

## Plan for the Future

STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLAN AND CORPORATE BUSINESS PLAN



2021-2031

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## **Foreword**

We are pleased to present the Shire of Sandstone Plan for the Future: Strategic Community Plan and Corporate Business Plan.

This Plan is part of our continued commitment and focus to ensure the Shire of Sandstone will strive to work with the community to fulfil their needs and support their aspirations, while leading with fairness.



"A welcoming and friendly community, recognising our rich heritage and embracing economic opportunity, whilst nurturing our natural and built environment"

**Our Sandstone Vision** 

This Plan shares our vision and objectives, aligned to the community's expressed visions and aspirations for the future, outlining how we will work towards achieving these over the next decade.

This Plan could not have been produced without the valued input of the local community. We are grateful to the community for their response and especially to those who took the time to provide input into the strategic community planning process. Your responses gave us valuable insight into your vision for the future of the Shire of Sandstone.

We believe we have continued to capture the community's aspirations and have reflected these in our vision and desired outcomes. As a local government we will work in partnership with the community, and other key stakeholders, to deliver these outcomes.

During the development of this Plan, we recognised our progress and identified the need to ensure the Shire has the resource capacity to maintain our infrastructure and continue current levels of services to the community.

As a Council we look forward to continuing our progress and supporting our community.

Beth Walton, President Charlie Brown, Chief Executive Officer

## Our Plan at a Glance

Our Vision

"A welcoming and friendly community, recognising our rich heritage and embracing economic opportunity, whilst nurturing our natural and built environment"



#### **Key Objective 1: Social**

A safe, welcoming and resilient community

#### **Outcomes:**

- 1.1: A welcoming and resilient community
- 1.2: A healthy and safe community

#### **Key Objective 2: Economic**

A prosperous, diverse and thriving local economy

#### **Outcomes:**

- 2.1: An attractive destination for visitors
- 2.2: A diverse and stable economy
- 2.3: An effective transport network





#### **Key Objective 3: Environment**

Recognising our heritage, with a natural and built environment for the benefit of present and future generations

#### **Outcomes:**

- 3.1: An effectively managed natural environment
- 3.2: A built environment supporting the community and retaining our heritage

#### Key Objective 4: Leadership

Strong governance and leadership

#### **Outcomes:**

- 4.1: A strategically focused Council
- 4.2: An efficient and effective organisation



## Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework

All Western Australian local governments are required to prepare a Plan for the Future for their district, comprising of two key strategic documents, a Strategic Community Plan and Corporate Business Plan.

#### Plan for the Future

The Shire of Sandstone's Plan for the Future is the integrated approach to combining the Strategic Community Plan and Corporate Business Plan into one document, reflecting their strategic alignment and integration.

#### Strategic Community Planning Component

The Strategic Community Plan is Council's principal 10-year strategy and planning tool, guiding the remainder of the Shire's strategic planning. Community engagement underpins the Strategic Community Plan.

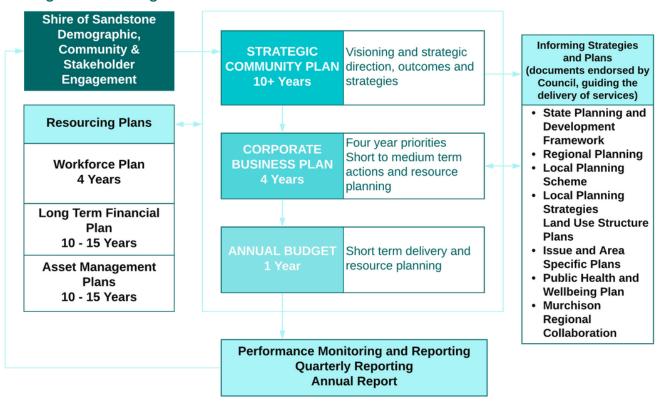
An essential element of the development process is to enable community members and stakeholders to participate in shaping the future of the community, identifying issues and solutions.

#### Corporate Business Planning Component

Achieving the community's vision and the Shire's strategic objectives requires development of actions to address each strategy contained within the Strategic Community Plan.

A core component of Corporate Business Planning includes a 4-year service delivery program, aligned to the strategic direction identified during the Strategic Community Planning, and accompanied by financial projections.

#### The Integrated Planning Structure



## Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework

#### Strategic Community Planning

The Shire of Sandstone intends to use the Strategic Community Plan in several ways, including:

- Guide Council's priority setting and decision making;
- Be a mechanism for the ongoing integration of local planning initiatives;
- Inform the decision making of other agencies and organisations, including community and State Government;
- Provide a rationale to pursue grants and other resources by demonstrating how specific projects align with the aspirations of our community, within the strategic direction of the Shire;
- Inform potential investors and developers of our community's key priorities, and the way we intend to grow and develop;
- Engage local businesses, community groups and residents in various ways to contribute to the Shire's future; and
- Provide a framework for monitoring progress against our vision.

Importantly, plans are only effective if adequate resources are dedicated to ensure objectives can be delivered. The informing plans detailed to the right provide this more detailed level of service and resource planning.

#### Review of the Plan for the Future

In accordance with statutory requirements, the Strategic Community Plan is reviewed and updated on a 4-year review cycle including community consultation, with a desktop review being undertaken every 2 years.

In accordance with statutory requirements, the Corporate Business Plan component of this Plan for the Future is reviewed and updated annually to assess the progress of projects and realign the Plan's actions and priorities based on current information and available funding.

#### Strategic Resource Planning

The Shire took a combined approach to asset management and long term financial planning processes to produce an overarching Strategic Resource Plan. A key objective of the Strategic Resource Plan is to highlight and define key long term strategies to maintain financial and asset services to the community over the long term.

#### **Asset Management Planning Component**

The Shire has developed an Asset Management Plan for major asset classes. The Asset Management Plan forms a component of an overall Asset Management Strategy which addresses the Shire's current processes and sets out the steps required to continuously improve the management of Shire controlled assets. Capital renewal requirements are contained within the Asset Management Plan and have been planned for to the extent the financial and workforce resources are available to enable the renewals to occur.

## Long Term Financial Planning Component

The Shire of Sandstone is planning for a positive and sustainable future. The Shire seeks to maintain, and where possible, improve service levels into the future while maintaining a healthy financial position.

During the development of this Plan for the Future, the Long Term Financial Plan was considered. A review of the Long Term Financial Plan is planned, where detailed results of capital works program updates will be prepared for future reporting and planning.

#### Workforce Plan

The Workforce Plan provides the workforce management and resource strategies necessary to deliver the objectives, outcomes and strategies of the Shire's Strategic Community Plan. Workforce issues have been considered during the development of this Plan for the Future.

## The Shire of Sandstone

Sandstone lies in the heart of the spectacular Murchison region, 742 km north east of Perth. Sandstone is where you've got the action of gold prospecting, the mining industry and pastoral stations, all coexisting with a growing tourism industry.



## Heritage

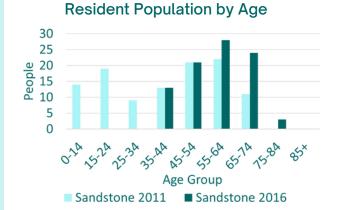
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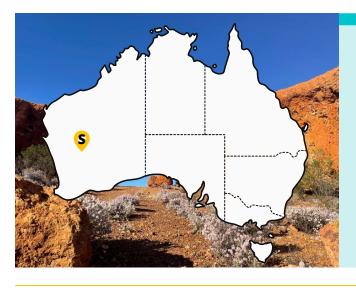
- 1894 Gold found
- 1907 Population spike of 6-8,000
- 1910 Railway arrives
- 1919 Population down to 200
- 2021 Mining, pastoral and tourism

## People

- 2021 52 est. resident population
- April September 2-3,000 prospectors in residence
- 2016 89 resident population
- 2013 school closed
- 2011 109 resident population

While the resident population has declined, the visitor population has grown significantly.





## Landscape

In the heart of the Murchison region of Western Australia:

- 32,605 square kilometres
- 742 kilometres north east of Perth
- 9 months sensational weather
- Clear blue skies and wildflowers
- Amazing breakaways and waterholes

## Our Community's Voice

As part of the ongoing development, progression and review of the Strategic Community Plan, broad community consultation was again undertaken in 2021. The feedback received was taken into consideration during the major review in September 2021 and subsequent development of this Plan for the Future: Strategic Community Plan and Corporate Business Plan.

#### We heard from:

12

Survey's Completed

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Community Workshop
Participants
20 September 2021

29

Informal Face to Face Chats 20-23 September 2021

# What our community love about living in Sandstone



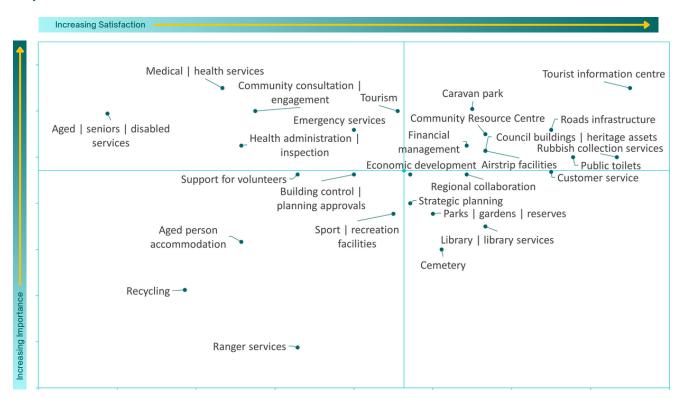


What our community wants for Sandstone

## Our Community's Voice

Survey respondents rated their perspective of the importance and their level of satisfaction with current and anticipated Shire services, facilities and support. Based on the survey results, the importance and satisfaction of various Shire services, community facilities and infrastructure were determined, relative to each other.

#### Importance and Satisfaction with current services



#### How these results are calculated:

By calculating the difference between the average importance and satisfaction ratings, an importance and satisfaction gap is able to be determined.

Services and facilities with a higher than average importance to the community are reflected in the top half of the chart. Services and facilities the community is most satisfied with are reflected in the right half of the chart.

The overall satisfaction and importance averages have increased from 2017, when a similar survey was undertaken. The ratings are also included on page 18.

## Our Aspirations and Values

The feedback received during this engagement process, continues to align with the engagement responses received in 2017 during the previous iteration of the Strategic Community Plan. Our community identified the following aspirations and values.



#### Social Cohesion

The local community expressed their value of the wide open spaces, fresh air and amazing natural attractions.

The peace and quiet of this small community is highly regarded with a strong desire to retain these qualities.

#### Great Services and Facilities

Our community expressed appreciation for the feeling of safety living here.

With fantastic weather for many months of the year along with great facilities, natural attractions and rich heritage, there is a desire to attract increased visitor numbers to support our resident small business and local services.





#### **Economic Prosperity**

Creating economic growth and employment opportunities is challenging for the district, with increased promotion of the region seen as a priority.

Maintaining and improving the transport and communication networks throughout the district is essential to continued prosperity.

## Strategic Direction

The Shire of Sandstone delivers services to its community in line with the vision, values and the four key themes and strategic objectives set out below. While all are important and interrelated, Council's role may vary from being the doer, collaborating, to advocating on behalf of the community.



#### **Key Objective 1: Social**

A safe, welcoming and resilient community

#### Outcomes:

- 1.1: A welcoming and resilient community
- 1.2: A healthy and safe community

#### **Key Objective 2: Economic** A prosperous, diverse and thriving local economy **Outcomes:**

- 2.1: An attractive destination for visitors
- 2.2: A diverse and stable economy
- 2.3: An effective transport network





#### **Key Objective 3: Environment**

Recognising our heritage, with a natural and built environment for the benefit of present and future generations

#### **Outcomes:**

- 3.1: An effectively managed natural environment
- 3.2: A built environment supporting the community and retaining our heritage

#### **Key Objective 4: Leadership** Strong governance and leadership

#### **Outcomes:**

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#### Service Delivery

As shown above, each of the four key strategic objectives has several outcomes the Shire will seek to achieve over the 10+ years of the Strategic Community Plan.

Strategies and detailed actions to achieve these have been developed as part of the Corporate Business Planning process and are detailed on the following pages.

The prioritisation of the actions is reflected by the sliding scale bar, indicating when the action is planned to be undertaken, if all three markers are shown the action is ongoing.





Short - Medium Term

**Years 2 - 4** 





## Key Objective 1: Social



<sup>QQ</sup>A safe, welcoming and resilient community <sup>QQ</sup>

#### Outcome 1.1 A welcoming and resilient community

Stra	tegies	Actio	ns	Timing		
1.1.1	Support for community events and groups	1.1.1.1	Support and promote community events	9	9	P
		1.1.1.2	Provide facilities, services and support for community	9	9	P
		1.1.1.3	and sporting groups Support local emergency	9	9	P
			services and encourage community volunteers			

#### Outcome 1.2 A healthy and safe community

Strat	egies	Actio	ns	Timing	
1.2.1	Maintain and improve health care facilities and services	1.2.1.1	Continue to support provision of health services and facilities to meet community needs	<b>Q</b>	Q
		1.2.1.2	Advocate for improved access to health and medical service by use of new technologies	<b>Q</b>	9
1.2.2	Maintain and promote a safe community	1.2.2.1	Maintain community safety infrastructure in line with asset management planning	<b>Q</b>	Q
		1.2.2.2	Support and participate in the local emergency management committee	<b>Q</b>	· ·
		1.2.2.3	Advocate and lobby for improved telecommunication services in the region	n	9
1.2.3	Support and plan for a healthy, active community	1.2.3.1	Implement Public Health and Wellbeing Plan actions in line with annual budget		Q

## Key Objective 2: Economic



<sup>QQ</sup>A prosperous, diverse and thriving local economy <sup>QQ</sup>

#### Outcome 2.1 An attractive destination for visitors

Stra	tegies	Actio	ns	Timing		
2.1.1	Provide quality tourism facilities, events and information	2.1.1.1	Promote our district in collaboration with the Murchison and wider regions	<b>Q</b>	Q	P
		2.1.1.2	Maintain quality tourism assets in line with asset management planning	<b>Q</b>	Q	P
		2.1.1.3	Continue to fund and manage the Visitors Centre	Q	P	9
		2.1.1.4	Provide and enhance visitor accommodation in line with asset management planning	<b>Q</b>	P	P
		2.1.1.5	Support local event initiatives and promote our local attractions	<b>Q</b>	P	P
		2.1.1.6	Upgrade trails interpretive signage and develop walk trails in line with asset management planning	<b>Q</b>	9	
		2.1.1.7	Seek RV friendly status and provide associated services		Q	

## Key Objective 2: Economic



<sup>QQ</sup>A prosperous, diverse and thriving local economy <sup>QQ</sup>

#### Outcome 2.2 A diverse and stable economy

Stra	tegies	Actio	ns	Timing		
2.2.1	Support local business and open to new local start up initiatives	2.2.1.1	Explore availability of commercial, industrial and residential land	•	9	P
2.2.2	Explore opportunities to partner with industry for the development of the district	2.2.2.1	Maintain relationships with mining operators for the communities benefit	<b>Q</b>	<del>Q</del>	P
2.2.3	Maintain key stakeholder and industry relationships for the benefit of Sandstone	2.2.3.1	Continue to engage with and participate on relevant boards and committees	<b>Q</b>	9	P

#### Outcome 2.3 An effective transport network

Stra	tegies	Actio	าร	Timing		
2.3.1	Enhance and maintain our transport network	2.3.1.1	Continue to seek funding for transport network	<b>Q</b>	9	P
		2.3.1.2	Maintain, renew and upgrade transport network in line with asset management planning	<b>Q</b>	9	Ŷ
		2.3.1.3	Upgrade/seal airstrip subject to funding		9	
2.3.2	Advocate for adequate road infrastructure	2.3.2.1	Advocate for upgrades to Main Roads infrastructure to support and maintain transport safety associated with increased usage and heavy loads	<b>Q</b>	9	

## Key Objective 3: Environment



A natural and built environment, recognising our heritage for the benefit of present and future generations

#### Outcome 3.1 An effectively managed natural environment

Stra	tegies	Actio	ns	Timing		
3.1.1	Support environmental diversity and bio-security of the district	3.1.1.1	Support the improved conservation of our natural environs, bio-security measures and control of domestic and feral animals	<b>Q</b>	•	P
3.1.2	Effective and efficient resource utilisation	3.1.2.1	Maintain and seek efficient use of energy sources	P	P	P
		3.1.2.2	Promote and maintain efficient use and management of water resources including rainfall harvesting	<b>Q</b>	9	Ŷ
3.1.3	Efficient and effective waste management	3.1.3.1	Continue to provide an effective waste management service	Q	P	P
		3.1.3.2	Promote waste minimisation strategies	<b>Q</b>	Q	9
		3.1.3.3	Investigate and provide liquid waste disposal options		P	P

## Key Objective 3: Environment



A natural and built environment, recognising our heritage for the benefit of present and future generations <sup>99</sup>

## Outcome 3.2 A built environment supporting the community and retaining our heritage

Strategies	Actio	ns	Timing		
<b>3.2.1</b> Maintain community and heritage infrastructure	3.2.1.1	Maintain and implement asset management planning in line with annual budget	Q	9	P
	3.2.1.2	Enhance and provide well maintained and presented town gardens, parks and verges, with the development and implementation of a Stree Tree Master Plan		9	P
	3.2.1.3	Regular inspection and maintenance of community buildings and infrastructure	9	P	P
	3.2.1.4	Support maintenance of heritage assets	<b>Q</b>	P	P
	3.2.1.5	Develop the geo trail	9	P	
	3.2.1.6	Install interpretive panels in collaboration with Murchison regional tourism group	9	9	
3.2.2 Provide multi-purpose community facilities	3.2.2.1	Redevelop and maintain multi-use community facilities, seeking to maximise asset usage	<b>Q</b>	9	Ş

## Key Objective 4: Leadership



## **PROOF** Strong governance and leadership

#### **Outcome 4.1 A strategically focused Council**

Stra	tegies	Actio	ons	Timing		
4.1.1	Engage and communicate with the community	4.1.1.1	Ongoing communication and engagement with the community	<b>Q</b>	9	P
		4.1.1.2	Provide and encourage leadership within the community	<b>Q</b>	P	P
		4.1.1.3	Provide long term strategic leadership	<b>Q</b>	9	P
4.1.2	Strongly advocate for the Shire's interests	4.1.2.1	Continue to lobby and advocate on behalf of the community	<b>?</b>	P	P
		4.1.2.2	Advocate for maintenance and improvement of government services	<b>Q</b>	P	P
		4.1.2.3	Participate in regional collaboration for the benefit of the district	<b>Q</b>	Q	P

#### Outcome 4.2 An efficient and effective organisation

Stra	tegies	Actio	ns	Timing		
4.2.1	Provide appropriate services to the community in a professional and efficient manner	4.2.1.1	Continue to deliver quality local government services and facilities and maintain a high level of compliance	<b>Q</b>	Q	P
		4.2.1.2	Provide professional development opportunities for elected members and staff	<b>Q</b>	Ç	P
		4.2.1.3	Maintain long term strategic planning and management	9	9	P
		4.2.1.4	Maintain a safe work environment	9	P	P
		4.2.1.5	Provide effective regulatory and compliance services	9	9	P

## Funding

The following Forecast Statement of Funding is extracted from the Strategic Resource Plan 2017-2032 (integrated Long Term Financial and Asset Management Plan) to provide an indication of the net funding available. The forecast statement should be read in conjunction with the full Strategic Resource Plan 2017-2032 (integrated long term financial and asset management plan), and its underlying assumptions and predictions.

		2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
		\$	\$	\$	\$
FUNDING	FROM OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES				
Revenues					
	Rates	1,181,461	1,210,997	1,241,272	1,272,305
	Operating grants, subsidies and contributions	3,532,841	3,603,498	3,675,569	3,749,081
	Fees and charges	213,126	217,390	221,738	226,172
	Interest earnings	142,808	149,260	155,803	161,117
	Other revenue	366,869	374,207	381,689	389,323
		5,437,105	5,555,352	5,676,071	5,797,998
Expenses					
	Employee costs	(1,271,265)	(1,296,692)	(1,322,623)	(1,349,075)
	Materials and contracts	(1,886,520)	(1,924,262)	(1,962,738)	(2,001,992)
	Utility charges (electricity, gas, water etc.)	(137,062)	(139,804)	(142,592)	(145,443)
	Depreciation on non-current assets	(3,040,837)	(3,103,319)	(3,165,261)	(3,229,756)
	Insurance expense	(109,271)	(111,458)	(113,687)	(115,962)
	Other expenditure	(76,999)	(78,540)	(80,109)	(81,712)
		(6,521,954)	(6,654,075)	(6,787,010)	(6,923,940)
		(1,084,849)	(1,098,723)	(1,110,939)	(1,125,942)
Funding P	osition Adjustments				
	Depreciation on non-current assets	3,040,837	3,103,319	3,165,261	3,229,756
Net Fundi	ng <u>From</u> Operational Activities	1,955,988	2,004,596	2,054,322	2,103,814
FUNDING	FROM CAPITAL ACTIVITIES				
Inflows					
	Proceeds on disposal	354,741	258,454	374,931	274,871
	Non-operating grants, subsidies and contributions	732,573	734,824	737,120	739,462
Outflows					
	Purchase of property plant and equipment	(1,001,622)	(760,061)	(1,316,943)	(927,834)
	Purchase of infrastructure	(1,611,686)	(1,801,367)	(1,495,377)	(1,742,010)
Net Fundi	ng <u>From</u> Capital Activities	(1,525,994)	(1,568,150)	(1,700,269)	(1,655,511)
FUNDING	FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES				
Inflows					
	Transfer from reserves	0	0	90,000	0
Outflows					
	Transfer to reserves	(429,994)	(436,446)	(444,053)	(448,303)
Net Fundi	ng <u>From</u> Financing Activities	(429,994)	(436,446)	(354,053)	(448,303)
Estimated	Surplus/Deficit July 1 B/Fwd	0	0	0	0
Estimated	Surplus/Deficit June 30 C/Fwd	0	0	0	0

## Capital Projects

A number of projects are forecast to be undertaken during the life of the Corporate Business Plan 2022-2025, which result in additional capital expenditure.

The projects include new, expansion, upgrade and renewal of assets and are detailed in the forecast capital expenditure provided in the Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) 2017-2032.

A number of the projects listed in the LTFP are reliant on external contributions, should these not be received the project may be deferred until adequate funding is available.

Project	Forecast Timing	Project Value
Plant, Furniture and Equipment	2022 - 2026	\$3,406,460
Road Program - Roads to Recovery	2022 - 2026	\$2,000,000
Road Program - Regional Road Group	2022 - 2026	\$720,000
Road Program - MRWA	2022 - 2026	\$463,979
General Road Renewals	2022 - 2026	\$2,648,204
Building renewals and upgrades	2022 - 2026	\$600,000
Other Infrastructure Renewals	2022 - 2026	\$160,000
Water Park Renewal	2024 - 2025	\$658,257
Total	2022 - 2026	\$10,656,900

#### We want Sandstone to:

Continue to be a safe, welcoming and well maintained place for both residents and visitors to enjoy.



## Services and Facilities

Services and facilities provided by the Shire have been linked with the relevant strategies identified in the Strategic Community Plan, providing a connection with the desired outcomes and community vision. The average rating of importance and satisfaction from survey respondents in 2021 is also included, with a scale of 1 being not important/satisfied, 2 being important/satisfied and 3 being very important/satisfied.

Services	Responding Average Rating		
	Strategies	Importance	Satisfaction
Facilities   Infrastructure			
Aged person accommodation	4.1.2	2.3	1.7
Airstrip facilities	2.3.1	2.7	2.3
Caravan park	2.1.1   3.2.1	2.9	2.3
Cemetery	3.2.1	2.3	2.2
Council buildings maintenance   heritage assets	3.2.1	2.7	2.3
Library   library services	4.2.1	2.4	2.3
Parks   gardens   reserves	3.2.1	2.5	2.2
Public toilets	3.2.1	2.7	2.6
Roads infrastructure	2.3.1	2.8	2.5
Sport   recreation facilities	3.2.1   3.2.2	2.5	2.1
Tourist information centre	2.1.1	3.0	2.7
Shire Services			
Building control   planning approvals	4.2.1	2.6	2.0
Community consultation	4.1.1	2.9	1.8
Customer service	4.2.1	2.6	2.5
Economic development	2.2.1   2.2.2	2.6	2.1
Emergency services	1.1.1   1.2.2	2.8	2.0
Financial management	4.1.1   4.2.1	2.8	2.3
Health administration   inspection	4.2.1	2.8	1.7
Ranger services	4.2.1	1.9	1.9
Strategic planning	4.1.1   4.2.1	2.5	2.1
Rubbish collection services	3.1.3	2.7	2.7
Community Support   Advocacy			
Aged   seniors   disabled services	1.1.1   1.2.1	2.9	1.4
Medical   health services	1.2.1	3.0	1.7
Recycling	3.1.3	2.1	1.6
Regional collaboration	2.1.1   3.2.1	2.6	2.3
Support volunteers	1.1.1   4.2.1	2.6	1.9
Tourism	2.1.1	2.9	2.1

## Resources

This Plan for the Future was developed with an understanding of the Shire's current resource capacity, including financial, workforce and asset resources. There are a number of projects forecast to be undertaken during the life of the Corporate Business Plan, which result in additional capital expenditure. A number of the projects are reliant on external contributions, should these not be received the project may be deferred until adequate funding is available.

As at 30 June 2020, the Shire had the following estimated current resource profile. Future resource capacity is not currently known and is partially dependent on other levels of government. The expected future resource capacity and trend was considered in the development of this Plan for the Future.

Workforce

**14 FTE** 

Stable

Infrastructure Assets

\$38.8m

Stable

Property, Plant, Equipment

\$8.6m

Stable

Cash Backed Reserves

\$3.9m

Increasing

Borrowings

Nil

Stable

**Annual Rates Revenue** 

\$1.0m

Stable | Increasing

Annual Revenue

\$3.1m

Stable | Increasing

Annual Expenditure (excluding Depreciation)

\$2.7m

Stable | Increasing



## Measuring our Progress

The following key measures have been identified in line with our strategic objectives, the Shire will monitor and report our progress using these measures.

Key	<b>Objective</b>	1 Social: A s	safe, we	lcoming ar	nd resilient	community
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Measure Desired Trend

Website activity Increase level of posts and engagement rates

Provision of health services Maintain level of service

Key Objective 2 Economic: A prosperous, diverse and thriving local economy

Visitor numbers Increasing

Road expenditure In line with budget

Statutory asset management Maintain healthy ratios

ratios

Key Objective 3 Environment: Recognising our heritage, with a natural and built environment for the benefit of present and future generations

Compliance with waste Maintain compliance

management regulations

Building maintenance and renewal In line with budget

Key Objective 4 Leadership: Strong governance and leadership

Statutory financial ratios Maintain healthy ratios

Currency of strategic plans Maintain currency

and reports

## Strategic Risk Management

It is important to consider the external and internal context in which the Shire of Sandstone operates, relative to risk, in order to understand the environment in which the Shire seeks to achieve its strategic objectives.

External Factors	Internal Factors
<ul> <li>Increasing community expectations in relation to service levels and delivery</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The objectives and strategies contained in the Council's current Strategic Community Plan</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Demand for resourcing due to potential expansion in service delivery</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The timing and actions contained in the Council's Corporate Business Plan</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Rapid changes in information technology changing the service delivery environment</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Organisational size, structure, activities and location</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Increased compliance requirements due to Government Policy and Legislation</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Human resourcing levels and staff retention</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Cost shifting by Federal and State Governments</li> </ul>	The financial capacity of the Shire
<ul> <li>Reducing external funding for infrastructure and operations</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Allocation of resources to achieve strategic outcomes</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Changes in mining and pastoral practices and the associated social impacts</li> </ul>	Maintenance of corporate records
Climate change and subsequent response	

• COVID-19 Pandemic

### References

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