

## What are your biggest goals, hopes and aspirations for the local area?

A recognised tourist destination with lots of activities and things to see. Some sought of recognisable icon, theme or structure that people identify with the town. World class internet. A council that works with and supports business, arts and entrepreneurial endeavour rather than stifling or ignoring as is the current state. Absolutely no-one anything like [private information removed] allowed anywhere near a position of power in the town.

"Be full of strangers", no locals.

..be a united community with a creative vision and a clear plan and means to implement them. The Shire officers will be a cohesive and dynamic forward thinking group. The communities within the shire will be diverse and sustainable in every way and there will be lots of cycle paths for the growing number of people who cycle in the area.

..have to change their attitude towards the people who live and play in the Shire. For some time there has been a 'them and us' attitude. My hope is that the Shire will aspire to develop a closer relationship and friendship with the people from all walks of life within the Shire, not just the 'Who's who' of the art orientated community. A walk down the main street by the Shire representatives and communicating on a regular basis with all the business owners is a sure way of staying in touch and building trust with the community.

1. Be more flexible. 2. Be serious when they say "talk to us" on any occasion. I've had to ask questions I have never had the courtesy of a reply. 3. Put back our 'disable' bays. 4. Need a crosswalk at chemist location (50/70% over 65yrs). 5. Stop ruining tourist centre.

1. Continued strategic growth based on community need
2. Steady population growth to drive economic growth
3. Development of a climate Change policy to support sustainability
4. Development of waste strategies that avoid the use of land fill
5. Continued improvements in the state of public and private buildings
6. Finding efficiencies to reduce the operational costs of the Shire

1. Loss of upper teenage/young adults from the community due to a lack of Senior High School facility makes maintenance of the social fabric difficult.

2. Development of a more entrenched environmental tourism fabric built in anticipation for either/both of the end of mine life at Greenbushes or simply a commodity price downturn. i.e. How do we not squander the tremendous injection of wealth currently coming into the community.

1. Make the swimming pool an indoor one. This is BRIDGETOWN for God's sake! How many days or even hours a year is it open now?
2. Get the trucks off the main road. That wouldn't effect businesses or tourism and would make it a superb place to live. It is a disaster at present.

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5 - 10 km bitumised Cycling / Walk path e.g. similar to what Manjimup has, e.g. through the town and extending out along the flatter road to Manjimup. Would encourage people to get out and get fit, promoting a healthier lifestyle.

Incentives for small businesses to encourage them stay in the area, curently high turnover, here one day, then gone the next.

Something needs to be done about all the wandering cats out and about at night, endangering environment and our beautiful bird life.

72 hour free camping site eastern side of town.

Under cover swimming pool open all year.

Restore and properly maintain shire buildings especially the outside.

Provide proper parking in centre of town, close to the main shops.

To have safeguards the environment of destruction by the local, state and federal governments

A 30% reduction in admin staff. More performance values and targets for admin. Proactive encouragement for business start up. Overcome the disgusting reputation gained by the shire and held by many building companies over the past 10 + years of being slack and slovenly with the building approval process

A better place to retire and tree change in to attract more community-minded people who will make a much more positive and creative impact on the community of Bridgetown. More businesses to be attracted which cater to tourists and residents who want to live here: more restaurants, wineries and other food focused businesses which will bring more visitors, tourists and residents who see these as desirable and essential to a positive and creative life. More facilities offering activities both outdoor and indoor to improve life for residents, visitors and tourists.

A better supermarket we can afford instead of traveling to manjimup for a better deal

A bustling little town for locals and tourists alike to enjoy. Regular activities/events on especially on weekends and school holidays. All the buildings on the main streets filled with local, small businesses

A bypass so we can have more events in the town safely

A concerted effort in aesthetics of the town.. buildings, roads, public spaces, vacant land. Development of tourist attractions, in river/nature activities and rail tourism.

A coordination of business to cater to residents as well as tourist. (Eg) coffee shops stay open beyond 3 pm. Rent discussions with landlords to get empty commercial premises filled.

A creative and entertainment hub of the southwest. Sort of like Margaret River, but without having sacrifices its country soul.

A department store so locals do not have to travel for everyday items, like kids clothes and footwear. A tourist rail through the bush. A bypass to remove trucks from main street.

A diverse range of local attractions: parks, festivals, local shops, micro breweries and wineries.

A diverse range of local employmnet and Bridgetown being a destination - not a stop off point as it is now.

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A facility for people with disabilities (regardless of age) to group together. Also a group home for same. Purpose built house on Spencer Street and not used. Very disappointing. Provide more activities in the rec centre.

A forward-thinking, pro-active shire that would have an open door to grand new ideas and initiatives- I wish our shire's reputation to be this and not the backward, right-wing reserved "safe" reputation we have. (So many great ideas only stay ideas because we all know there is know way we'd "get it past the shire"- how many times have I heard that.)

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.

A good area to live/work/visit/play but keeping the Shire environmentally friendly.

a growing town with a lack of infrastructure.  
nothing for younger family's to do.  
poor accessibility for anyone of age or disability.

A new more usable space around Greenbushes pool, further promotion of events in Bridgetown, more musical events. Streetscaping like in Donnybrook or better. Help businesses provide more in Bridgetown.

A new vibrant visitors centre  
A bypass to take trucks away from Hampton Street  
A reduction of domestic burning off

A place for progressive thinking  
Less red tape  
proactive in attracting business and jobs to the area  
Better marketing  
more footpaths and parks , especially in sub divisions  
Better regional branding

A place that caters both for its locals & tourists.  
Have a tourist centre that is open on weekends and services (like indoor pool) that can be utilised all year round.

a place that I'd be happy for my kids to grow up in

A popular tourist destination for outdoor type activities. To maintain the safe and friendly place it currently is.

A progressive shire where applications before shire are acted on in less than 60 days.

A shelter for sufferers of domestic violence  
A Youth Space  
More mountain bike trails  
More walking trails

A small Target would be handy.

A thriving community that is a great place to live.

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A thriving prosperous community. A Shire that listens.

A thriving tourism centre (not at present). Re route traffic out of town centre ie mainly trucks.

A traffic by-pass

Cycling trails for the family unit

A trail town. With many mountain bike and hiking trails within the shire that bring tourists from all over the world. Have a pump track for all ages and abilities which entices people to not only teach their kids to ride but get out and ride themselves. Also have a large nature playground for kids of all ages to be able to play and experience without having to go to manjimup. Upgraded foot and cyclepaths within the townsite and on roads leading out of town. More restaurants that open for dinner. A heated public pool that can be open all year round not just 5 months of the year.

A truck bypass

A wonderful place that attracts visitors all year round. It will have policies in place that attract people to work easily from home. It will be Bridgetown open for business. There will be a railway attraction, an amazing children's playground and lots for visitors to do. The arts sector will be vibrant and art trails and activities will abound. Trails will feature-walking, bridal and mountain biking. The Bridgetown experience will be relaxing, vibrant, surprising and feature healing and health. It will be a place in which I can live and thrive.

Accepts and openly discusses its past treatment of the Indigenous peoples of the area

Accessible car parking for disabled. Vibrant community programs and activities. A few enthusiastic, creative, forward thinking and cooperative shire representatives would be a great start.

Accommodation for elderly nearer town level.

Accountable to things they do, not hamper development people want to do on their properties, a tourist friendly destination with better signage and parking for caravans, camper trailers and trailers in the town itself

Actively support Transition Bridgetown and be seen as a leading light in recycling. Our hospital is upgraded to the same standard as Maryemup?? And not let slide. We will be seen as a drawcard for visitors to the S.W with modern, clean toilets and visitor facilities.

Affordable housing for seniors close to town. Clean waterways and sustainable recycling. More opportunities for Seniors Recreation and Volunteering. More involvement from the shire with community projects to enhance the town.

Affordable housing. More fast food outlets. Not cafe and restaurant.

After a proper sound recycling system, have built a proper heated, covered swimming pool, improved footpaths and built more across parking bays, and have a council who work for the people and not themselves

All footpaths are level. More areas/paths opened and maintained for walkers. Family (affordable) restaurants. Crosswalk/pedestrian lights for main road.

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Allow 1 chalet operations for 2 acres and above or rural zonings. Have recycling programs. Encourage local business by making food licences easier to obtain. Better tourism facilities (public toilets). Have formal event approval procedures, rather than the arbitrary biased system now in place.

allow locals to collect firewood in the forests to cut down fuel for bushfires.

Allow residents to look after their own verge, like planting shrubs. Ease planning permission for minor house renovations.

Have a bounty on rabbits.

Allow residents to build/make improvements to their properties without all the ridiculous carry on by underqualified shire employees, making the whole process so stressful.

Amount of medical practitioners for the growing town needs to be increased dramatically.

Amp up the rec centre, start classes and creche again and encourage the community to make good use of it. Maybe the Shire could run some social competitions. More advertising for the town to promote it to visitors and make the mountain bike trails official and advertise them.

An awesome place for tourists to visit.

An iconic tourist destination. Preserve and enhance the historic character. Preserve and enhance the towns main street. Preserve and enhance the natural environment - particularly the forests on the approaches to the town. Make it safe to cross the main street.

An indoor pool, more attraction for people in their 20's, more family attractions for weekends or school holidays

An organic farming community leading the way in nurturing its natural environment with a focus on holistic chemical free practices.

Assist small business much more. Be less beurocratic and more efficient. Require residents to maintain their properties in a neat and tidy manner. Promote this town as a significant attraction during autumn.

Assistance given to help Cafes restaurants afford to open weekends & public holidays. More amenities at the parks. Bike trails along the unused rail line. Heated swimming pool. Artistic, creative entrance statements - both ends of town.

Attract more visitors to the area.

Attracts and retains young families with good community and jobs. Looks after aging population - access to premises and services.

back to a country town .....not heading to # 2 Margaret River fill with yuppies

The so call progress is destroying country life + values

Balanced in growing the economy but actively improving the environment. Known for sustainability and maintaining country feel and not too over populated.

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Be a bubble within bypass roads that contains a mega retirement facility catering to all care levels up to and including cremation. This might sound stupid but it could be a direction to aim for as timber and mining (lithium will be superseded) become less relevant to our economic base. We all know how much time (jobs) and money (investment) it takes to look after our elderly loved ones. The Bridgetown Shire area has little to offer apart from its exceptional beauty and an ongoing attraction could be a visit to Mum and Dad and enjoy our mild weather and country comforts.

Be a destination not just a drive through.

Be a good place to live and work.

be a heritage tourism icon of the state

Be a hub for eco tourism, bush walking and nature tours.

Be a location of excellence in renewable energy sources.

Be known for its inclusivity and diversity in community values.

Have a railway service that links with Bunbury and Perth - dual use for passenger and tourist trains as well as goods for mining, timber and farming industries.

Make the 'bridge' in Bridgetown a feature by doing some 'big' events associated with the bridge. Maybe light it up with solar powered display lighting. Make it a reason people want to visit our beautiful town.

Be a more family friendly town with great parks (like Donnybrook) that will attract more tourists to the area boosting the economy.

Be a more vibrant town for tourists. Shops and cafes open until 5pm on weekends and public holidays.

More places to sit and gather around town. Maintain the river park and memorial park better. Sometimes the grass is so long in memorial park I can't see my chihuahua!

Better parking. Get rid of the parking along the main street. That's the most dangerous thing of all, it's not the speed limit. It's people ducking out between cars to cross the road. Get rid of the 40kph speed limit as all it's done is move the traffic to the side streets where the speed limit is 50 kph. This is where children play. I live in a street just before the 40kph sign and I have noticed a rise in passing traffic.

Be a place for all ages - Young families, youth and those of Senior years. There will be a focus on business development that will bring about employment for those who already live in the Shire or are looking to move there. Lessons will be learnt from all that COVID has brought to us all and the impacts that it has on community, will be turned around and put to a positive use. Perhaps more home based businesses, but with a business hub in Town. Bridgetown is a lovely place, but seems to have just taken the path of less resistance - roads, rates and rubbish. Don't be left behind by your neighbours.

Be a place where all residents either in Bridgetown or outer areas are well catered for in sport, shops, medical/hospital care.

Be a place where people want to live and visit. Where ratepayers, business can live, operate and make improvements to their property unhindered by red tape and rigid policy

Be a sort after place to live and to visit, like Busselton and Margaret River

Be a sustainable and environmentally friendly town. Gym refurbished.

Be a thriving country town where all age groups are catered for in both amenities, services and recreation areas for residents and tourists. I think we are heading in the right direction now.



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Be a tourism destination, especially the aboriginal heritage of the area. Take parking off Hampton St to allow more alfresco dining and open up the whole shopping precinct.

Be a tourist destination of choice.

Be a town which provides for the needs of all residents and visitors so money is spent in the town.

be a town with the same great community spirit and values even though it will probably be bigger with more people having moved here

be a vibrant community and townscape that people will feel energised by and want to visit and spend time here enjoying the upmarket facilities in town and fabulous outdoor natural environment.

Be a vibrant community utilising the strengths and creativeness of the locals in all areas. Promote the local groups/organisations as a vital partner for the Shire. Be proactive rather than reactive.

be a vibrant inclusive community to live in.

Be able to be a 'destination' town whilst still retaining country values and standards.

Be affordable and family friendly. More facilities, easier to access, flexible planning regulations to run a business from home without so many restrictions. More shire involved eventn instead of relying so heavily on time poor volunteers. Better access to education, health and recreation facilities. Better supermarkets.

Be an art and music centre. Will have another festival.

Be an attractive tourist destination for people looking to connect to environmental pursuits (eg. Mountain bikes walk trails)

Be as "green" as possible. Keep our town safe, and free from smog/bad air; reduce vehicle emissions.

Be attracting funding and fostering growth similar to Manjimup now. Revise subdivision rules to enable special rural subdivision across the board.

be better staffed so as to able to more appropriately and timely serve ratepayers and community members.

Be carbon neutral or better. Vastly better recycling.

Be clean and green

Be clean. (Rubbish to be collected regularly from roadside and parking areas) and will invite more business into town. Will develop new walking tracks and maintain the existing ones. Clean up the verges regularly.

Be exactly the same because the Shire is focused on roads rates and rubbish and community services such as library and swimming pool.

Planning approval and strategic economic development and facilitation is way behind.

Be famous for its beautiful parks, recreation areas abundance of mature trees and nature reserves and community gardens. Attracting many visitors to this unique environmnetally friendly town.

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Be focused more on families. To offer support and funding towards facilities and events which help parents and children. The birth rate has increased in Bridgetown and young families need support.

Be able to manage the leisure centre better so the pool is able to be used more frequently. Perhaps heating and or a pool cover. It is sad that rate payers have to go to Manjimup.

Be greener and less developed.

Be highly responsive to the needs to mitigate the effects of climate change on the shire and its residents and visitors. The shire facilitates the establishment of an 'incubator facility for small new businesses (including recycling) that provides office facilities and technical support for people with good ideas for new local businesses.

Be in position of more people.

Be in the same position it's always been in unless there is a leadership change. Elizabeth Denniss just looks after her own horse projects and nothing else.

Be innovative in the areas of building, sustainability, conservation and community projects. The Shire will be more connected to the people, more supportive and open minded to projects and new initiatives. The Shire will be more of a representation of the town with employees reflecting the diversity of our community ie: more varied ages, backgrounds and skills.

Be leading the way in regional towns in environmental initiatives (community solar, no single use items, excellent waste management and good local education on waste minimization...)

Fully tourist focused - great Visitor Centre and Jigsaw Gallery facility; excellent signage; effective marketing of the area; excellent public toilet facilities.

Well maintained and sign posted walk trails through our beautifully preserved bush areas as well as a town trail along the railway reserve linking the Art Trail and all the towns attractions...VC, Jigsaw gallery, Old Goal, Railway Station, Community Garden, Kim Perrier's sculpture garden and our river foreshore.

Be more for the ratepayers than themselves. Building and planning more efficient.

Be more interested in providing facilities for residents and stop trying to attract tourists so that a select few can profit.

Be more proactive with funding and grants to get the mountain bike trails happening and advertise it.

Be more user friendly place to live for seniors. There will be no spraying of roundup in the Shire. Footpaths will be prioritised and maintained. Local wildlife will be protected and pests like rabbits and foxes removed.

Be not changed to be like a Margaret River like town. Bridgetown Greenbushes has its own uniqueness.

Be part of the Greater Manjimup council

Be proactive! And not awaiting complaints from the community before taking action on issues needing fixing.

Be responsive to community concerns about the impact of invading species for example blackberry infestation, particularly alongside road verges. After asking several times for the Shire to eradicate this vegetation pest the Shire just ignores pleas to spray or destroy, even though the vegetation is accessible.



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Be run by younger, dynamic, forward thinking, innovative people. It will do less talking & paperwork and more action. And will be balancing economy + environment + community care with all seen as equally important.

Be self sufficient in renewable energy.

Be a progressive community while preserving historical roots

A major tourist destination with more assortment of tourist attractions

A variety of retail stores on offer with full occupancy.

A place where people want to live and work - improving the economy etc

A place where visitors and residents feel safe.

Be taken over by rabbits. Need biomass recycling. Employment.

Be the No. 1 Tourist attraction in the SouthWest provided all developments are complimentary to our heritage.

be the same as it is now albeit with some population growth

be the tourist centre of the southwest!

Be the train line operational, different areas linking up with bridle trails, byways and walk trails (like England) getting people more off the main highway. Things to appeal to the 18-35 y.o age group.

Be utilising local talent and skills for all landscaping, architectural and building projects, encouraging and supporting local initiatives that aim to make the shire (and its people) more resilient, sustainable, renewable and self sufficient. Buy local, grow local, support local include renewable community power grid. Be ethical!

Become a leader in renewable energy & technology. Try to educate elderly: electric vehicle use is a start.

Become apart of another more honest local shire is Manjimup or Donnybrook.

Become more ecological, aware and to play our part in lowering our carbon foot prints.

Better access to GPs, long wait for GP appointments.

Better and more walking paths, play grounds and parks.

Bypass road for heavy vehicles.

Better care and preservation of fauna, bushland and road verges. Less emphasis on tourism and more on productive industries.

Better community engagement and development. More work with youth and aged

Better educated, will offer training and employment for young people.

Better facilities for people with disabilities

Better facilities for young people. Pump track, decent park with update swings. Cheaper entry to the pool, more centralised country club.

Better Main Street management. Beautification of the creek behind the shops, it could be incorporated in the art trail.

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Better maintained in terms of infrastructure. Have a future plan in place for renewable energy, road, footpath and verge maintenance, Attractive retirement village living and a more proactive shire team.

Better maintenance of all roads - pruning etc.

better maybe

Better medical services and policing.

Better police presence - improve unsociable behaviour. A new event to attract more tourists. Run down areas improved.

Better roads.

better run and not so much top heavy with people who are doing nothing

Better supermarket.

BETTER THAN NOW

Better use of the Blackwood river eg: small water events, food truck events, pop up outdoor theatre, Easter egg hunt, cafe riverside

Enough jobs to go around

Best practice in prevention of fire disasters

More cafes open at night

Glamping accommodation

Making the pool indoor and heated

Better utilisation of the Blackwood River for residents and tourists, eg a cafe on the banks of the river overlooking the river. Support for residents outside of the town with improved roads and recreation facilities.

Greater use of electric vehicles including the shire adopting electric vehicles in its fleet for staff provided vehicles.

Use of the railway line for a tourist purpose.

Reopening of the railway line from North Greenbushes to reduce truck traffic north of Greenbushes to improve overall road safety.

Safer rural roads with actual controls enforced for large trucks like log trucks

Bigger better skate park, more areas for youth focused activities, thriving community music and arts scene - a better blues festival with bigger diversity of artists. utilising the blackwood and local forrest river more for tourism

Bigger shopping centres

New toilet facilities in the parks

Faster building approvals

Revamp rail areas

Bridgetown has to wake up to drive tourism harder, we need to be more proactive to help grow our town as a destination not a stop along the way.

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Bridgetown to be still here. I feel the shire needs to source other options and funding to get things done. It is way behind the other towns around the area and as it is such a lovely town we need to keep it surviving and more. Source out funding for children, business and upkeep of the town. Economy of the town will follow IF we can get a progressive shire. We seem to have a reactive one currently

Build a by-pass road around town (therefore no heavy traffic in Hampton Road) and develop the town into an historic, attractive village. Plant more deciduous trees in parks.

Bushfire safe; all shops occupied; river park as unrestricted as it is today, environment, youth and culture key priorities for shire services.

By 2030, the Shire of Bridgetown Greenbushes will have the rail-line up and running again or some sort of heavy vehicle bypass constructed.

By pass for the trucks.

By Pass Road

Cease logging in the Shire

No Fracking

Giving Bridgetown a bigger 'presence' in the South West. (Speak to anyone in Perth and most have heard of Bridgetown - so many even know someone who lives here - but what is it famous for. Margs...wine; Manjimup....Truffles; Busselton...Jetty; Bridgetown...? We know its 'Simply Beautiful' - but so are the other places.

Bypass crossing with lights in main CBD.

Bypass for trucks. Develop larger shelters BBQ by river.

carbon neutral & recycling at their community services e.g. library

Cater for the aged.

Beautify the Main Street

Make the river more accessible for users by removing fallen trees and obstacles

Have a greater 'can do' attitude

Have public wifi

Create a distinct light industrial area

Added cctv surveillance

Cater for the elderly, beautify the Main Street, beautify the river walk by making river more accessible, increase amenities south of the town, public wifi Upgrade other accessible walks, obtain more cctv cameras for safety reasons

Change foot paths, curbs, walk ways, parking. Better signs for caravan parking and trailer etc.

cherish and fund improvements for its natural environment particularly weed management. Be an all inclusive place for people. Have a climate plan to reduce global warming.

Cleaner. The creek through the memorial park is disgusting.

Cleaning up the old B P building site, and safe footpaths in town.

Community activities events

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Community power - solar grid/wind power. Continue to green and beautify town - gardens. Improvements to recycling - tipshop - jobs in line to Denmark Shire.

Consider how to attract more tourism in the area. Maintain areas to prevent things looking run down (walkway and waterway near library) repair damages quickly (wall damaged near post office for months)

Construct main centre bypass along disused rail line in the town of Bridgetown.

Continue to be a favoured destination for visitors into the South West and a strong family and community environment.

Continue to be a friendly and supportive town. Continued support of festivals and events. It will have a heated swimming pool that can be used more of the year than currently. It will be a leader in recycling and sustainability

It will be a boutique town with limited chain type stores

Continue to be welcoming to visitors - easy access to local information - history etc. keep a natural country look. Support small business - no big corporations.

Continuing to address concerns for issues affecting the aged and disabled in the community

More upgrading of footpaths in the CBD especially where trip hazards occur

Continued support for the running of the River Park Markets

Support revegetation projects in degraded bush areas especially on Shire or Crown land

Have a newly restored Shire and Lesser Hall

Could improve with Street Lighting along Main Street (Sympathic Style).

Would love to see the Bridgetown Tourist Bureau Facilities a little more updated. Would love to see an investment or fund raising from local residents (small fee over 10 year plan) to Upgrade the Old Train Station and make it more like the Donnybrook Renovated Station) That area of the town side could be made so much more welcoming and hope to attract some sort of small business there to make the place of interest to visit. the Pool and Library are fantastic!! I love the area 10 years here I feel Safe here and Love the way it is managed. It would be lovely to re route the big log trucks ( I know it has been planned and thought of, but another Well thought plan to re route them. (It is so dangerous with the narrow road and parked cars and people traffic. The river foreshore plan along the river could be improved as it is an ongoing plan. Preserve it even more. (I love the walk way track. I know it was possibly thought of extending it but the impact was a problem and costs. But I think it would be even greater for a tourist and Local walk if it was extended. I know it would cause some destruction but the plants and trees can and would be revegetated . the walk way would be a fantastic tourist walk. Overall they work hard for tourism here.

Covered in swimming pool. Bigger caravan area for Greenbushes. More roadside picking.

Cut red tape, understand the needs of locals and tourists, communicate with the community, seek grants, make Bridgetown simply beautiful.

Cycle tracks akin to Manjimup's cycle tracks.

Walking paths to the main estates like Highlands and Four Seasons.

More restaurants for evening dining.

Pedestrian crossing for school children in the highway.

Mini round about at the Steere st Hampton st intersection.

Indoor playground.

Indoor pool with water slides.

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Dealing with rubbish recylin. Looking after blocked roadside drains and edges of roads.

Decent roads, better parking (disabled included).

Detour Heavy Traffic Bypass around main street .

Cover and heat the public swimming pool.

Promote the town as a beautiful place to live & work & holiday.

Develop more economical residential retirement accommodation .

Modernize & increase the number of rest rooms

Develop a more comprehensive recycling programme

Enhance and encourage economic development

Work constructively with home builders to encourage them to build to environmental conditions

Encourage and assist tourism services

Develop the Main Street

Establish more gardens and parks

Establish a tourist attraction by developing the railway station and track into a train museum with old steam trains And restaurants.

Encourage private investment into tourist attractions ( would help job creation )

Bridgetown to become the garden centre of Western Australia.

Development for environmentally responsible amenities for local and visitor use, along the creeks and river foreshore and nature walks.

Development of Greenbushes central precinct to cater for tourism and visitors.

Electric vehicle charging station situated in the town of Greenbushes.

A more progressive, modern & professional Shire office and staff aligned to the communities need and values.

More residential blocks in Greenbushes released for building houses for families.

Development of the park in the highlands. A cycleway into town from highlands.

Do something to attract tourists such as walk trails, river frontage. Do something with BP land such as parkland.

Do their job and act and look after curbs eg cut grass, clean up more. Make footpaths up Steer St more gopher friendly, (not) make them level.

don't take out too many more loans, instead, increase the council rates to cover the yearly budget needs.

Effort should be made to preserve both Bridgetown/Greenbushes natural and historical assets.

Embrace alternative technology

Embrace tourism, spruce up the town, showcase its history.

encourage popup shops and attractions, have encouraged more facilities and attractions for younger families and professionals. I also think it is important to have a proper enclosed dog exercise area. The showgrounds is not a good place for off lead dog walking as there is no full enclosure and the gates there anyone could climb under and pose no impediment to a dog. I think it is important that there is a place I can safely take my dog to exercise while I exercise too off lead.

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Enhancement of river park area near bridge i.e. picnic tables / gardens. Attraction of small industry.

Enough capital works to keep and maintain Bridgetown at the Status Quo. Bridgetown may lose it's appeal of a sleepy , peaceful, beautiful, retirement or semi retirement location due to over beautification  
Some of the historic buildings could be restored, the railway line be made operable again

Enough services for the people here, good access to local health services, work and employment for including the youth in the community. More (many more) services and things to do for young people.  
Reasons for families to come and stay.

Environmentally focused & sustainable. Improved main street with truck diverted routes to improve local business area. Dual pathways / walkways from estates into town.

environmentally sustainable  
still free from corona virus  
quality of open spaces maintained and not ruined by an citycentric attitude  
NO COLES OR WOOLIES  
preservation of our heritage main street and support for all local businesses .  
a leisure centre that offers as much as it did 10 years ago

Expand shops- for example coles or Woolworths. Improve roads and improved access to facilities- opening the pool for more weeks and HEATING the pool!

Expand the art trail  
Have an art gallery/cultural precinct.  
An alternate traffic route for trucks or open the railway again.  
A shopping mall through the center of town, closed to traffic.  
The installation of Carbon Nature sculpture park.  
The continuing beautification of Geegeelup Brook, with flora and fauna natural to our area, similar to what Cheryl Hamence initiated some years ago.  
Subsidized gas availability.  
Subsidized solo power.  
Elimination of the use of pesticides and plastics - ban them.  
Education on the vital importance of living in an environmentally sustainable way.

Expand the number of computer facilities in the library or into another building for kids to study so we have better educated kids that go on to better careers.

develop one of the public parks so people use them more eg both Donnybrook fun park and Manji timber park are better than our efforts.

bus service to all suburbs on weekend for kids to travel to friends around shire

facilitate private business growth and activity; be flexible and amenable to change to allow businesses to thrive

have a Rec Centre that is proactive in creating sports activities/competitions for all ages. At present it is always outsiders (ie residents) who initiate these types of competitions.

investigate funding (gov, lottery west, SWDC) to create cycling/walking tracks to encourage visitors/tourists



## What are your biggest goals, hopes and aspirations for the local area?

Facilitate the retention & growth of business in the Shire. Personally to be able to safely access our property with a main road, i.e. by car or on foot. To be able to vacate our property safely in the event of a bushfire. Currently one way in / the same way out.

Far more emphasis placed on beautifying the town and making the entrances more appealing.

Fenced dog exercise area.

Fire hazard reduction. Traffic in Hampton St. Bridgetown needs a bypass.

Fix the Railway Station don't lose this Gem.

Make Bridgetown the hub for South West travel, we are central to the area make use of the location.

Focus on being a caring community and don't worry about growth - quality vs quantity.

Focus on tourism .Winter lights through the street of Bridgetown as our winter wonderland very poor for the last few years .More cafes and restaurants

Foot paths for the local residents .older people should be able to use for walking ,riding gophers without going on roads . Actively support local events held within the shire .create a free camping area for travelers to rest or stay for 48 hours. Create a parking spot for caravans close to shopping area on Main Street like old mobile depot Hampton st would like to see something done to old railway station . Goods shed is a waste of time

For the shire to start listening to real locals not city folk who bought a block and want city to still be at the doors. To start managing its landholders and stop supporting groups like biosecurity non sense and hire proper personel to do culls audits and enforce fines. Put the money into landcare, vol fires and groups who know what their talking about.

Frankly with this Shire I'm not holding my breath.

Free school bus to return. A public bus servicing the outer estates. More elective surgeries in our hospital

Full upgrade of shire owned or leased buildings.

Further develop walking and cycle trails and promote tourism in general. Support and develop initiatives for the youth of Bridgetown..

Get the landlords to renovate their premises. Freemasons hotel in particular. Lets have some pride in the town we live in!!

Good tourist destination for families and people in general to help shops etc to thrive. Working with mine site for more stable jobs. Making batteries (lithium) here rather than overseas! Not so much red tape to go through with Shire.

Great play areas, government tourist attractions. Estates works (curbing) mowing landscapes completed as this money was given to the Shire many years ago however work to make all estates appealing has not commenced. Some look complete / good due to owner works taking place only.

## What are your biggest goals, hopes and aspirations for the local area?

Greater emphasis on tourism and history tourism. This is the Shire's weakness, no emphasis on marketing the town as an historic town, which could be done through the new Southern Forests Tourism Association. The town doesn't have a Welcome RVs sign, which would immediately say caravans/motorhomes/travellers aren't welcome.

Dual signage on road signs e.g. the bridge signs, with Indigenous name alongside Western name.

Remove heavy haulage from Hampton Street (the 40 kms isn't being adhered to).

Encourage more rail use from Greenbushes to Bunbury

Allow subdivision of larger blocks as people age rather than expect them to move house

Greater local independence with food, power

Greenbushes will be a gated community

Hampton Street full of shops, cafes, restaurants.

have a balanced population with growth in the family demographic,

have some sort of activity based tourism attraction based on the rail corridor,

have at least one revenue raising major tourism attraction,

have a strong policy of sustainability, have a vibrant and engaged arts community and programs,

have successful youth engagement programmes,

maintain a balanced agricultural sector

Have a better maintenance structure and execution of maintenance especially gravel roads around the smaller towns or siding.

Have a better sense of community solidarity. A much better hospital. (Currently the staffing issues are abhorrent and terrible nursing care! Below standard). More fetes, music festivals, book clubs. Improve the skate park!! (This has been promised to our youth for years). More for local youth. Youth Action Group!!! Drop in centre.

Have a bypass and food restaurant.

Have a bypass road for trucks! A new Tourist Bureau - easy to find.

Have a bypass through town to get trucks off the main st and create some parking. Manage budget to upgrade rural roads.

Have a can do shire, encourage new residents to build here, boost tourism and be recipients of government funding

Have a canopy for the municipal pool. Have a bypass to Hampton St / town centre. Have recognition of the heritage buildings in the town - e.g. Railway Station

Have a cleaner roadside verges with tree letter cleared, not left to rot by the roadside.

Have a community focussed Community Development Dept who will work with the community to lift and support all community groups in the Shire.

Have a database that accurately documents the Shire's demographics. Use this information to ensure that services encompass this diversity. Creatively enhance/expand existing services. Don't downsize them. Ensure surveys provide clarity, eg split "access to health and community services". One may be happy with the health services but not community services or happy with some community services.

## **What are your biggest goals, hopes and aspirations for the local area?**

Have a diverse sustainable plan that draws from all facets to ensure a vibrant community with suitable up to date infrastructure for all groups.

Have a gas pipeline. Conversion of the railway line to a cycling and walking track.

Have a growing population and not just a place for retirees to move to.

Have a heated pool, therapy pool.

Have all empty shops filled, possibly by making leases cheaper to be accessible to more business opportunities.

Have the railway back as operational

Have a heated pool. Senior citizens centre. Bypass for lorries.

Have a high school to year 12. Excellent facilities. Be a safe place. Have things to do for teenagers. Better employment options.

have a highly visible and impactful youth and art initiatives.

have a visible community calendar of events in the region, and have significantly increased support given by Shire to smaller regional events ie grant writing support.

There will be dual naming of towns and significant sites.

The Shire will visibly acknowledge its Aboriginal cultural heritage and support First Nations initiatives that foster community connectedness and reconciliation.

The Shire will have a RAP and will proactively delivering on its commitments to the community.

Environmental impact from Greenbushes Mine will be proactively managed.

There will no longer be noise and light pollution from the mine.

Greenbushes Pool will become a protected area, saved for local and tourists to enjoy without impact from the mine.

Roads will be created to divert trucks servicing mine and forestry in the area so to minimise light and noise pollution which currently is a disgrace for residents living in close proximity to the highway and down right dangerous on the main road of the town site.

The Shire will work together with property owners to maintain and enhance heritage buildings (the current state of some heritage building is a disgrace).

The Shire will have a Food and Tourism Strategy. This will include a food and agri -tourism/educational hub.

The region has a food system that recognises and values indigenous cultural knowledge and practices. The food system supports vibrant, healthy, connected and 100% food secure communities. It is normal for everyone to buy local food. Food is grown locally rather than imported, and is available to consumers in a convenient manner at a diverse array of local markets and outlets, including a Food Hub.

Food is produced in a manner that supports a replenished ecology, and is sustained by secure water catchments. The regions food system enjoys mutually beneficial relationships with adjacent food producing regions, is innovative and supported by appropriate-scale regulation. It nourishes a sharing and diverse economy, and is supported by a range of coordinated government agencies and other food system stakeholders.

## What are your biggest goals, hopes and aspirations for the local area?

have a large enough population to sustain local businesses and a good level of investment in local infrastructure - but without becoming Balga-in-the-Bush.

Have a larger shopping centre.

Smaller blocks around town for residents who do not want five acre plots

retirement village for over 55s with a choice of 2 and 3 bedroom homes with some garden space around them.

Have a new CEO and councillors with new vibrant ideas who will make our community a more sought after destination for visitors and to attract more residents.

Have a new CEO and more progressive senior staff. Especially someone who can access more grant monies.

Better recycling system  
Be/Think more GREEN

Have a new CEO. Will have a Head Gardener that [sensitive information removed]. Will have a Ranger service that is available on weekends and returns calls. Will have planned for the future. Will have a river playground like Bright, Victoria. Will have a heavy haulage bypass around the main street. Will assist with progress not defeat it. Will have a community that is proud of its Shire that wont be known as the worst Shire in the South West. Will have upgraded local road surfaces ie. Barlee Street south side. Will have created more opportunities for youth and school leavers.

Have a new fresh senior management team that is free from the encombant staffing moral and social dynamics that are preventing staff from being respected for their hard work.

The shire will be focused on how to build capacity in it's employees and will no longer treat employees with first hand knowledge who speak up as people with negative attitudes.

The management team will manage the experience and reflective ideas generated by it's specialist work force instead of trying to come up with the ideas and force unwilling employees to enact floored and ill conceived "brainwaves by managers" .

I would like to see a community that was united and had respect for it's self.

I would like to also see a break from the social elites dominating council and a shift to a more scientific evidence based management of our social resources.

Have a place of historic and current acknowledgement of Aboriginal culture so visitors and the Bridgetown community can show respect and understand their history.

Hopefully have clean solar energy.

Have domestic cats under complete controle in that they must be fenced in and on a lead or in a cage.

Promote and value multi cultural tourism and new community members and business

Have a pool that functions properly would be nice. A pool that can be used year around and is free from duck crap.

Also see the town as a vibrant and ever evolving hub of creativity.

Have a positive wish to improve out town especially the visual look, gardens, buildings etc.

## What are your biggest goals, hopes and aspirations for the local area?

Have a proper bypass for trucks with a new bridge to make the main shopping area safe for pedestrians and especially the elderly.

Have a range of recreationa/sporting offerings for locals and tourists as well as offering experiences in the culinary/wine/arts areas.

Have a reliable and efficient bus service that serves the whole of Bridgetown and Manjimup and Bunbury.

Have a 'ring road' to divert the heavy vehicles away from the main shopping precinct.

Have a Shire President that has a more sympathetic ear for the public instead of pushing his own agendas. The public have concerns which should not be ignored, nor merely tolerated. Some Councillors don't seem to have an opinion and I was disgusted to see them sleeping while Council was in session and only roused to follow the President's Vote.

Have a sustainable environment with residents happy with direction of the Shire and their use of our natural assets.

Have a thriving local ecommerce with strong local shops and businesses. Have a good variety of places to eat out, both during the day and in the evening. Have some sort of heavy haulage deviation in place to get trucks off the main street.

Have a totally new management team, that is more progressive and treats ratepayers with respect.

Have a train service to Bunbury and a new railway station.

The shop/business owners and their landlords to be encouraged to upgrade the exterior of their buildings.

More footpaths to be available, especially in the town zones for school children particularly.

The river banks to be cleared of non native vegetation and planted with native plants and wildflowers.

The river walk between The Rectory and Greys Hill to be upgraded to a better standard than the previous upgrade.

More facilities for teenagers.

With all the new subdivisions, there is a requirement for a larger supermarket. Coles or Woolies should be encouraged to set up on land just outside of the main town.

West Blackwood Terrace to be bitumenised. There's enough properties there to warrant it.

Verges in the town zone and surrounds to be cleared of debris and verge lawns mowed.

Regular street cleaning in around the town zone.

Street tree planting in new subdivisions.

Heated swimming pool would be nice.

Regular maintenance of Somme Creek and its surrounding vegetation.

Have a vibrant, well organised and well run Youth Centre for local teenagers. The remaining gravel roads will be sealed. The Shire will maintain and better manage the land between the roadside and fencelines of rural properties. The Shire will refurbish the historic Town Hall, ensuring it once again takes its place as the focal point of our town.

have a waste to energy plant

Have adequate parking to support business in the centre of town. Manage a local road network to be proud of. Fulfil its responsibilities to manage the Bridgetown greater sportsground.

Have all residential streets sealed or maintained yearly

Have an aged population requiring more accessible services ie medical and aged care. Employment.

## **What are your biggest goals, hopes and aspirations for the local area?**

Have an amazing river with lots of things to do and see there. Easier building and planning permits.

Have an independent, sustainable electricity system. Efficient recycling system.

Have an indoor pool added to the current complex. The skate park will be up there with the best in Regional WA, incorporating outdoor sporting complex, well lit for evening competitions of basketball etc; Substantial, well researched and planned children's playground - security cameras in place and working. The "PC we've ticked the boxes" oversized/underused monstrosities loosely referred to as "gym" equipment will have long gone from this area and Somme Park will be clean with pathways meandering through an interesting parkland incorporating a family friendly picnic area with toilets. The Main Street will rival main streets in Donnybrook and Balingup with its beautiful plantings and evenly paved pavements enhancing and complimenting the lively store fronts. The poorly surfaced main road with its health and safety hazard lumps and bumps will have been replaced by a smooth surface, enabling a safe traverse from one side to the other without tripping up in the middle of a busy road. The piece of wasteland on the left at the southern end of the Main Street will have been purchased by the Shire and developed into a garden area with seating and toilets, enabling strollers to take a breather/eat the ice cream they've just purchased and re-group ready for the next leg of their journey. Both ends of town will be welcoming, neat and tidy with garden beds always in bloom and well cared for, giving people the idea to break their journey here rather than elsewhere. The old Kordics building, the packing sheds and the land in front of and surrounding it that looked so unsightly and uninviting in 2020, will have been removed or tastefully renovated and utilised with parking available thus complimenting the Fats complex and promoting a stop off point for visitors. The tired, uninteresting and boring "play" equipment at the old boat park a little further down the road will have been replaced by a family friendly area with a maze made from a native hedge to encourage families to play together, plenty of garden bench type seating and barbecue area, complete with a modern toilet block incorporating wheelchair facilities accessible from both the park and the street. Large street signs at all entries into Bridgetown giving clear directions to caravan parking area in Steere Street, disabled parking areas, gas refill facility and toilet facilities ensuring that visitors know they can break their stay here and know exactly where is the best spot for their parking needs. Disabled parking will be dotted around town enabling everybody to access our beautiful part of the world.

Have an updated main street and side streets, provide more entertainment for residents, maintain roads better, offer numerous culturally diverse restaurant options, more medical and allied health professional and specialist functions, provide ratepayers with value for money from rates

Have better tourist facilities. Better local roads, more footpaths, stricter laws governing feral animals. Particularly cats. Stricter laws governing cleaning of land particularly roadside verges by farmers (re)building fences. Better fire management eg more firebreaks.

Have cleaned up the road verge areas on the north entrance to the town maybe even planted new vegetation.

Have constructed more designated walk paths and cyclepaths and people will be enjoying them. Make the town more aging friendly, safe places to cross roads. Remove heavy haulage from the town centre.

Have cycle/pathways ways throughout the extended areas of Bridgetown like Highlands Estate, Windy Hollows, Four Seasons and Bridgetown Gardens to connect the community to the central area of Bridgetown



## **What are your biggest goals, hopes and aspirations for the local area?**

Have decent Councillors and staff who actually act to serve the needs of the community they are elected to represent or are employed by to act in the interests of the wider majority community. Currently too much vested personal interests and arrogant egos getting in way on any real meaningful connection and communication to the community by Shire Councillors and some staff. This is an amazing town with amazing people and group achieving lots in spite of Shire, not because of it.

Have embraced it's heritage status and used the potential of that to it's fullest. The town's buildings restored. It will be enjoying the benefits to all of increased tourism while preserving it's unique character. The Shire and community will actively be working TOGETHER in an harmonious partnership to see the town growing into a more and more satisfying place to live and visit.

Have enough retirement homes and aged facilities and more projects to involve youths in increased tourism ventures.

Have expanded significantly on the back of the Lithium mining and associated developments including processing application of 'battery' associated industries.

Have footpaths

Have footpaths linking the "sports" ground and road to Highlands estate. Skatepark!! Use of Somme Creek grassed area.

Have footpaths to town from local streets so we don't fall over. The bridgetown pool will be heated so we don't have to travel 35kms to Manjimup for a swim and warm water for our aching bones and will then spend money locally rather than another town. The shire will be more transparent and when we fill out these surveys they will be listened to, rather than work with their own agenda.

Have Geegeelup Brook a feature of the town. Have the old "Koridcs" site transformed into a Community Space with playground, cafes - more welcoming. It is at present a dead spot and unsightly.

Have great roads and parking in town.

Have greatly improved use of railway track - whether it be pulled up and beautified and visible by pedestrians or continued as rail but actually used. Also action taken with beautification or use of empty central and critical parts of town such as disused, deserted vacant blocks (e.g. old BP depot). Also developemtn of rear aspect of main street along the Geegelup Brook from the war memorial park right through to the main bridge.

Have grown and developed (not massively or unsustainably) and be a town/shire that encourages people and businesses to move here.

It will have done more for its young people (new youth centre and employment opportunities).  
It will be drug and crime free.

Have heavy haulage bypass up graded main street. Improved caravan park area upgraded parking especailly for older residence. More recycling.

Have improved public transport options and have moved to renewable energy sources.

Have increased in population. Have increase access to medical care. Greater employment opportuntunties. Increase tourism. Improved trails. Opportunities for locals and tourists.

Have installed a heated pool for the use of senior citizens.

## What are your biggest goals, hopes and aspirations for the local area?

have its own microgrid; have safe footpaths, have verge gardens, have youth engaged in actively enhancing our town, reduced waste-vibrant tip-shop, pro-active support to eliminate vandalism/drug-abuse, community and council/shire to co-operate as allies

have led the state forward with high speed 'wired' broadband internet, via fibre optic cables... Negated the dangers from Wireless Devices by banning any 5G infrastucture, banning the use of WiFi in Schools and all public buildings.

have less partially empty housing developments  
more competitive shopping/food outlets

Have made Geegeelup Brook behind the shops into a more natural brook with the western side concrete "wall" removed, than planted with native plants and provide a walkway as a tourist attraction - rather than looking like the local drain.

Have more activities/festivals supported by the Shire to entice people to come to our town, stay and spend money in our town. Look at how the Nannup Shire supports the town. Have mountain bike trails to tie in with Nannup and Collie.

have more areas for young people to hang out and play sport. They'll spend money upgrading or creating areas for the locals to use. Focus on practicality, not aesthetics.

Have more attrations for tourists. As beautiful Bridgetown is and is attractive to visit. I find there is some think lacking. I would like to see Bridgetonw to become a greater destination for cycling, mountain biking.

Have more doctors.

Have more entertainment for kids.

Have more facilities and access for seniors and the disabled. More for tourist to do. More emphasis on public gardens and arts and crafts. More facilities activities for children in later primary school and early teens and a Shire who encourage and help people to achieve their dreams rather than finding barriers to stop them. Indoor swimming pool for year round exercise and therapy. Have more recycling.

Have more for visitors to do, families to play, we do the blues and other things but nothing family orientated for family's to stop and play at a nice playground, to eat at local businesses and purchase at local shops.

have more resources and help for the aged and aging population residents.  
have more parking  
better north entrance area to the town

Have more social activities for people to do. More trails, more shire backing for community groups. Less staff within the office and those there would be more productive. Focus on tourism and development

Have much the same population, will not have Coles, Woolworths or Aldi, will have a restored railway station building and an alternative route for log trucks.

Have open communication with the community. Stop trying to force its ideas onto ratepayers. Listen to the community.

Have population growth that will drive economic and social development. Grow as a tourist destination. Have improved facilities and attractions for visitors and residents.

## **What are your biggest goals, hopes and aspirations for the local area?**

Have properly maintained roads and easily accessible parking for residents and visitors. Also more access to our natural attractions eg. River at multiple locations.

Have safer and better maintained roads.

have schools with arts and music programs that reflect the rich cultural life of the town. It will be powered by 100% renewable energy, require no landfill facility on account of it actively engaging in recycling initiatives. There will be plenty of work for people of all ages in environmental, recycling and caring jobs.

Have sealed roads with adequate drainage! Sealed walk trails along the river, not gravel for elderly/disabled to slip on. Sufficient shade/cover in local parks and local parking areas.

Have solar power

Have a better visitor center

Have some cycle paths where it is safe.

Have somethings to do for visitors - we are always going elsewhere to entertain them. Support its youth in ways other than just lip service. Allow restaurants/cafes in places that make the most of our beautiful views. Have regular festivals to increase community connection and vibrancy.

Have the rail operating again, have a designated truck path around and not through the Town.

Housing and population growth will have increased as we will have certifiers in planning and building who believe in a progressive timing in all approvals recognising that it is the people who make the Town.

Our rural verges will be cleared of all dead wood on a regular basis providing low water needing plants.

Have the same amount spent on upgrading the town and surrounding area as Manjimup has had. There has been millions spent in Manjimup, new hospitals, roads , covered in streets, museums plus, yet the town is just about dead. Why can't this shire get funding like they do?

Have to have a bypass

Have upgraded the Main Street to accommodated stay a while tourism for shopping, meals and cafe use. More outdoor seating allowed without cafes having to pay for it. More attention to the streetscape ( use Nannup as an example). More attention, care and maintenance to historical street scape and more done with the Railway Station.

Have upgraded the river walk trail. It is in such disrepair. Pot holes all along the track. This could be one of the best features of the town if it was upgraded, advertised better.

Better promotion of local wildflowers and orchids. If you visit boyup brook or northcliffe visitors centres, there is A lot of information and knowledgeable staff in relation to wildflowers. This could be a big draw card for tourism.

Having a town that attracts tourists which in turn supports local business and employment.

I would hope that the Shire applies for many grant funding options, which supports a progressive environment for tourist participation eg street scaping, support of art projects or maintaining the building facades.

Environment issues are more thoroughly addressed eg Geegeelup creek and weeds.

Having more on the Council who are easier to get on with and more caring about our town. A youth centre up and running. The board walk at the river, up and walkable. Request handled quicker and friendlier. Promoting our town as a garden town. Xmas decorations in town are very poor.

## What are your biggest goals, hopes and aspirations for the local area?

Health services (especially for seniors). Improved rural roads. Heated pool. More support for community groups. Youth engagement and development programs. Community Education programs.

Highway diverted. Council more answerable to their decisions.

Honest, community minded councillors and workers. Will who live here to be safe and enjoy all the old Bridgetown had to offer.

Hope that Government improves:

- Main Streets appearance, roads and footpaths.
- Improves local government buildings. E.g. Town hall is run down and could do at the very least with a coat of paint internally.
- Better standard of public toilets that visitors can use

Generally, The parks and environment are great but do need continual care and maintenance

Hope that people from Perth stop moving down so price of houses and blocks lower.

Hope the Shire can provide road improvements, improve sporting facilities and more engagement with events. Don't rely solely on community groups.

Hopefully another supermarket like Coles or Woolies and food outlets that don't over charge.

Hopefully have a heavy haulage bypass & contrary to some negatives, the town will flourish & be a safe place to go shopping

Hopefully have a heavy haulage route that is away from Hampton Street. Walking pavements beside the roads on all steep hillsides in residential areas. Water recycling plant. Deep sewage in all residential areas. An area to attract larger industries so that our young people can gain experience locally.

Hopefully have cut red and green tape and entered the real world full of people.

hopefully have improved and got on with the job

hopefully have more family friendly tourist attractions to boost local businesses.

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

Hopefully to keep character, friendliness and lovely atmosphere and not turn into a 'suburb' or a sea of houses.

Hospital upgrade

High density housing in town, 2 level units and town houses like Margaret River

High School extended to go to year 12

State of the art combined sporting facility

New visitors center on main street with easy access

Households & town self sufficient

## What are your biggest goals, hopes and aspirations for the local area?

I believe that Bridgeypwn has a great future . The suppliers of all types of services need to be proactive and empathetic to consumers of those services.

Taking interaction in a positive direction will benefit all concerned

Great future great town

I have not that type of imagination.

I hope a new by-pass will be built before 2030

I hope for there to be more events for family and children

I hope that any development will be sensitive and in keeping with/sympathetic to the ethos of the towns and Shire. Continuation of vibrant, varied local shops and facilities and support and encouragement for small business.

I hope that Bridgetown will remain much as it is today. Bridgetown offers everything we need and almost everything we want. We hope to die here as there is not place I know of that would be better or even as wonderful.

I hope the shire continues to grow our population, but also attracts new businesses to area. Also need to look into heavy vehicle bypass on my road.

I hope the shire population does not grow too big and the general tone and feel of the area does not change. Bridgetown feels safe and embracing and I wouldn't want this to change.

I hope the town is not relying on the mine in Greenbushes for employment and growth. Increase in sustainability, ensuring residents can deal with waste responsibly and effectively.

I hope to see something done with the old railway building. It is such a shame to see this historical building go to rack and ruin. Extend the art trail. Make it easy for people to come and live in Bridgetown, especially if building new homes. Avoid obstacles being put in their way. It should be made as trouble free as possible.

I really hope the shire can become more progressive in their approach to development in the future. We have suffered for so many years under shire staff who battle to envision expansively and seem to be hamstrung by a lack of strong leadership. My wish is that this shire would become the 'can do' shire of the inland area of the south west.

More support for community development under a more generous and skilled Community Development Officer. The current person is clearly unsuitable for the role.

More involvement by shire staff in community events and initiatives. So much that happens here is run by individuals and groups with little shire support.

More community consultation ....with feedback!!!

I would like bridgetown to remain a viable and thriving community and to be able to offer a wider range of activities to visitors and locals alike so that in turn supports our local small businesses.

I would like something done about the old fuel depot and in general a Lot of the building's need freshening up as shop fronts aren't that inviting and one or two demolished

Need something to attract visitors on regular bases not just rely on a couple annual events

Council has been dragging its feet with playgrounds equipment at the highlands estate

I would like the heritage look of the town incorporated into new commercial buildings

More sensitive construction in the Main Streets,

## What are your biggest goals, hopes and aspirations for the local area?

I would like the Shire of Bridgetown Greenbushes to have an investigation into their poor running of our shire.

The shire be more open to suggestions re: an RV friendly town with a easy accessible dump point for travellers with caravans etc..

Biggest goals are: the roads in the local rural areas be repaired. Verges to be cleared for the prevention of fires

I would like to see a much larger focus put on going green and becoming more environmentally friendly. I believe it is also very important to continuously grow and develop 'things to do' for a lack of a better term, to keep tourism flourishing and for the positive wellbeing of the community.

I would like to see all the old buildings done up and the entrance into Bridgetown at the Perth end to be attractive. The old sheds and other buildings look very rough. I would also like to see beautiful gardens as our entrance.

I believe Bridgetown needs tidying up and looks tired.

I would like to see more money spent on beautifying the entry to town from north and south with better signage and more information provided for tourists on what's available other than the Main Street. It would be great to have some decent maps on where to walk, and ride bikes safely some properly developed trails for people to walk and ride bikes when they come to town with good maps to go with them.

Signage is most important and better tourist information.

A tourism information centre close to the main road on entry to town with decent parking facilities would be fantastic

More accessible across parking with more obvious signage about it would be good. The one close to the I gave at present is not easy to park in especially when you have a larger vehicle. More restaurants that open for evening meals.

I would like to see more recycling

Less drug addicts

A shire who doesn't waste people's time

I would like to see the shire take a bigger role in assisting businesses and individuals attain funding to improve and grow the town. If the town grows perhaps thru tourism then this would create jobs and create an atmosphere where other businesses from out of town would feel confident about opening up in Bridgetown.

I would like to see the Shire becoming more open minded, flexible and progressive toward change.

I would like to see the Shire take a more active role in developing and promoting the tourism potential of the town. I have often heard it said by members of the Shire that the Bridgetown and Greenbushes region is not a tourism region and it is not their responsibility (I certainly don't know what they think it is if not a tourism region, even though agriculture, timber or the mine generate money, it is not money which stays in the town or transferred to others in the region). The only reason why visitors come and sometimes decide to live in the town is for its tourism and natural beauty. We need to encourage more visitors, more people deciding to come and live and work in the town so it can grow and prosper into the future.



## What are your biggest goals, hopes and aspirations for the local area?

I would love for there to be a focus on doing things for the 20-40 kind of age group. We are seeing more and more of this age group as we are seeing many young family's moving to Bridgetown. We have a lot of focus on seniors and youth which is great but I do feel that middle age group gets a little forgotten about.

I know this is rather specific but I would would love to be able to be able to play some of my sports such as netball all year round like you can in the city.

I would also like to see stricter rules on dog owners as there is a problem with people letting dogs off the lead wherever they wish and not keeping them under control. Maybe having a designated and fenced off dog park would be beneficial as people would then have a specific area they can let their dogs off the lead.

I would simply wish for Bridgetown to continue to be a wonderful caring community where people of all ages can live a happy and safe life in a drug free and crime free environment.

I'd like it to be known as one of the centre for the arts in Sth West

If we want to continue to enjoy excellent quality of life in Bridgetown I can only hope that we still have this great group of business people that keep the town going by organising all kinds of things to get people = money into this town. There is never any talk about Shire support. And if the economy is going well, the social and environmental changes will follow.

Improve behaviour in library (kids). Install more CCTV cams. Employ more rangers. Tidy up BP garage site. Have Xmas decorations. Restore r/way station.

Improve road maintenance standards. More roadside footpaths connecting sub developments to town.

Improve roads and footpaths. Parking needs change. Verges in some residential areas improved.

Improve the gravel roads surface and widen some that are too narrow. An aspiration would be to have the main grocery store in a flat area away from the main street. Better use of the railway marshalling area for retail.

Improved maintenance of country gravel roads.

Improved roads and footpaths. Footpaths particularly for the people with disabilities.

Improvement in main street shop occupancy, streamlining shire approval processes, establishment of bicycle riding trails.

Improvement of buildings on main street through town ie. The Freemason's planning permission should be made a lot easier and quicker.

Improvement of buildings.

Indoor Heated Swimming Pool. More local wineries. More local produce being sold to the public. Make and sell our own cheeses, jams etc.... our own hand made chocolate and ice cream. Would love the town to have its own local brewery. Selling good quality wool and wooden products. Also a big refresh of the Main Street in Bridgetown is required. Get people excited about living in Bridgetown and get the tourists in buying our local produce. Also you need to build a nice 5 star hotel, with its own good quality restaurant, pub and cafe inside and outside. This sort of thing will make jobs for the town.

## What are your biggest goals, hopes and aspirations for the local area?

Install more footpaths and mark lines for bicycles on most roadsides. Stop or limit use of glyphosate poison. Work on all verge ground covers and gardens. Encourage more great community awareness events promoting living healthy and environmentally friendly.

It will remain a FRIENDLY place. A place where people will remain involved with each other and the community. A place that is, and feels, small. I would like to see more apartment built, both for those who find a house to expensive and those who don't want the bother of a large place and a garden. I would like a f-r-e-e bus that shuttles between Bailing up-Greenhouse-Bridgetown-Mainji-(maybe)Pemberton so each town didn't have to replicate all the facilities needed, like indoor swimming pools, and it would also encourage local tourism. I would also like to see community involvement in keeping our green spaces even nicer. By giving a group, maybe a pensioner group or a school group, charge of a flowerbed or a corpse of trees, we foster attachment to out town whist saving on shire garndeing costs

It would be appreciated by a lot of people if the Council would develop an Art Hub, Gallery in a Shire owned building and acknowledge the large creative community by providing this. As a small business owner, it seems that some home businesses e.g. the clock maker in Nelson Street seem to get away with signs on the street, including Hampton,for decades but new businesses don't have a hope of having any signs whatsoever. I would like to see the council loosen up some of the archaic rules to allow people to conduct their businesses with the same rules that others enjoy for years and also reevaluate the rules around home businesses. Why is it that The Cidery can Chain their sign to a street pole on the corner of Hampton and Steere St and small businesses were told to remove their small signs or face fines? This was actioned by [private information removed]. It just seems there are rules for some and not others? Do they pay off people or work for the council or something? Not a good look for a Council that isn't consistent with their rules.

Jig-Saw Shire. Jig-Saw Jobs. Jig-Saw Tourism. Jig-Saw Creativity in all its forms. We have a unique and highly undervalued jig-saw collection. Lets use it to create a unique town theme. There are so many ways to utilize jig-saws to create jobs, help business, promote Bridgetown and the shire. Use the wide range of skills and talents locals have for this endeavour. People seem to love creative thinking. Throwing ideas around and coming up with solutions is good for the brain. Ideas put into use make people feel useful. Encourage all community groups to think and talk about jig-saw ideas. This will bring the community, young and old, together with little if any angst.

Just like it is now!

Keep adding more to playground. Heated pool, so can be opened longer.

Keep rates at a reasonable rate, keep the mainenance up to the local roads.

Keep the beautiful country town atmosphere, the historic integrity of the bridge intact, ensure the many festivals that currently take place in town continue.

Known and recognized as a garden town with a variety of garden weeks eg Paws for a while in Bridgetown with a focus on Kangaroo Paws.

Landscape and regenerate Geegeelup Brook, especially where it runs through the town.

Large new playground for children .  
Lotteries west grant?

Rec centre pool open for more months of the year.

## **What are your biggest goals, hopes and aspirations for the local area?**

Learn to listen to the community and act on surveys!

Less intrusion into personal affairs - more emphasis on basics.

less people working for the shire. seems we have so many people doing little.

Less racism. Checks on speed Hampton Street. Parking at Post Office for ACROD.

Listen to community groups doing some of the work in enhancing the Shire using their volunteers. Stop listening to some council workers pushing their own children as the only ones worth listening to.

Listen to its residents, meet the needs of its ageing and disadvantaged population with facilities catering for independent needs such as group housing and recognise that tourism and its related businesses are vital to the economy. Recognise that mining and agricultural businesses are a thing of the past and adopt technology related industries are ideal once better communications are established in the area

Lobby WA country Health Service to upgrade hospital.

Local businesses need to embrace tourism as there is little else for the town to thrive on

Locally situated/run/workforce and electrical supply. (In other words solar and wind farm for the Bridgetown Shire). This would benefit the whole area on a multitude of levels. Reduce regulations and red tape (esp for building industry).

Looking less shabby. I love the main street and the historic elements. Sadly though, things like our visitors centre, parks, playgrounds, walkways and skate park are pitiful. Go and have a look at Denmark (with a similar population) and see their visitors centre. And Katanning - the street art and playground are worth travelling for.

Love to see as many young people and families want to make this their home as possible as that is what brings a community alive. Environmentally it would be nice to see our region embrace regenerative farming and become a centre of safe healthy food for the region

Lower the rates.

Maintain a 'rural' feel even with an increasing population. Be able to cater for its aged and it's youth.

Maintain its community ambience and sense of unity.  
Continue to attract and embrace a variety of people and the skills and interests they bring which contribute to making Bridgetown a vibrant community

Maintain its country charm whilst having modern facilities available to the public and keeping a strong focus on having a society where the residents feel safe and a part of a whole

Maintain the quaint, historical feel of the town. Support more street art and street plantings. Council will be more supportive of alternative eco building like hempcrete and composting toilets. I would like to see the maintenance and repair of the river and local waterways to enhance Bridgetown's natural beauty. Invest in Permaculture methods to suppress weeds instead of spraying poison.

Maintain verges, roads, pest control eg rabbits.

Making building an easier process than what I've experienced

## What are your biggest goals, hopes and aspirations for the local area?

many are retired people like me - hope shire supports programs to keep the elderly active

assist local businesses and tourist industry

Maybe a bit bigger but retaining all the qualities it has today.

Modern meeting places for community groups.

More access for seniors and the disabled. Better playground facilities with more adventurous play equipment for older children and new fenced playground in Somme Creek Parkland. Fenced dog exercise area. Increase and exploit public gardens to further emphasize the beauty of the town. Improving the streetscapes, foot paths and lighting is a way of increasing the feeling of well being in the community. Encourage new businesses and more health care provision. Hydrotherapy pool. Speed up development applications.

More affordable shopping choices, not just touristy & boutique shops that locals don't usually shop at because they are too expensive (locals go to Manji or Bunbury for affordable supplies) more entertainment venues, walkways & trails need to be maintained better, add some benches so people can sit and enjoy the views. Quit doing burn-offs on holiday weekends

More and better toilet facilities, provision of dual use cycle path. Better pest management. Bypass for heavy vehicles (at least vigorous lobbying for same). Development of area adjacent to old rail way st'n. Safe pedestrian crossing for main street. (Lots of elderly fold in town).

More bitumin road extensions such as Elwins Road

more child friendly in the estates outside of town, parks etc.

More crossroads around town for kids to safely walk to and from school (cross the road from The Rec Centre to Clovers) and across the main street in town.

Better pathways on busy roads (ie Brockman Hwy) so kids can ride bikes or walk to and from town and school)

Better pathway along the river especially past The Old Rectory so people can enjoy the public access space along the river further.

An indoor playground that the community can access during the cold winter months

A proper creche at the gym that should never have been removed for young mothers to use who need to exercise for their mental health!

More decent footpaths. Fix up the old railway buildings that are going to rack and ruin. That has been a thorn in many residents' side for many years and more so if you are a local person who saw the railways in its peak.

More disabled parking bays. More money spend on walkways i.e river walk.

More employment, better roads, better fire prevention, regular burning around outskirts of town.

More employment.

More events,

By pass revisited

Clean up the creek line on West side of town

## What are your biggest goals, hopes and aspirations for the local area?

More exercise equipment in all parks. Skate park needs to be bigger. Peoples verges need to be cleaned up after all that is shire property.

More focus on Greenbushes

More footpaths/cycle paths, walk trails. Suggestion of replacing unused rail line with walk cycle paths . Restoration of old rail station into museum. More lighting from Recreation centre to Library parking. More security around the town centre. Shire to maintain verges due to fire risk particularly in areas out of town. Shire to spend more money on town precinct, ie Christmas decorations, winter festival, garden festival to promote tourism. Funding for youth activities.

More for the kids. Build a pump track, expand the skate park.  
Do something about the limited parking at the rec centre entry, terrible to get in and out of there.  
Finally see the shire keep our council verges mowed and neat. The lack of service of the verges makes out streets look messy.

More go getter attitude, current Shire are too slow moving with everything they do. New Info bay started in June, still not finished in September.

More care given to park behind Library. It is very neglected.

More green in its approach throughout the Shire.  
Known for recycling, protecting local fauna and flora from development.  
Waterways cleaner and noxious weed free.

More hands on within community matters. Offer of more traineeships for our youth by promoting what is available for them in not only our own town but other regions.

More jobs FG or our youth  
Growing population to ensure we retain services

More mental health awareness - available in community.

More new assisted living options for the growing aged community.

More open shops.

MORE parks ... upgrading of current playgrounds and the implementation of the park in highlands

More pride in the shire .  
Re looking after the roads the footwalks at present they are in a terrible state  
Keeping out streets safe eg  
About 3 yrs ago they were advised to put up signs by Road smart to slow the traffic in Nelson st past the Geegeelup retirement village, but to date nothing Has been done .

More progressive. Shire Councillors and staff to more forward thinking. An example is the Railway Station and surrounds. When you look at what Manjimup and Donnybrook has done with theirs.

More protection for the forests and the river. More bike paths/footpaths so we need less cars.

More ranger availability on weekends. Greater promotion of the town. Greater streamlining of decision making and evaluation of decisions in a more progressive manner. eg. development of business, building permits etc.

## What are your biggest goals, hopes and aspirations for the local area?

More residential 'options' for seniors to retain them here. Increase upgrade of information to attract tourism. More accommodation and food outlets to accommodate increase tourism traffic.

More services for a growing elderly demographic

More signage for visitors.  
More footpaths around town

Rec centre to be utilised more and cheaper with programs for all ages  
Visitor centre to move to the old railway building so visitors can use the large carpark. We need people to want to stop on their way through town. Let's make it easier for them to do that.

More small house blocks (1/4 ac or less). Get rid of the railway line corridor so development of the town can occur off SW Hwy.

More solar sell back - invest in large units, more upgrades to footpaths especially Steer St, more investigation to using rail line to bypass trucks behind main shopping precinct. Even if only one way it will help.

More street shade trees. More seating in parks, town for elderly. Shade in public places for climate change conditions.

More sustainable practices in waste disposal, electricity production (solar, wind, and micro-grid development), planting of streetscapes, care of Blackwood River, promotion of child and youth activities.

More things to do; more activities and local businesses and events.

More tourism and facilities in this area.  
Encouraging more tourism within the town.  
Social awareness for local disabilities -mental health -youth-drug awareness.

More tourism business in and around town.

More tourist attracting facilities

More transparent to both ratepayers and residents

More value for money with the rates, to include regular regular weeding of government owned land (beyond my fence line), keeping tabs on vacant blocks for excess dry grass due to lack of maintenance by owners, in the town vicinity. Keeping the streets tidy and well maintained including toilet facilities and promoting our town as a wonderful safe place to visit. (We don't want overcrowding lol).

More vibrant restaurant/cafe scene, tourist rail link to Bunbury, reinstate 50m swimming pool, develop wineries in region, sustainable employment opportunities

My biggest goal for Bridgetown is to maintain a shared community/shire enthusiasm for community, economic development and sustainability.  
I would like to see the health and well-being of our community members as a shared community/shire goal.



## What are your biggest goals, hopes and aspirations for the local area?

My wish is this Shire in 10 years is for the Shire to be an organization far removed from what it is today. Without dramatic changes to the personnel, attitudes, modes of operation in the Shire there will be increasing social, environmental and economic degradation in this community.

The current Shire does not work with the community to achieve shared community objectives. The power rests with a few Councillors and key staff and they are a law unto themselves with what happens in this community, with seemingly no accountability. The CEO of the Shire staff is ineffective in managing his staff and is known as a puppet with strings pulled by a few staff. The majority of councilors seem to blindly accept any information staff presented to them in spite of often loud and widespread protest to be otherwise heard by relevant vested community groups. The community groups are mostly backed by highly skilled and appropriately qualified members, experts and opinions. Many Councilors seem to have little or no idea, interest or care in significant matters they vote on. Maybe there is truth in widespread local comment that they are there as Councilors for personal ego or to top up their retirement funds? Until and unless there are dramatic changes in the staffing and organizational modes of operation in this Shire it is futile to think about other changes in this community for they will not come about

N/A

Nature playground. So many young families. Although the park is good. I think a nature playground would benefit more considering I drive to other places for children entertainment (ie. Manjimup) which means I then am shopping there while I am there.

Need a new CEO and executive staff to promote any form of forward thinking productivity. Unless this happens I see no change for bridgetown greenbushes.

Need more local employment.

Need some more tourist attractions on par with Timber Park precinct in Manjimup and improvements to existing playgrounds

Need to get act together in building approvals. Spend more money around town.

New hospital, with day surgery ward, new accident and emergency area. Bigger CBD franchise business, such as Kmart, Coles or Woolworths, shoe shop. Better footpaths up Nelson St. Sealed roads to our homes. Bus shelter and trees cleared for safety around bus shelters for our children. Street lights up Nelson and other streets.

New Hospital.  
Better parks for families.  
Recreation center and pool running more activites and open more often.

No Biodiversity - should be paid by Govt. No more sub division. Cap on number of residents. No major retailers/shopping centres/traffic lights. Kept as a country town!!

No more subdivisions - consolidate what we have, more parkland and deciduous trees.

Not corrupt. Put footpahts on Jephson St and others.

Not have succumbed to Margaret River-isation.

## What are your biggest goals, hopes and aspirations for the local area?

Not have urban sprawl. The main street kept as it is and that and the whole town kept with its country environment. The more land that goes for building, the less farm land there is. Remember, we have to eat. As the population grows with sprawling houses the less land there is to grow food. Three of the best farms in the district have already been lost.

Not to let it grow too big and have supermarket chains, more "progress" come and take our identity away. Lets look at opening more attractions for the tourists. Get a good enthusiastic committee together to address our events like the show and Blues festival etc, as they have gone down hill in past years .

Offer greater services like rubbish collection, and post delivery to wider localities (eg Kangaroo Gully). Have more facilities (beyond the Youth centre) available to young people and families (extracurricular activities, clubs such as Scouts, dance, music) or grants to help locals develop these. Kids needs options and the opportunity to be busy. A local sports oval that is maintained all year round. After school and school holiday activities (such as Lego club, makerspaces within the library). A better resourced high school, with greater outcomes for students and training opportunities. A town with a greater proportion of home owners over rental properties, with homes holding or increasing in value. A town with a greater range of residents (eg age groups, demographics)

Options and facilities for youth - cheaper sports registration and use of facilities

Outside cinema. Walking paths.

Outside of Bridgetown there will be an industrial estate to 'manufacture' products utilising materials sourced in the south west.

There will be a world class mountain bike event in the hills surrounding Bridgetown as it is known for the fantastic trails and tracks.

Tourism is flourishing due to the great music, sport and art events. Accommodation varied from caravan parks to hotels, is top notch and sufficient to serve visitors

partner with biomass energy generation producer for lower local power costs, carbon free energy local employment and as a carbon offset for lithium mining and production

Pedestrian friendly- more footpaths connected to a plan.

Verges maintained in a more aggressive manner- more pride.

Light industrial area. Currently it is mismanaged.

By pass via rail reserve. Allow back to front development along the by-pass. That is frontage to both the by-pass and Hampton road.

Create a strong Chamber of Commerce

Youth Centre- as in the old police house.

Get the BGC back to being an incubator rather than a protagonist.

Plant more trees (both in town and outer areas). Be a more transparent and accessible governance body.

That heavy through traffic be removed from the main street. Consider the many and better alternatives to the plague of Tourism.

Plenty of alfresco dining, bike paths, entertainment, upgrade walk paths. Bike track Bridgetown to Manjamup on railway line. Get trucks out of the town centre. Parking formalised and bituminised.

Possibly some more for kids to do, especially all inclusive ie autistic kids that run away, sensory. More community assistance for aged ie help with maintenance gardening.

Priority destination for tourists

## What are your biggest goals, hopes and aspirations for the local area?

Profession tourism centre (similar to Busselton and Margaret River)  
Tourist attractions, mountain bike tracks, use the rail way , tour operators  
Remove red tape when dealing with Shire  
Professional streamline and effective shire with accountability  
Prevent individual shire employees from going rouge and stifling growth and progress  
Prospering businesses  
More local employment opportunities  
Better child health care facilities

Projects that are discussed and researched at considerable cost, happen eg.the plans for the old railway building and the river walk with sculptures are just two that I can remember.I would like to see the show grounds used for community events, perhaps using it for the markets during the winter. The visitor centre to be in a visitor friendly place with easy access and good parking for visitors

Projects won't take forever to get passed through Shire and there won't be over \$500, 000 spent on projects that don't benefit more than 10% of the local population. Roads that school buses travel along will be safe.

### Promotion of tourism

Protection of forests. Housing availability for renters. Home owners to keep cats inside, needs to be law.

Provide an opportunity for more classes in dancing and ballet and music and singing.  
An availability for a wide range of cultural events .  
Bring back a mini rail for tourism and redevelop the railway station area  
Maintenance of street footpaths near high school in Blechynden st.

Provide employment for its growing population. Medical services (while very good) will improve.  
Education will expand. Both technical and manual opportunities. A safe housing facility for the demented.

Provide seating for passing traffic to enjoy lunch within the Hampton St commercial area (lattice in front of toilets and flowering creepers) small tables and chairs, lighting, canvas cover overhead.

Provided major draw card facilities along river for families BYPASS THE MAIN STREET!! Are you waiting for a fatality before doing this or to justify the move?

### Public transport to and through Bridgetown region

Pushing for no logging of native forest and pockets of. Upgrading Main Street appeal eg bins, lighting, murals, seating.

Put a much bigger effort into creating and maintaining footpaths and the river walk areas. Divert heavy haulage trucks. Use rail not trucks to transport the Lithium from Greenbushes.

Put in cycle/running paths especially in and around subdivisions and to town. Put in bypass! Provide activity for younger kids eg bmx. Do up river front. Better River Park.

Put in place the basic infrastructure for local residents who pay the rates. Tourist will come to a town that is pleasant to live in, not for random, ad hoc, miscellaneous events etc. Too many gravel roads, too few footpaths (Some are used as car parking zones). Enforce local bylaws like stop people living in sheds as if degrees areas especially areas of a few acres (rural isn't so impacted)

## What are your biggest goals, hopes and aspirations for the local area?

Put more money into the surrounding towns of Bridgetown-Greenbushes Shire as Bridgetown seems to be thriving with lots of money spent on it which makes the other towns in the Shire suffer, as less money gets put into them.

Putting all sporting facilities together, perhaps in the Showgrounds and tennis court region., making it easier for everyone to access.

Improvements to the recreation facility, more user friendly and encouraging for users to access.

Reduce rates by 50%

Remain a country type of town.

Remain what it is now. No change necessary!!

Remove heavy traffic from main street. Encourage business. Improve gravel roads. Reduced rates - way to high compared to other LA's

Renewable energy supply to the whole town. Compost facility at local tip. Local recycling.  
Walking/hiking/mountain bike tracks. Big dog exercise areas. Use Somme Creek ampitheatre for concerts, permanent stage. Plant more trees. Footpath on Turner Road towards Kanaroo Gully/Bridgetown Gardens. Clean up Geegeelup Creek behind IGA and businesses to utilise this outlook. Highschool climbing wall.

Renovate its beautiful buildings. The Shire buildings - the Hall will be a civic hall that shows the towns pride in itself and be used for concerts and shows. And will continue to show off its produce and its gardens and its stunning scenery. It will be self sustaning with alternative power off grid.

Require a continuation of an open and transparent council, with Council employees remembering ratepayers pay their wages. A good balance of differing age groups with promotion of work opportunities through pre-active business development.

Respect the excellent piece of nature in which it exists and work dilligently to keep it that way for now and furture generations.

Respond to climate change. Manage waste responsibly. Be dog friendly!

Representative of the current community a strong helathy relationship between community and shire.

Restore the old train station as a local environment conservation centre.

Review the guest entry to the Freemasons Hotel; it currently involves close contact with recycling bins, rubbish bins, the outside smoking area, the sewer trap and it can smell.

Retain and improve heritage aspect of town. Christmass decorations by 2030 would be good. A shire that is for the people by making it easier to get things done i.e building permits.

Retain our critical services such as hospital, medical centre

Attract new services

Attract private investment - new businesses

more local job opportunities for our youth

## What are your biggest goals, hopes and aspirations for the local area?

Retain the quaint "country" feel to the town

Upgrade the footpath in the main CBD area - it is looking shabby at present

Although not a Shire responsibility, when shops become vacant the shop fronts need to be kept cleaned and cobweb free, this may encourage a new business to take on a vacant shop

Additional garden beds to add colour to the CBD

Upgrade a lot of the internal roads, some are not catering for the additional traffic flow

Rid of ineffective management and staff. Less money spent on administration and more on infrastructure. New CEO and leadership team.

Better councillors - how do you measure their effectiveness and allow them to re-elect when SOME of them do nothing and offer nothing to the community. And don't they get fed every meeting??? If so - WHY do we pay for that?

Better playgrounds, picnic areas, better Visitors Centre.

Less money spent on horse trails and [private information removed] hobbies.

Road improvement and footpaths on Hacket/Argyle and Peninsular Roads.

Road repair and maintenance/quality. Communications - 5G. Inadequate mobile coverage.

Road system will be maintained and sealed.

Buildings in Hampton will be maintained.

Safe place without drug dealers safe for our older residents employment for the next generation and some think that doesn't cost a arm and a leg to do for families

Sealed Elwin Road.

See amenities such as the rec centre, pool etc as a PUBLIC SERVICE and not a profit driven enterprise. Thus, provide things like the crèche even though it is NOT MAKING MONEY.

Be staffed solely by people who desire to serve the community's needs and wants, rather than people who deny transparency and accountability in order to continue feathering their own cushy nest and controlling how things are organised and run in our community.

Have greater funding available for important community based roles such as the Ranger and the tip staff; and youth services, aged services, disability services, the better to increase and enhance inclusivity.

Value the voices of all its citizens, making an effort to especially hear and amplify the marginalised and disaffected.

Align itself with the values of the majority of our community: we are held together by people who genuinely want to help others, foster understanding and connection between all, work collectively as a team to improve all of our lives, preserve the habitat and environment in which we live for all who live there. I'd love to see the day the Shire were spearheading such actions, rather than having to be fought, and dragged kicking and screaming.

Currently the Shire do not represent our community as it stands. Our community is amazing but this is in spite of the Shire, not because of it. How much more powerful and effective we could be if we stood together. This will involve the Shire moving towards the values and attitudes of the 21st century, not its citizens moving back to the 1900's.

## What are your biggest goals, hopes and aspirations for the local area?

Seen as priority area for tourists to visit with Bridgetown's rich heritage a key driver of this.

Shire adopt a positive attitude instead of a reactive one.

Shire to get back to basics.

Show case the history of the buildings, maintain the wonderful history we have for future generations to enjoy. Improve river walks, install tables and chairs for people to sit and enjoy the river. Utilise the old railway line, make it a major tourist attraction. Bridgetown has its own natural beauty we need more tourist attractions.

Showcase our environmental areas as tourist attractions

Showcase the recreational centre including gym and re establish a creche..new parents need support to enable them to keep physically and mentally fit!

Extended shopping hours for businesses..not everyone lives and works in town..when i visit town ie before 9am and after 5pm weekdays everything is shut and they miss out on my business.

Showcase that there is two major areas & see that more money & resources are spent in the Greenbushes, North Greenbushes area

Social changes I would like include a performance venue and art gallery of unique quality perhaps similar to our library.

More cycle paths and walk trails and parks.

Better connections to the river.

Greater recognition of Indigenous culture.

Some decent recreation to do apart from bush walking and bird watching.

some interest in the environment,

I would love to see them incinerate the household rubbish and generate power rather than let it rot into Methane which is 15 times worse than carbon dioxide. The shire are bullies , and self interested , the employees are not approachable

Source all power for all households from renewable resources. Be a model community for low carbon footprint.

Sporting diversity for everyone. Better facilities for aged allowing independence. More confidence in shire.

Stay the same .green and still lots of forest around

Still be a great place to live.

Still be the place I want to live.

Still peaceful

Still the same very little change.

Streamlined efficient building approvals that don't take two or more months to pass. Outside builders don't like dealing with the Bridgetown shire at all. I had many complaints.



## What are your biggest goals, hopes and aspirations for the local area?

Streamlined. Being able to approve building projects, etc. with a degree of speed but with the correct laws etc. In mind.

Strong honest management. Well cared for, a place to be proud of.

Support all community organisations, volunteers and businesses to keep the town vibrant and prosperous. This means also that the shire should shop locally.

Support community radio

Support its emergency service volunteers.

Make the protection of biodiversity and environment a high priority.

Improve rural roads, put another grader in operation.

Support local sustainable community projects ie food security, local community markets, community solar power source and water security. Encourage natural regenerative farming and gardening methods. Foster local community support groups.

supporting their locals & staff in all workplaces

Sustainable, appealing area to welcome visitors offering more areas of employment for younger citizens and an enjoyable area for youth to live. Improve interest for tourists - activate rail system for tourism.

Swimming pool - open all year, heated adequately for winter.

Taking care of other towns in its shire rather than just Bridgetown

That a bypass road is instigated so businesses in main street which is so narrow now can expand and improve

That the area retains its friendly, clean and pretty environment. And the druggies leave town.

That the rubbish tip will be removed from its current location. On a main entry road into town it is already an eyesore and has completely destroyed a bush known for its native wildflowers. And it has reached a point where it can only get worse. It is embarrassing!!! The very least it needs is regular EPA reports showing tests of the water run-off not polluting the town.

That the Shire administration is reorganised to be proactive and forward thinking this needs to start with a vibrant executive management that leads by example. To promote Bridgetown with long term goals from regular input from community and business consultation.  
If this is not done the Shire of Bridgetown will not exist in 10 years.

That the Shire engage more with the Community and look at suggested ways to make the town more "complete" for locals and as a destination.

Is seeking out grants to implement projects that are lifestyle enhancing and cover a wide sector of the community

That the shire takes the role of leader in the community engagement and recreation seriously. Develops and promotes Bridgetown as a regional area that supports tourism interaction and varied opportunities for recreation rather than just as a major sponsor of a horse trail

## **What are your biggest goals, hopes and aspirations for the local area?**

That the Shire will do its best for our natural environment and not sell it out for the short term benefits of the mine.

Our natural environment is a source of tourism, increased wellbeing and the reason that people want to live in Bridgetown and Greenbushes.

I would love to see a maintained balance between economic wants and the sustainability of the region.

My vision would be for an increased environmental tourism market and Bridgetown be the chosen destination for getting out and enjoying the outdoors, nature and the environment.

That the town grows in keeping with the local natural environment in mind and care for the wildlife. I would also like to see some more cafes or restaurants with international cuisine.

That the town will continue to grow as a vibrant tourist centre and place to live.

Facilities such as further extension to the sewage system.

Improved roads ( asphalt sealed ) and drainage inside the town boundary

That the town would maintain its existing services eg banks, schools, churches, hospital and doctors and shops and fuel service stations.

That the youth of Bridgetown are engaged a lot more and actually are wanting to hold Councillor positions to revitalize and refresh our community.

Not enough engagement at all with the community.

That we can continue to balance the uniqueness and 'family feel' of the community with the needs for economic factors.

That we have become more of a tourist destination.

The best tourism town in the region. I do believe the Shire does a lot to promote and sustain tourism in the area - so I would like to see us keep moving forward in this direction - perhaps more facilities down by the river.

The Council needs to improve its efforts in achieving a more inclusive and diverse community. More communication and consultation needs to take place. Note that the council has not heeded other Shire Councils and metropolitan councils initiative to not increase the current rates.

The library open more hours outside working hours. More signs to show tourists where they can actually park their caravans. Make sure that Dalgarp stays a park. Very disappointed that the council allowed our park to be excised from protected park to be logged a few years ago. To stop giving in to Talison on environmental issues. Very annoyed the first thing this new council did was axe Talison environmental conditions for extending road works. Shameful. Less paperwork for doing anything.

The road trains not going through the main street.

The roads are in bad need of repair footpaths and a few lights would be terrific the train back through these parts would be a terrific boost for the economy and some new people in the council for fresh ideas the town does not want to move forward unlike manjimup which has really seen a huge injection of funds the shire need to fix a lot of issues

The Shire administration & Councillor's change. Lots of poor decisions & in-action occur. Rates & charges in BG Shire are higher than any surrounding local governments.

No shop local incentives & too much focus in tourism & not local business.

An amalgamation with Manjimup Shire would be desirable.

## What are your biggest goals, hopes and aspirations for the local area?

The Shire needs to determine on a 'theme' of what it wants to be to attract residents businesses and tourists and support it appropriately.

The shire needs to make an effort to offset the amount of low SES families moving into town.

Also

Recognise Kangaroo Gully as a part of the shire. Every service I have enquired about since moving to town isn't available for residents of Kangaroo Gully.

The neighbouring shores have started noticing the rise in people taking up Mountain Biking as a sport. Trails and maps should be made and advertised as a way to encourage people to come to Bridgetown instead of going to Nannup, Linga Longa and Pemberton.

The shire will be accountable in the functioning of its workplace, including governance, employee rights and that the leadership has changed to better represent the amazing community of Bridgetown. Currently the community and the shire are not aligned.

The Shire will be more proactive in installing solar panels, instigating better recycling facilities, have a visible information, visitors centre for visting tourists. Become more dynamic in its focus to attract visitors. Allow or alter rules to allow more subdivision of small land holdings.

The town is a wonderful place for us and for friends who visit, it just needs to be tizzied up and maintained to a higher standard, the main street is wonderful but either side is absolutely forgotten about.

The town needs to accommodate for families with teenage children and adults 30-50 years of age more. More evening dining facilities for families.

Evening transport for locals to allow evening dining with a drink and no driving home.

Upgrade walking trails and footpaths for dual use (bikes and people) to take people out of the cbd for both community members to use for health and fitness and tourists to see sights without having to drive, similar to the Linear path in Manjimup along the old rail line.

Anything that encourages Bridgetown to NOT become a retirement village full of older retirees.

The town will be able to cope with the influx of people during holidays, though its vast amount of thriving shops, cafes and pubs.

be a safe and easy place to navigate around both on foot and in transport. There will be pedestrian crossings and mini roundabouts.

Have lots of walks and cycle paths, so that we can get around easily, without having to use our car. People can come to Bridgetown to enjoy the beautiful scenery whilst riding their bike or on foot.

Remember that they need to predominantly speak for the residents of the town. So if something pops up - for example if a film company wants to use Bridgetown as it's location, then the residents are asked what they would like, rather than knocking it on the head before anyone finds out.

Be more supportive of local small businesses and people trying to be innovative.

The unused land opposite BP/ Dentist be transformed from eyesore to either be tidy or made into an enclosed park for dogs with agility for exercise and seating for owners.

We don't lose the atmosphere of the town, its lovely atm some changes are not good

## What are your biggest goals, hopes and aspirations for the local area?

There will be constant attractions during the year that are always encouraging tourists to come and stop here. There will be mountain bike trails all through the bush and road cyclists/races will be supported by the shire hence bringing a cash flow into town.

There will be no free range cats. Shown continued support for the youth. Given that Bridgetown has a large community of artists, the Shire now supports an artists exhibition space including an area for workshops and teaching. Perhaps the Shire could look at the success of Mundaring Art Centre, which started with Shire support.

This is a very open ended question...

better footpaths for our elderly/handicapped would be a good start. Not necessarily in the town center but at either end from the river park/caravan park and the show grounds etc.

Maybe a joint investment between Blues at Bridgetown and the shire for a permanent stage/infrastructure would be good, opening the door for more concerts throughout the year and in turn more tourist visiting/spending/promoting our town.

I think environmentally were doing ok.

Less red tape when it comes to building etc would be good too, several building companies don't want to work in our shire for varying reasons, hopefully those issues can be worked on going forward now..

Thriving tourist destination, great place for families to live.

Tidy up redundant areas Hampton St.

Tidy up the main Street and visually improve the town to visitors

To become a cross country mountain bike destination for The region. Also a creative hub that encourages local and regional artists

To become a place people love to visit and live in.

To become a unique, thriving sustainable eco friendly town, with lovey shops eating places, coffee shops. Roads and footpaths improved parking on the main street changed, no trucks going through and more use made of the river and historical buildings improved. Better entertainment and better facilities for arts. The entrance to the town made more welcoming and promoting the motto "Simply Beautiful" by actually making areas more beautiful with plants, colour and friendly seating.

To grow but still remain boutique. More wineries, things to do. Places to eat.

To have an honest and hard working workforce.

To have over 50's independent villages. As in other Shires, with pool and other activities for residents.

To have the infrastructure to encourage Bridgetown as a place to live, operate a business or visit

To keep the nice country friendly feel .

## What are your biggest goals, hopes and aspirations for the local area?

To make Bridgetown an inclusive town, welcoming Indigenous people, educating not just about white history but also about the significance of the place for local Aboriginal people. I would like to see an advising Aboriginal committee that should be consulted on local Aboriginal issues.

I would also like to see the shire to be more approachable about community developments like play grounds (in Highlands for example) and other smaller community projects.

I would also like for the shire to support environmental issues and actively seek ways to improve our environment.

I would like for the shire to consult community groups, youth groups, environmental groups and sustainable living groups instead of trying to do it themselves.

To make our town more attractive to visitors - create a sense of pride in our town. Renovate the Railway Station and surrounding area.

To promote Bridgetown region as a major inland tourist and lifestyle town/area.

To retain its small town charm and not turn into another Margaret River / Dunsborough.

To see establish mountain bike trails and cycling routes

Toilet facilities at the Southern end of town near Stewart St

Totally focused on regional economic drivers across all industries but with a focus on farming, agri-tourism, retail and mining

Tourism hub

Tourism is the future

Tourism: make visitors centre work/reduce joining fees. Building: currently building permits are so difficult it holds the Shire back. Increase transparency in decision making so the Shire grows.

Tourist Centre of SW. Great employment opportunities. Caring community.

Tourist rail over railway bridge. Brockman Highway/South Western Highway intersection. Nature park tourist traction and entrance statement. Development of department store.

Town Hall really needs improvements. Footpaths could be swept more often by shire sweeper. Freemansons Hotel is very tired looking. Toilets need a lot of attention. Make them more pleasant to go to as it makes a great impression to visitors.

Try to keep building to a minimum

Undecided.

unfortunately by 2030 it will probably be much the same, with out knowing the details of the council it appears there is no leadership or drive for the town to become a tourist or industrial hub.

Update the hospital and more money spent on health and policing. High School to go to year 12.

Upgrade parks for families. Put more of an effort into this.

Upgrade the environs of the train station with gardens and perhaps a café and information centre.

## What are your biggest goals, hopes and aspirations for the local area?

Upgrade tourist facilities so we can hang our hat on being a place to visit. Utilise our historical qualities - eg fruit/timber/pastoral.

Upgrade town centre streetscape

Upgrades and more sealed roads.

Value and listen to local knowledge at the same time that they engage consultants.

Value and promote the natural areas in the Shire.

Be more accessible to Shire residents and respond to concerns in a timely manner.

Truly support local businesses with a 'buy local' policy.

Value its natural environment as tourist and resident attractions without implementing built infrastructure suitable for a city location in the belief that these structures attract tourists. Use the skills of the local population rather than importing external organisations and people. Communicate plans and listen to ideas from community without having an agenda behind the communication and consultation sessions. Pay people for localised knowledge and skills rather than assuming volunteers will do the work.

Vibrant CBD with boutique shops that attract tourists.

A more positive community, presently too many squeaky wheels and keyboard warriors who are uniformed.

Well maintained and developed recreational areas that attract both locals and tourists

A strong sense of identity that sells Bridgetown to the tourist market

Walk ways need to be properly maintained around the river walk areas to encourage visitors in exploring the river and town

We cannot have a thriving community without better medical support. Steps to attract new doctors here over the last 10 years have failed badly. Urgently need new strategy and finance to set up improved medical center to maintain population otherwise families will move away.

Need a more imaginative scheme to attract small businesses of all kinds not just tourism. Should include more flexible and creative planning, zoning, financial incentives. Revamp of parts of the town centre and river foreshore in addition to the proposed re-landscaping. Presently residents have to go elsewhere for many trades because there is no business in town. Consider a bypass combined with a commercial estate which will allow town center rejuvenation.

Provide suitable rezoning for more rural residential development. Good for attracting new families (and Doctors) as well as lifting Bridgetown profile across WA.

We need a bypass for heavy haulage vehicles. I would like to see the main street through town made into a pedestrian mall from Stewart Street to Steere Street. It would give the town centre some vibrancy.

We need to support industry, housing, community events and working to keep excellent medical care and schooling. Looking after all our residents needs young and old. Job growth is essential and positive community events must continue.

Welcome tourists with a vibrant town centre and well maintained recreational facilities and public spaces.

Well from what I have seen over the past 2 years, our rates will go up but service will not



## What are your biggest goals, hopes and aspirations for the local area?

Well what i can for see is a aged community is growing in the area and the needs like medical, home care - etc.

A possible direct bus service to and from major cites available

Sewer system for the growing outer suburbs that are developing

More mum and pup restaurants

With 3 primary school age kids, felt the town lacked activities for them.

Stayed at the caravan park, brought over bikes but found no-where to ride them. There are no trails around town other than the river walk and was surprised/disappointed how poorly maintained the path and the surrounds is, The river walk near the caravan park is in a truly lovely location but the path is unsafe to run or ride on. There is great potential along this river walk area for maybe a nature playground or a featured nature walk like at Norhtcliffe.

We actually ended up travelling away from Bridgetown during the days to do activities with the kids- Pemberton for bike and walk trails, Manjimup to timberpark, Boyup Brook to great museum there.

We did ask around tourist bureau and in shops but seems there are no real attractions as such to engage this age group.

With consistently cleaner public amenities greater effort to encourage, with appropriate marketing, tourism. This should support economic development and job creation particularly for younger people. Correct marketing will encourage people to visit and stay however it needs a proactive approach and not the negative reactive situation which appears in senior staff.

We seem to have more forward thinking councillors currently.

With the growth and development of current/potential resource industries, the opportunity to capitalise on that is immense. Services; entertainment. Sporting; cultural etc. Example - S/West basketball comp. Teams from the region (and wider enter). \$5000 winners prize 2nd, 3rd prizes. They will bring a lot more than \$5000 to the town.

Without new industry, Bridgetown - Greenbushes Shire will become more dependant on social security due to ageing population

Won't be here. Hope for the upcoming elderly!!

Work with industries to assist development of jobs so young people don't need to leave to get a decent job. Socially, provide more infrastructure opportunities for youth.

Would like to see more shops. The town has a small population.