

## 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 Tourism
- ▶ Diversifying the events options in the region
- ▶ Providing a platform for increased health and wellbeing

Funding is being sought from Federal and State sources along with Council's own resources.



### What Do We Need

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

*The Shire of York acknowledges the Ballardong 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.*

York is in Ballardong Country, the home of the Ballardong people for over  
**50,000 years**



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



York is a  
**vibrant & active community**

with many local groups contributing to our liveability

Europeans settled York as the first inland town in Western Australia and **we are celebrating our Bicentenary in 2031**



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

**Agriculture, events, festivals and tourism** are key economic drivers



**York is being recognised** through several recent awards and significant achievements – Heritage Preservation, Small Town Tourism Finalist



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**York**

## Our Priority Projects



**Diverse Heritage**

**Vibrant Community**



**Prosperous Future**

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## York Swimming Pool

The Pool was built in the 1960s and includes many of its original features. Now at the end of its asset life, it requires a full renewal.

The main areas of concern include deteriorating concrete, corrosion, stress cracking, failing pumps, as well as needing a new plant room and back wash tank. The Pool is currently losing one million litres of water each month.

York has a very active Swimming Club which includes members who participated at the Tokyo Olympics. The Pool is a critical asset and service to our community where summer temperatures are regularly above 40°C for extended days at a time hence the loss of the facility would be devastating.

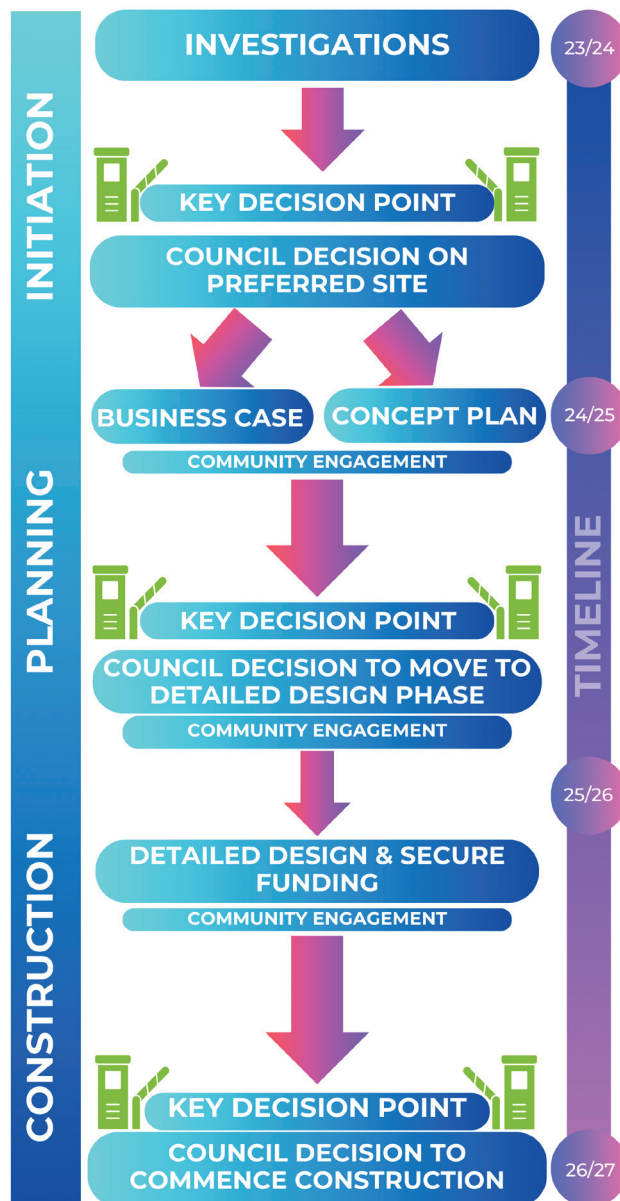
In mid-2023 Council commissioned a Feasibility Study which identified the need for a 50-metre pool. Three proposed sites have been identified.

The concept designs included essential elements for a modern aquatic facility including a shared competition pool, ramp access, program/leisure pool, toddlers pool, plant room, offices, first aid room, kiosk, modern change rooms, open areas and spectator facilities.

Across these stages extensive community engagement has been key to ensure the outcomes consider community aspirations.

The Shire is undertaking site geotechnical investigations at the identified sites and preparing a business case for the new facility. This will assist in developing a proposal for detailed design work.

At its April 2024 Meeting Council committed to providing one third of the project costs and is looking to State and Federal sources for funding support, as well as other philanthropic opportunities.



## CBD Revitalisation & Community Cultural Hub

### CBD

York is a declared Historic Town due to its exceptional heritage building stock, with the Town Hall considered nationally significant. Thus the Shire of York is dedicated to preserving our heritage.

We are delivering upgrades to the CBD to ensure:

- ▶ The ongoing stability of the buildings
- ▶ Improved visual amenity of the heritage streetscape and architecture
- ▶ Enhanced access and inclusion to ensure the area and its infrastructure is accessible to all
- ▶ Increased safety for people accessing the area

### CCH

An externally led project, which the Shire is advocating for, involves construction of a regional arts and Community Cultural Hub in the CBD enabling the co-location of several community focussed outcomes:

- ▶ A performance space
- ▶ A gallery/exhibition space
- ▶ A wet space in which craft work can be made and assembled
- ▶ Studio and storage space for the community radio station (Voice of the Avon 101.3FM)
- ▶ A recording studio
- ▶ Some Shire services
- ▶ A purpose-built space to address the needs of students of the Lumen Regional University Centre



### What Do We Need

Project timeline: 2-4 years  
Project budget: \$12 million



### What Do We Need

**CBD** Project timeline: 5-10 years  
Project budget: \$5 million

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