

Community Cultural Hub

York has a significant and established arts and cultural community.

The construction of a regional community cultural hub on land in the CBD would enable the co-location of several community focussed outcomes:

- ▶ A performance space with 250-person capacity
- ▶ A gallery/exhibition space to display up to 40 large size visual arts works
- ▶ A wet space in which craft work can be made and assembled
- ▶ A space for the community radio station (Voice of the Avon 101.3FM), with two studios and storage
- ▶ A recording studio for use by music students and the broader musical community
- ▶ Shire of York programs and services
- ▶ A purpose-built resource space to address the needs of students of the recently announced Regional University Centre

The realisation and activation of such a space would be a huge boost to our community, provide career pathways for our youth and attract more visitors to the area.



What Do We Need

Project timeline: 5-10 years
Project budget: \$15-20 million

A place where community vision becomes a reality

First inland town in Western Australia (1829) renowned for its **iconic heritage architecture**



District covers an area of 2,131km² in the Wheatbelt region (Avon Valley), just **97km from Perth**



York is a **vibrant & active community**

with many local groups contributing to our liveability

York is being recognised

through several recent awards and significant achievements



Catchment area (70km radius from town) embraces approximately **50,000 people**

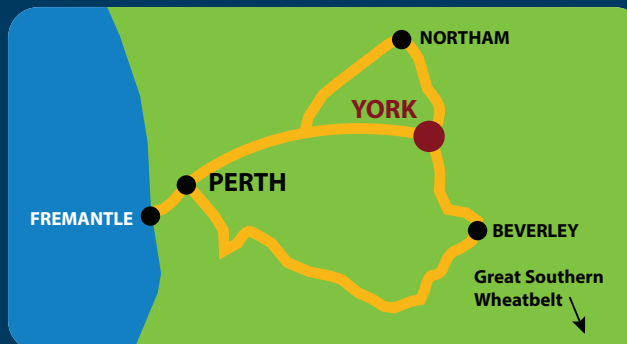


Events and festivals

are gaining popularity even in COVID times



The value of building and development approvals has increased from 2020 to 2021 by 54%



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SHIRE OF York



Our Priority Projects



We acknowledge the Balladong people of the Noongar Nation who are the Traditional Owners of this country and recognise their continuing connection to land, water, sky and culture. We pay our respects to all these people and their Elders past, present and emerging.

CBD Revitalisation

York was declared a Historic Town by the National Trust of Australia (WA) in 1980 as its heritage building stock is considered exceptional for a small country town, with the York Town Hall noted as being nationally significant.

Being such a feature of the district, the Shire of York is dedicated to preserving the town's heritage.

We are developing a community lead concept plan which includes upgrades to the CBD to ensure:

- ▶ The ongoing stability of the buildings
- ▶ Improved visual amenity of the streetscape and architecture
- ▶ Enhanced access and inclusion to ensure the area and its infrastructure is accessible to all
- ▶ Activation of the area

The York streetscape is a major drawcard for tourists and visitors increasing the economic benefit to the town and local businesses.



What Do We Need

Project timeline: 5-10 years
Project budget: \$20 million

Trails

A trails network will be developed on Wongborel/Mt Brown and along the Gogulgar Bilya/Avon River.

An Economic Impact Assessment for the project has identified it will create 14 FTE jobs and attract an additional \$1.4million per annum to the local economy.

The project is a key driver for increased tourism experiences and economic benefit that will enhance York's vision to be a vibrant, diverse and prosperous community, to include:

- ▶ Improvements to existing trails and development of new trails will ensure the network provides an engaging experience for a diverse range of trail users and abilities
- ▶ Maximising interpretation opportunities, including Aboriginal heritage and culture
- ▶ Diversifying the events options in the region
- ▶ Providing a platform for increased health and wellbeing

Funding application submitted to BBRF Round 6 and Lotterywest, along with Council's own resources.



What Do We Need

Project timeline: 0-2 years
Project budget: \$2-4 million

York Memorial Swimming Pool

The Pool was built in the 1960s and includes many of its original features.

The Pool is now at the end of its asset life and requires significant work to bring the facility up to required standards.

In its current state the Pool could be expected to function for another three to five years.

The Pool is a critical asset for the community in summer where temperatures are regularly above 38°C for extended days at a time.

York has a very active Swimming Club which includes members who participated at the Tokyo Olympics.

The loss of this facility, due to it failing and being irreparable, would be devastating to the community.

Council has started a community engagement process to inform the development of a concept design and location.



What Do We Need

Project timeline: 2-5 years
Project budget: \$6-12 million

