative tourist environment . Being continually proud of the people and offerings and character of the place

To change some of the officers who seem to be more interested in their personal wants than the requirements of the locals and visitors(not many people own horses!) The shire has a bad reputation with regards to planning issues. I hope this will be considered a priority, when you hear that there are companies that refuse to build in Bridgetown because of the negativity and difficulties experienced when someone wants to build.

To completely and absolutely reinvent itself as a Shire.

To rebuild trust in the community that it can operate as an organization that has integrity and respect of the community.

To show in reality that it TRULY listens to the community and delivers effective infrastructure and services that THE WIDER COMMUNITY wants.

To show Shire staff can be managed, have accountability, have communication skills and are not simply a law unto themselves with how and where they spend their time and what work-projects they will actually work for.

That the Shire has only staff who are honest and work with transparency.

I add there are many amazing and wonderful Shire staff and whom I am sure would hold the same negative views as to some of their managers, CEO and Councilors as many in the wider community do.

To creatively and effectively respond to an expanding, diverse, demographic in a post COVID context. To keep a country town feel and expand peoples sense of community connectedness. To work with youth and enable them to entertain themselves in constructive ways.

## **Over the next 10 years, what do you think the biggest challenges will be for the Shire of Bridgetown Greenbushes?**

To cut the dead wood.... there are staff members in there who have held on to their jobs forever and offer very little for the community. It is time for out with the old and in with the new. So I have to ask - What does everyone actually do?

Who is in charge of tourism? Who supports the agricultural sector?

Why is our sporting club looking so run down? Why is it not one unified club, but all these random buildings that dont work together?

Who supports community groups and volunteers?

The shire has a reputation for being over staffed, under productive and over spending in wages. This needs to be addressed. Everyone should prove their value to keep their jobs.

To demonstrate to the ratepayers that the Council is worthy of respect by improving living standards & using the rate income to foster better standards of living.

To develop a can-do attitude and get with the program. Very slow moving entity at present.

To direct focus to Greenbushes

to downsize the amount of people that work in the shire offices.

To elect new council members . It seems the idea of young people in town are not readily accepted and frankly this is exactly what Bridgetown needs a new fresh approach otherwise it will be forgotten as it seems to be happening . Shops close down and don't reopen it makes things difficult for those of us wanting the town to succeed lot of money needs to be spent actually fixing the issues with the town namely the roads are in A terrible state they are very rarely swept up and somewhere for the youths to be able to do weekends more transport for them would be ideal

To get off their backsides and actually do things for our town, not pass our tourist centre to outsiders.

To have enough people to care for senior citizen who want to stay in their own place.

To have good leadership

To improve the building approval processes

To implement the previous answer [A friendly inclusive region where the shire employees are willing to engage with ratepayers and be available to answer queries during normal working hours. Remove the many restrictive building practices associated with BT in the last decade Allow a lot more freedom to develop a home people want to live.]

To improve it's reputation

To improve its shocking public image.

to improve road maintenance and establishment services

To increase the external outdoors workforce and decrease top heavy management.

To keep Bridgetown viable for businesses able to survive and stay in town

To keep crime to a minimum, keeping up with community needs and the environment.

## **Over the next 10 years, what do you think the biggest challenges will be for the Shire of Bridgetown Greenbushes?**

To keep the character of the main street. To keep Dalgarp forest safe. To keep the Donnelley catchment safe and not dammed. To keep Talison to its word. I was very upset to find at the very first meeting of this new council they slashed the requirement for Talison to do the bridge over the the new road for wildlife. Talison does not contribute enough to the town and then to give into something already agreed to. AT THE FIRST MEETING. Shocking.

To keep the people in town.

To keep the town connected for access to community services

To keep young families in the area with jobs appropriate for them to make a good living.

To limit the number of housing estates. To restrict population growth. To promote recycling and reuse.

To listen to the ratepayers and residents.

To maintain its local shops and services.

To maintain our younger people/families, by increasing employment opportunities to prevent them moving to Bunbury and Perth.

To maintain Roads throughout the town-Main Street. The challenges would be to have less Big Haulage trucks going through. As more people possibly move to Bridgetown the Main street needs to be looked at. I don't want to see car bays removed but possible 2 bays each side removed and a safe crossing could be done. With Sensitive walk crossing? Subtle stop light only during 8 am- 6 pm? the challenge for better water waste management? Could those on larger/rural blocks have special zoning to install grey water waste successfully? Without the shire charging residents a lot of money? It's just an idea. Those along the river is a sensitive area but could it be done. Challenges for Local young people could be looked at with even more support for them either Phone/drop in centre? Rural Health for people who may suffer Depression/Loss or Life problems. Boys Brook residents have I believe free Ambulance cover? ( I have it with my Health cover but some residents don't.) One challenge that faces the elderly is Transport (we did have a taxi service of some sort) which I used to catch the bus/train to Perth. Is there some way the Council could work out funding for a Local incentive for some sort of ride share/taxi being funded and also the locals pay as you go.

to make it an attractive town to visit

To manage the costs of running a shire while still maintaining its appeal to all who would like to relocate

To manage the huge growth of this special country town.

To move with the times. Anticipate tourism needs as well as residents. To be innovative.

To not become a retirement settlement for the older generation.

To not over develop the Shire with more suburban type subdivisions i.e. Highlands Estate.

To preserve and maintain the beautiful environment that it enjoys now.

To promote quality of life (Schools, Services, Social etc) for families to come and settle into.

To maintain the uniqueness of its main street and range of shops (Some towns, not mentioning our

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closest neighbor to the south, are dead at the weekend. Bridgetown must stay alive and vibrant. If you think an area cant lose it's vibrancy then visit Fremantle or Subiaco).

To provide adequate essential services for expanding town boundry and create a viable shopping precinct to attract business.

To provide 'affordable housing' for residents on the lower socio-economic scale and provide state of the art 'Health Care' in safe, clean and new premises.

To provide enough incentive for younger generation to stay in the local area / return to local area after finished education. Don't want the town to turn into a old retirement village

To recieve funding without raising rates

To recognise senior staff need to be proactive not reactive as it appears at present.

Have clear goals, stick to them. Consult with, and listen to, community groups. Lip service does not work any more.

Audit what facilities we currently have, ensure they are up to the tasks they are required for eg cleanliness, regular maintenance.

Use the current Councillors we have, their knowledge is far greater than has been in the past. Use it, they reflect the community - we put them in.

To reduce all comments in Q3

To reduce rates.

To remain a viable place to live and work the Shire will need to look toward offering as much assists to small businesses as possible to keep them viable and take a keen interest in what is needed in the district. This includes taking an interest in farming diversity and encouraging new trends as well. Again this could be in the way of assisting with applying for funding to help put these changes in motion. Tourist expectations are changing and the Shire will need to stay abreast of these changes to continue to encourage them to want to return to Bridgetown.

To resist the degrading of the town into just another sprawling suburb like extension of Perth with many subdivisions with little or no parkland.

To say no to developers who want more growth and more money and to resist the drive to get more ratepayers into Bridgetown.

To stabilise population numbers & prevent exodus seeking emplyment elsewhere

To supply jobs for its youngsters. To consolidate the infill of development to stablise infrastrucutre and economic requirements.

To support and maintain jobs within the area (eg Talison mine) address issues of safety with heavy vehicles through town, promote shop local, as this keeps our economy running.

To try to catch up to the reputation Manji shire has, getting rid of the deadwood shire staff that prevents exciting advancements in our community

Too many old people.

## Over the next 10 years, what do you think the biggest challenges will be for the Shire of Bridgetown Greenbushes?

Top management needs to be changed to more community minded and community input to be valued - instead of self-serving agendas being adhered to.

Tourism

Tourism.

Tourism. Promoting business. Maintaining banks in B/Town.

Town growth, lack of rentals, expensive properties.

Traffic and a narrow main street.

Traffic going through the town. The footpaths were widened several years ago but at the expense of narrowing the road.

Traffic management in town

Traffic on Hampton St needs to be diverted now. Pollution in the town from wood fires and garden waste burnoffs.

Traffic through main street.

Traffic through town.

Traffic.

Transition into a new Bridgetown without losing its identity. Growth has to happen, but we should remember why Bridgetown is Bridgetown

Transparency and accountability on poor decision making and wasting ratepayers money on stupidly staged surveys like this as truth never seems to come out.

Trucks through the centre of town.  
Pollution from trucks and speed is a serious problem.  
Unlicensed dirt bikes without silencers is a problem.

Try to think outside the box to attract tourists to the area and be forward thinking otherwise other towns will grow and attract people to move.

Trying to deal with the high numbers unemployed people moving to the area with no intention of getting work, not contributing to the town in anyway but draining our resources. Meth use/dealers out of control.

Uncertainty over the direction of our biggest employer, the Greenbushes mine. If an alternative to lithium batteries becomes viable we'll be in strife.

Unsure

Up keep dirt roads.

upgrade the residential area's to a tidy well kept standard.



## Over the next 10 years, what do you think the biggest challenges will be for the Shire of Bridgetown Greenbushes?

Upkeep of infrastructure and enough funding.

Vehicle traffic ie trucks.

Verge maintenance

Visionary and capable Leadership

Impacts of globalisation, technological and environmental change

Ability to adapt policy to these impacts

Successfully transitioning to a more sustainable economic base

Wasting money of stuff nobody uses.

Water security. Managing growth with existing neglected community and sporting facilities.

Water shortage

Drug addicts

Water, fire hazards.

We are aware that the Shire has limited finances but there is a lot they could do to improve outcomes for the community. The Shire has no interest in the community to the extent that they have effectively farmed out all involvement with the community. The biggest challenge will be with the current incumbents to work with the community, actually consult with the community and stop assuming that we are not intelligent enough to provide useful feedback. All levels of government are meant to govern for the people, not in spite of the community.

I know that this is not what the question meant but it is my opportunity to have my say. I think that the biggest challenge for the Shire will be to grow business and keep the town viable. We had already seen a decline of shop fronts with the increase of on line shopping which COVID has seen create an increase.

We need to strive for the best we can at all turns. We need to continue to grow and develop to keep the magic cal place we live thriving.

Withstanding impositions by State Government and its instrumentalities.

Work opportunities. Aged Care. Balancing the needs of differing age groups and communication.

Youth