

Strategic Planning Review – Schedule of Submissions

A copy of each submission made is attached for Councilors reference. Below is a table which summaries the themes in the submission, provides an Officer comment and makes any recommendation on amendments, additions to the CBP based upon the submission for Councils consideration.

Submission Number	Submitter	Submission themes	Officer Comment	Recommended Amendments to draft Plans
1	Jan Underwood	Springbett Light Industrial Area potential for environmental impacts.	As part of the new Local Planning Strategy we need to consider the best location for Industrial land. Notwithstanding this site is available maybe other sites could be considered and land swapped if possible. Officers are receiving interest from businesses on the need for industrial land (both large and small). Officers recommend a study be done on future industrial land opportunities which can then be an input into Local Planning Strategy. This has the potential to be either funded or undertaken by the State Government.	<p>Add new project in Corporate Business Plan:</p> <p>Conduct a review on Industrial land availability, demand and best location. (Year 1)</p>

		Proposed York Equine Precinct. Needs investigation and potential opportunity.	Officers agree the equine precinct presents a number of opportunities which need to be investigated and considered.	Add new project in Corporate Business Plan: Investigate the creation of the York Equine Precinct. (Year 4)
2	Jan Underwood	Use "Chalkies" as a Library. Request Northam Shire and Main Roads to clean up rubbish on Lakes Road. Disabled parking bays in CBD.	This is certainly an option although ongoing costs would need to be considered. The use can be one of the options included in the "options paper to be prepared" action in the CBP. Officers have already liaised with Main Roads about this matter and some rubbish has been collected. Officers will be lobbying for this to continue. Officers agree this could be improved and suggest this could be investigated as part of the Avon Terrace Revitalisation.	
3	Murray Britza	Equestrian area known as Mt Bakewell Equine Precinct.	Officers agree that the equine precinct presents a number of opportunities which need to be investigated and considered.	Add new project in Corporate Business Plan: Investigate the creation of the York Equine Precinct. (Year 4)

4	Robert Pearce.	Town Pool/Avon River should be developed as a major tourist attraction. The River Conservation Society expresses interest to work with the Shire on restoration of this area.	This action is included in the existing Corporate Business Plan. Officers would welcome the opportunity to plan and implement upgrading of this area in partnership with this and other community organisations interested.	Amend "Avon Park, riverside restoration, Avon Trail etc Concept Design" project in the Corporate Business Plan to include the words "in partnership with local community groups."
5	David Taylor	<p>10 point plan to beautify York Townsite including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Relocating signage on great southern highway 2. Plant flowering native trees between GS Hwy entrance to YRCC and railway line. 3. Create artwork on power poles in CBD on Avon Terrace and on poles at entrances to town. 4. Place 32 tubs of red and white roses along Avon Terrace. 5. Encourage commercial properties to use historic themed signage. 6. Walk of Fame along Avon Terrace 7. Encourage commercial properties to improve visual ambience of premises. 8. Encourage commercial and private buildings on main entrances to York with historical locations/buildings to remove rubbish etc from premises. 	Officers see significant merit in these initiatives. Some initiatives could be considered within existing economic development projects however there is merit to create a new project as part of the Corporate Business Plan to capture these and other suggestions which might come from community members. Implementation of some of these initiatives would be reliant on funding which could be sourced, others could be implemented within existing budgets and/or projects. Officers note there is funding held in reserve for a water feature in Avon River.	Add new project in Corporate Business Plan: Beautification of York Project (Year 1-4).

6	Cr Trevor Randell	<p>9. Esthetic lighting of Town Hall and other locations on weekends, public holidays and events.</p> <p>10. Water feature including colour lighting in Avon River</p> <p>Issues associated with York Hospital including Doctors</p>	<p>Although this is not an issue of Local Government service provision it is an important issue for the community and impacts upon the liveability of York. On this basis Officer support the addition of an advocacy role for the Shire in the Corporate Business Plan to address these issues.</p> <p>It is also noted that Cr Walters has raised this matter with the Chief Executive Officer previously in addition to the email received from Cr Randell.</p>	<p>Add a new action in Corporate Business Plan:</p> <p>The Shire advocate for improvements to services at the York Hospital including availability of Doctors. (Years 1 – 4)</p>
7	Roger Underwood	<p>Development of “Wandoo Way – scenic route to York and Beverley” .</p>	<p>Officers consider this is proposal has merit and worthy of investigation. It would be best to consider this proposal in the form of a Business Case which would include intersection upgrades, signage and promotional material and compare these against expected traffic volumes and economic return.</p>	<p>Add a new action in the Corporate Business Plan:</p> <p>Prepare a Business Case on the development of the “Wandoo Way – scenic route to York and Beverley”. (Year 3)</p>

		<p>Development of "The Barladong Track" a long distance walking trail connecting York to the trailhead of the Bibulmun Track.</p> <p>Review the Management Plan for Mt Bakewell.</p>	<p>As the submitter has indicated Officers are aware there is a local group investigating this project. Officers see merit in investigating the development of this trial but would propose this occur in year 2 onwards given other projects and priorities.</p> <p>Officers agree with this project and recommend it should be considered whilst the Equine Precinct is also being investigated as there could be potential synergies with this project.</p>	<p>Add a new action in the Corporate Business Plan:</p> <p>Work with the community to investigate the development of the Barladong Track. (Year 2 and 3)</p> <p>Add a new action in the Corporate Business Plan:</p> <p>Review the Management Plan for Mt Bakewell. (Year 4)</p>
8	Liz Christmas	<p>Footpaths, Verges, Kerbing and Drainage with regards to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Safety of Citizen, visitor and Tourists. 2. The Amenity of the whole town as it affects (a) the self-respect of residents and pride; and (b) the impression gives to visitors and tourists. <p>The submission is making the point that more needs to be done sooner to address these matters.</p>	<p>Officers agree that there is a lot of work to be done to improve these asset classes across the town.</p> <p>The first step to address this issues is the preparation of the Asset Management Plans for each of these asset classes which has been identified as a priority over the next two years. This is made possible with the creation of an additional position in the organisation focused upon this task and the allocation of resources for expert advice where required.</p> <p>These asset management plans are going to identify, scope, cost</p>	<p>Add a new action in the Corporate Business Plan:</p> <p>Lobby the State Government for a one off "Asset Improvement Program" to bring roads, footpaths and drainage up to a standard which can be maintained into the future by the Shire. (Years 1 – 4)</p>

and prioritise a significant amount of work that needs to be undertaken. This is likely to identify a major "gap" in the resources required to improve these assets beyond the Shire's ability to fund. Officers are therefore recommending the Shire lobby the State Government for a one off "Asset Improvement Program" of funding to be allocated to the Shire to make the improvements identified in these asset management plans. As the Shire is not planning any "new" major community facilities unlike other locations Officers are recommending the Shire lobby for a major upgrade to these asset classes to be sourced from Royalties for Regions or another funding source within the State Government. This proposal may not currently fit within the Royalties for Regions guidelines however they may be modified over the coming years in any case by the State Government. Nevertheless Officers consider the Shire should lobby the State Government for this major asset upgrade over the coming 4 years.

9	Roma Paton	<p>Prioritise Town Hall maintenance and acoustic ahead of sporting facilities.</p>	<p>Officers agree that acoustic improvements need to be made to the Town Hall.</p> <p>Officers suggest packaging all the Town Hall upgrade projects into one overall project called "Town Hall Upgrades – Restumping, painting and acoustic improvements."</p> <p>This could increase the Shire's ability to attract funding by leveraging existing Shire funds allocated to see the acoustic improvements done sooner than initially planned.</p> <p>Officers would not envisage an additional Shire contribution at this stage towards this project.</p> <p>Officers are currently arranging an application for funding to be submitted along these lines.</p>	<p>Amendment to Corporate Business Plan:</p> <p>Amalgamate all Town Hall upgrade projects into one initiative called "Town Hall Upgrades – restumping, painting and acoustic improvements". (Years 1-4)</p>	
	<p>Increased focus upon Avon River Corridor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Volunteer working bees - Viewing platform near Avon Park 	<p>Officers see merit in these suggestions. The proposed amendment earlier to the Avon Park action could be further amended to include the word "implement" with the community and groups. How this occurs can be determined through the development and implementation of the plan for the river.</p>	<p>Amend "Avon Park, riverside restoration, Avon Trail etc Concept Design" project in the Corporate Business Plan to include the word "implement" in partnership with local community members and groups.</p>		

		<p>Exploring ways to reduce reliance on rates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Annual auction of old street and Shire of York signs. - Refuse further planning applications for Church based Lifestyle villages as they claim exemption for rates. 	<p>The suggestion of the viewing platform could be considered as part of the development of the concept plan for the area.</p> <p>Officers are willing to reconsider how old street and Shire of York signs are disposed of as per this suggestion. This can be done at an administration level and doesn't necessarily need to be reflected in the Corporate Business Plan.</p> <p>The Shire cannot use the fact that an applicant may not pay rates as a reason to refuse a planning application. However it is not proposed to actively attract these types of developments to the Shire at this time.</p> <p>Officers agree these pipes need to be removed from the site and/or used for another purpose. It is proposed this matter be investigated and a report presented to Council with options over the coming 12 months for consideration.</p> <p>This report will be located and provided to the Asset Officer as background information.</p>	
<p>Using the pipes stored on Balladong Street for another purpose and removing them from the site.</p>	<p>Officers agree these pipes need to be removed from the site and/or used for another purpose. It is proposed this matter be investigated and a report presented to Council with options over the coming 12 months for consideration.</p>			
<p>Development of a Storm Water drainage investment plan. Locate the drainage plan commissioned by Commissioner Troy.</p>	<p>This report will be located and provided to the Asset Officer as background information.</p>			

	<p>Officers agree with this focus and it will be used in marketing material promoting the town.</p> <p>Officers agree with the recommendation that the Visitors Information Centre should be open seven days a week. This matter is addressed further in the Chief Executive Officer’s organisational review being considered by Council.</p>		
	<p>The need for securing land for future residential growth will be addressed as part of developing the new Local Planning Strategy and Scheme.</p> <p>Officers agree with the suggestion regarding Industrial land. As per submission 1 it is recommended this be created as a new action in the Corporate Business Plan.</p>	<p>Balance population Structure - Focus on promoting York as a family friendly and safe community.</p> <p>Reviewing and developing visitor information services</p>	
<p>Add new project in CBP:</p> <p>Conduct a review on Industrial land availability, demand and best location. (Year 1)</p>	<p>Securing and developing industrial land capacity – secure land for residential growth and plan for industrial land.</p>	<p>Consider forming “friends of each park”</p>	
<p>Add new project to Corporate Business Plan:</p> <p>Actively work to encourage community partnerships to develop and maintain parks and trees, including “friends of each park.” (Years 1- 4)</p>	<p>The Shire is keen to establish more partnerships with community groups to undertake this type of activity. There has been some examples of success to date but more is possible. This will be done as per normal business operations however an action in the CBP would be appropriate given the strategic nature of the project.</p>		

	<p>This proposal is recommended to be considered as part of the Corporate Business Plan project "Avon Terrace revitalisation projects – eg painting" Council has allocated some funding towards this initiative in the draft budget.</p>		
<p>Painting of building in the CBD.</p>	<p>Officers agree that the Shire (Councillors and the administration) need to improve how they communicate with the community. On this basis it is recommended this be included as an action in the Corporate Business Plan. Now could be a good time to review the format and structure of Agenda briefings and Councillor forums.</p>	<p>Improving communication methods - Councillors communicating with residents. Briefing meetings being open to the public.</p>	
	<p>The suggestion of the Emergency will be referred to Department of Fire and Emergency Services and Local Emergency Management Advisory Committee for consideration. How rain water is managed including the need for rain water tanks is recommended to</p>	<p>Addressing risks arising from infrastructure gaps (or failures)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Emergency Services Generator for town water supply - Water Tanks and Rain Water tanks on houses 	

		<p>Avon Terrace Revitalisation – Sponsorship of trees for CBD.</p> <p>Focus upon community networking – particularly in disasters or major events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Neighbour checking system - Talent register - Refuge centre on eastern side of river. 	<p>investigated as part of the review of the Local Planning Strategy and Scheme.</p> <p>Officers support this suggestion and recommend it be investigated when trees are considered for Avon Terrace.</p> <p>These suggestions have merit and are recommended to be referred to Department of Fire and Emergency Services and LEMAC for consideration.</p>	
10	Karrie Stralford on behalf of York Hockey Club	<p>Power upgrade to Hockey Clubrooms</p> <p>Artificial Turf field for Hockey</p>	<p>The Shire is committing to review the operations of the YRCC. As can be seen below Officers are recommending this action be reworded to better reflect the scope of the work involved. Officers would be recommending no commitment be made to considering this request until the Business Plan for the YRCC is completed as this will inform the role the Shire should play in upgrading facilities at the YRCC for all clubs and users.</p> <p>The Shire is committing to review the operations of the YRCC. As can be seen below Officers are recommending this action be</p>	

			<p>reworded to better reflect the scope of the work involved. While a artificial turf has merit, Officers would be recommending no commitment be made to considering this request until the Business Plan for the YRCC is completed as this will inform the role the Shire should play in upgrading facilities at the YRCC for all clubs and users. If Council did want to include this as a long term potential project Officers would recommend it be considered in years 5-10 as there is limited capacity for the Shire to contribute towards this in the short term.</p>	
11	Larry Kane	Public a proposition in the local paper establishing a competition to seek ideas on improving the economy or lifestyle of York.	Officers agree with this proposal and suggest it could be considered and incorporated as part of the proposal outlined in submission 5.	Add new project in Corporate Business Plan: Beautification of York Project (Year 1- 4).
12	Brian Harffey	Strategies to improve and retain the Heritage aspects of York.	Officers consider how York enhances its heritage is critical for the future economic and social development of the town. The Chief Executive Officer as part of the organisational review undertaken is making recommendation to Council on this matter.	Add new project in Corporate Business Plan: Beautification of York Project (Year 1- 4).

13	Yva and Larry Kane	Timing for upgrade of the Mainstreet.	Some of the other suggestions could be considered as part of the proposal outlined in submission 5.	
14	Louise Draper- Severson	Pictures of playground at Esperance foreshore for consideration as part of improvements to Avon Park.	The Corporate Business Plan proposes "Avon Terrace Revitalisation projects – eg painting" in Years 1 and 2. Funds have also been allocated for Street Trees in Avon Terrace in Year 1. Council might want to consider allocating more funds to this initiative as part of the budget process.	
			This scale of playground upgrade is what Officers were considering as part of the upgrade to Avon Park. It is recommended this suggestion be referred to this planning process for consideration.	

Strategic Planning Review – Proposed amendments by Officers

The advertising period has also provided an opportunity for Officers to review the actions including in the draft documents. The following table is a summary of any issues and recommendations from Officers for Councils consideration.

Current project/initiative	Issue/comment	Recommendation
<p>YRCC Management Review</p>	<p>Officers consider that name of this action in the Corporate Business Plan could be amended to better reflect the scope of work to be undertaken as part of this action.</p> <p>Officers envisage this action will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Investigating and making publically available the capital costs of construction of the YRCC - Reviewing, analysing and making public the yearly costs of operation of the YRCC since opening - Developing options for future management of the YRCC including involvement of clubs using the centre (including fundraising opportunities, the type of liquor licence - Reviewing the operating management arrangements and structure of similar recreation centres in other towns in the area - Developing a preferred management model and operations for the YRCC. - Seeking community feedback on the preferred model prior to implementation. - Implementing the preferred management model once agreed upon by Council including the liquor licence. <p>On this basis the wording of this action could be changed better reflect this project and important issue in the community.</p>	<p>Change the name of “YRCC Management review” in the Corporate Business Plan to “YRCC capital and operating costings review and future management arrangements”</p>

Current project/initiative	Issue/comment	Recommendation
	<p>Since the Major Strategic Review process commenced Main Roads have changed the speed limit along Great Southern Highway (Lakes/Chidlow Road) from 110km/h to 100/km/h.</p> <p>Officers have met with Main Roads a substantial amount of investigation was done by Main Roads to understand safety on the road which lead to the recommendation to reduce the speed limit.</p> <p>Council could advocate for increasing the speed limit from 100km/h to 110km/h however without meaningful safety modelling it is hard to imagine a Minister going against the recommendation from Main Roads regarding and approve a speed limit increase. However if Council wanted to pursue this approach it could be undertaken.</p> <p>An alternative option for Council to consider is to advocate and lobby for upgrades to the road. These upgrades could include increased overtaking lanes, improvements to areas such as “three bridges”, widening of the road and improvements to bends. This is the approach which the Shire of Toodyay has been successful in which will see major upgrades to Toodyay Road over the coming years.</p> <p>The Premier, when he met with Councillors on a recent visit acknowledged that work needed to be done on the road. Therefore the approach of lobbying for Main Roads to be allocated funding for upgrades could be supported at a political level.</p>	<p>Add new action in Corporate Business Plan:</p> <p>Lobby the State Government for upgrades and improvements to Great Southern Highway (Lakes/Chidlow Road). (Years 1 -4)</p>

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From: Jan Underwood
Sent: Wednesday, 1 June 2016 1:22 PM
To: Records
Subject: I154924 - FW: Re - major projects - Planning - Strategic and otherwise cc. to Shire C.E.O, Mr. Paul Martin

SynergySoft: I154924

From: Jan Underwood
Sent: Tuesday, 31 May 2016 1:50 PM
To: 'records@yorkwa.gov.au'
Subject: Re - major projects - Planning - Strategic and otherwise. cc. to Shire C.E.O, Mr. Paul Martin

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

It is with some concern, after glancing through the Shires' 'Major Projects' list, that I see 'Springbett Light Industrial' listed. It is to be assumed that the plan for the future is to convert the former Sprintbett airstrip into an industrial site. This area, sited right next to the Avon River, on flood plain, has the potential to do further major damage, to our already damaged river system.. Surely the Shire cannot be serious about the placement of such a project – Light or not! I think the Shire really needs to have a rethink on this proposition. Bad enough that we have a rubbish tip here. To add to the potential to cause more damage, defies logic. Think again, please.

I would also like to opportunity to discuss the Proposed York Equine Precinct. I was originally on the reference team who worked on this proposal, and a good portion of the work involved in the development and presentation of this, was undertaken by me. As I no longer have documents relating to this, "borrowed" by a former Shire employee, looking at Town Planning, and never returned, despite constant requests, it is hoped that the original copies still reside somewhere in the shire archives.

It is essential that some protocols are put in place, asap, as an event was recently held at this site, and was so badly designed, that there were a number of accidents on the day. I have this information on very good authority, from one of the participants, with major and long term experience, some including a former team member of the London Olympics Equestrian team. More comprehensive information can be obtained, from the lady in question. Regardless of who runs these events and insurance coverage, the fact remains that this is still Shire land and not only puts the Shire at risk, but already, in one fell swoop, has put this Shires' reputation into disrepute, having a number of experienced horse people saying that they would never attend another event here, again. Word of mouth travels fast in the horse eventing world. Needs fixing and fast! Also will lose the Shire the potential of a LOT of money.

I can be contacted by phone on 9641 2279. Please leave a message, if cannot get to ans. the phone on time. I will return your phone call.

Regards,

Jan Underwood.

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From: Jan Underwood
Sent: Tuesday, 31 May 2016 1:56 PM
To: Records
Subject: I154901 - FW: feedback/comment - strategic planning for Town of York

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From: Jan Underwood
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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I am sending this email, as I have tried to access your feedback sheet on line only to find that I cannot print directly onto form and email back to you.

Unable to visit externally at this point in time, and no access to working printer – so, hence this email.

Firstly – Congratulations on planning. Hope it all works, but more – hope workable suggestions are actually undertaken to improve current situation.

1. Regards 'Chalkies'. Hope required maintenance is undertaken, as trying to sell on in this market, would involve further losses to public and knowledge of poor condition and lack of maintenance, lowers 'us' down to the unethical practices of former owners. Not required and unnecessary. Use the building as a stand alone library. Has been used as library before and should be again. Employ a really good architect and involve the current librarians, and renovate to purpose. Include skylights, solar power, air con/ heating , etc. hot water, disabled facilities, including proper parking, wheelchair access, proper disabled toilets (use toilets at Dr.s' surgery as example) – including positioning at a v. reasonable height and NOT 2" off the floor!! Make them easily accessible and not miles away, hidden in a back room somewhere. Benefits would include freeing up much needed extra room at Shire Offices and allow for a permanent Shire Meeting room.

2. Request Northam Shire and Main Roads, to clean up disgusting mess and rubbish on the Perth /Lakes Road, York side of the Lakes. This is Northam Shire land – out of sight, out of mind. Hardly a salubrious entrance into York. Main Roads used to get prisoners from Woorooloo to come over and bag up rubbish, but clearly hasn't happened for a v. long time. It may also help to contact the fuel company 'B.P.' and request that at each entrance in and out of the Lakes, and perhaps also in the newly refurbished Cafeteria, that they place signage, 'encouraging' people to bin their rubbish instead of chucking it all over the road and into the bush. They might also encourage people to dispose of their rubbish, by perhaps providing car rubbish bags (formerly from Keep Oz Beaut mob) for those purchasing take away food, at point of sale. Good advertising opportunity, perhaps? This clean up should be undertaken on a regular basis. People from Northam travel up the highway. We are the ones, who have to look at this mess. Main Roads signage would also be advantageous. If Northam population had this lot on their doorstep, we would never hear the end of it!

3. Further to Disabled parking, having just two spots outside the Co-op is insufficient and is frequently taken up for some period of time. Perhaps a couple across the road as well? One or two near the Post Office and a further two down near the Bank and Newsagents, would be highly beneficial. There are laneways, next to the Post Office, to parking out the back, and also next to the Chemist, plus access to parking through

Settlers to the back, from Howick Street. Perhaps signage could be placed for those who can walk and don't realise that this is available, including visitors. Encouragement towards Park and River walks, may help visitors to look a little further than the main street.

Many Thanks,

Jan Underwood



**DRAFT STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLAN,
DRAFT CORPORATE BUSINESS PLAN AND
DRAFT LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN
COMMUNITY CONSULTATION AND FEEDBACK FORM**

Name: Murray Britza

Organisation /: Representing: Balkuling Horse and Pony Club and Avon Valley
Therapeutic Equine Centre (if applicable)

Address: _____

Email: _____

**Please comment below on the Draft Strategic Community Plan, the Draft
Corporate Business Plan and/or the Draft Long Term Financial Plan**

Closing Date: 4.00pm Tuesday, 21st June, 2016

I was one of the interested persons who attended the 'discussion' and input for the Shire of York outcome
Strategic policies to be reviewed by the Council and other representatives.

I am in total agreement with the sentiments laid out in the proposed document(as above)

However, a lot of time was spent on the use and non-use of the Equestrain area known as the Mt Bakewell

Equine Precinct, which has been endorsed and promoted by the York Shire. This Equine Precinct, has in

It's centre---the York Race Club and Track (YRC) The YRC is an identity on it's own and though the

Shire has financial responsibilities, with regard to loans to the YRC, the YRC is an identity on it's own,

And the running of the YRC has it's own committee and is totally independent of the York Shire.

Two well know Equestrian Clubs—Balkuling Horse and Pony Club and Riding for the Disabled- York

Has been established or relocated to the YRC grounds(from past outlining grounds)

The potential of equestrian activities coming from these clubs and beyond have the possibilities of creating

National and International events, using the unique site of the Mt Bakewell Equine Precinct.

The YRC has some reservations to include ongoing programs and events relating to our objectives

(seeing they are not Horse racing or Harness Racing events)

It has to be mentioned that there is unlimited support for a venue that can accommodate equine events of such magnitude that far outperforms the city venues eg: State Equestrian Centre- Brigadoon

As Past State President of Pony Club and Equestrian Australia we know and believe that a venue only 1 hour from Midland is a massive incentive for organizers of these State and National Events to place their programs away from the city and the crowded Equestrian Centers.

Our vision was to have a facility that has the surrounds and outlook of the Mt Bakewell equine centre, but has the space for a grassed area for performances and an indoor arena to accommodate ALL type of equine events and many other possibilities that this structure would conjure.

The land directly opposite the entry to the YRC (currently used for community cropping) would be ideal.

However, my concern, is that the Mt Bakewell equine Precinct was NOT included in the forward planning for York, as this was always a major drawcard to the burgeoning horse identities and people that surround York and the greater Avon Valley.

We have great financial support and benefactors that want to see this concept and even Youth Sport and Recreation---Disabilities Services—Royalties for Regions support—This was initially promised—but due to the interruptions of the past York administrations, nothing was finalized. Without the York Shire s support and acceptance—no party was willing to sign off on the proposal.

I really need to seek a meeting with yourself, your President and other required parties to meet with my
and our team to help make this happen.

Thanking you

Murray and Sue Britza

Return to:

Return By:
4.00pm Tuesday, 21st June, 2016

Chief Executive Officer
Shire of York
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Email: records@york.wa.gov.au

Records

From: robert pearce
Sent: Tuesday, 7 June 2016 9:39 PM
To: Records
Subject: I155021 - Fwd: Expression of interest from River Conservation Society Inc concerning York Town Pool rehabilitation and enhancement project.

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DATE	INITIALS

SynergySoft: I155021

Goodmorning,

Please forward to below recipients as an error report has been received regarding shires email addresses.

Kind regards
Robert Pearce
(River Conservation Society Inc)

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **robert pearce**
Date: Mon, Jun 6, 2016 at 6:15 PM
Subject: Expression of interest from River Conservation Society Inc. concerning York Town Pool rehabilitation and enhancement project.
To: paul.martin@york.wa.gov.au, david.wallace@york.wa.gov.au, tyhscha.cochrane@york.wa.gov.au
Cc: allan.rourke@york.wa.gov.au, george.johnson@york.wa.gov.au, denese.smythe@york.wa.gov.au, heather.saint@york.wa.gov.au, pam.heaton@york.wa.gov.au, jane.ferro@york.wa.gov.au, trevor.randell@york.wa.gov.au, tricia.walters@york.wa.gov.au

Dear Mr Martin, Mrs Cochrane and Mr Wallace,

The River Conservation Society Inc. is a York based community group that has been actively involved in community and environmental projects within the Shire of York since 1990.

Town Pool, located between Pool Street and South Street York on the Avon River, has the potential to become a major drawcard for tourists to the York / Avon region and a popular parkland for residents.

Over the years the River Conservation Society has noticed a steady decline in vegetation along the banks of Town Pool together with a decline in pool water quality.

The East and West banks of Town Pool are now subject to sever erosion from storm / heavy rain events which has resulted in sediment transport / nutrient loading entering the pool and contributing to poor water quality.

The society wishes to express an interest in a community project, with the Shire of York, to rehabilitate and enhance the Town Pool area resulting in upstream and downstream environmental benefits for the Avon River and the York community. We are aware that York based community groups, and the York community, are of the same opinion.

The Society would like to meet with interested shire representatives to discuss the merits of a community project and how best to restore Town Pool as a popular destination for York residents and visitors.

We look forward to hearing from you,

Kind regards
Trevor Moffat
(Chair River Conservation Society)

Robert Pearce
(Vice chair River Conservation Society)

Website: www.riverconservationsociety.org

Email:

Mr. David Wallace

President

The Shire of York

1 Joaquina Street

YORK, WA 6302

Hello David,

Please feel free to submit this 10 point plan for review and consideration, on my behalf, should you wish to do so.

Thank you

David Taylor

FOR THE CORPORATE REVIEW& COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

HISTORIC YORK

GATEWAY TO THE HEARTLANDS

Initial beautification of the historic York Town site

10 Point Plan

1. Relocate faded local aerial, extreme sports activity signage on the Great Southern Highway to the entrance to York and upgrade these signs. (It was considered that Main-Roads could be asked to relocate them and Tourism WA. pays for the restoration or replacement.)
2. Plant an avenue of flowering native trees (bottle-brush, wattle, Christmas trees) between the Great Southern Highway entrance to the York Recreation and Convention Centre and the railway line. (This would be a local community project in conjunction with the Keep Australia Beautiful Council.)

3. Create artwork, with both historic agricultural and Indigenous themes to be painted on power poles in the CBD on Avon Terrace, and on poles at the Perth, Quairading, Beverley and Northam entrances to the town site.
(Permission has been granted before by Western Power for limited use of its property as a canvass for artwork. This project could involve prizes for the best designs by local artists, or expanded further to encompass the WA art community. The Australia Council could be approached for possible support.)
4. Place 32 tubs of roses, alternating between red and white, along the Western and Eastern footpaths of the Avon Terrace shopping precinct to acknowledge York's lineage to the County of York, the City of York and the House of York and its rich history. The roses signify the Wars of the Roses (1455-1487) between the Houses' of York and Lancaster which resulted in the first Tudor King of England, Henry V¹¹, the father of Henry V¹¹¹, whose daughter was Queen Elizabeth 1.
(An approach could be made to the City of York (UK) for their kind assistance, advice and support for this project. The City of York is aware of our community. Its' Mayor and Aldermen were presented with an Indigenous painting by local artist, Merle Narkle during our 175th Anniversary Celebrations and this was published in *The Yorkshire Post*, one of the largest circulation newspapers in the UK outside of Fleet Street.
A presumption is that York promotes itself as the 'Rose Capital' of the Wheatbelt and seeks support from The Rose Society of WA.)
5. Encourage owners of commercial premises to use additional appropriate historic signage, themed on early-settler, Colonial and "Old English" advertising hoardings (apothecary, hostelry, purveyor etc).
6. A "Walk of Fame" acknowledging the early pioneers/Aborigines and the famous sons and daughters of York (in commemorative plaque, paving stone or sculpture form) to be located along Avon Terrace. (The support of The Royal Western Australian Historical Society could be sought for such a project.)
7. Encourage owners of commercial premises, specifically in the Avon Terrace shopping precinct to improve the visual ambience of these premises including renovating, cleaning and painting in Colonial/ Federation colours. (The Shire of York Council could be seen to be proactive in this by offering forms of incentives.)
8. Encourage owners of both commercial premises and private properties along the main entrances to York and streets containing buildings and/or locations of significant historic

interest, including Avon Terrace, to remove all unsightly rubbish including, but not limited to old car bodies from these premises. (The Shire of York Administration could offer a removal service at a reasonable fee.)

9. Project esthetic display lighting on the York Town Hall, other selected buildings of historic significance and Peace Park with the lighting to be activated on weekends, public holidays and during special events. This could include the latest technology being animated projections on buildings and entire streetscapes. These images could be historical in nature featuring the activities undertaken by early settlers and could include the precursor to cinematography, lantern slides and the "Magic Lantern" show.

(I was responsible for the commercial usage and display of historic photographic images and lantern slides held within West Australian Newspapers Limited's Historic Image Library and the J.S Battye Library. I am therefore aware of the images that could be displayed as a successful tourist attraction.

The methods used for large scale projections, as seen recently on the Sydney Opera House, and the cost, would have to be determined.

The fact that these lighting events can only occur at night means that restaurants and accommodation facilities would benefit.)

10. The introduction of a water feature (such as a fountain featuring a coloured lighting display) within the Avon River with the fountain to be activated on weekends, public holidays and during special events. Also look at the possible introduction of a black swan colony.

(An American tourist was appalled by the lack of aesthetic presentation surrounding the Avon River at York.)

The Shire of York to announce and promote the beautification of York as a special community project requiring additional community input- with a request for volunteer assistance. The project should be personalized to include all community groups themed as "York-Our Town" to maximize community involvement and pride and, hopefully, reduce the potential for vandalism. It should be noted that windows of opportunity to promote tourism within a Rural, Regional and Remote Local Government Area are rare and under Tourism WA's current promotional planning totally reliant on local community effort.

Kind regards

David Taylor

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Paul Martin

From: Trevor Randell
Sent: Tuesday, 14 June 2016 2:39 PM
To: Denese Smythe; David Wallace; pamheaton; Jane Ferro; Paul Martin; Heather Saint; Helen D'arcy-Walker; Records
Subject: York hospital

After attending the recent Health meeting at the hospital I found out some very disturbing facts that I would like to bring to your attention

1. There is no doctor that will attend or be on call at the York Hospital from the York Medical Centre.
2. York is the ONLY hospital in WESTERN AUSTRALIA that does not have an on call doctor.
3. Every shift no matter what the emergency the York Hospital only has 2 nurses!
4. The building is run down and badly run down and Needs maintenance .
5. They need the shire of Yorks help.
6. No resident doctor means we are putting our ambulance services under extreme pressure.
7. The hospital should seriously be considered in the draft budget.
8. We need a letter of support from SOY to the state government or minister for health.
9. Just some statistics HAC now have 162 clients and the hospital kitchen manages over 204 meals on wheels.
10. You know without a visiting doctor you are not allowed to die at home or now in how hospital. The closest you get is Northam. I don't wanna die in Northam!

The has held on for too long and I strongly urge us to sit together to sort out this problem which I believe has become urgent.

I have requested that me meet with Julian (President) To discuss more with us

Regards
Trev



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Firstly I would like to congratulate Council on pursuing a strategic plan. In my experience a major benefit is the process, just as important as the outcome.

I recently met with the Shire President and CEO and put forward a list of items that I thought Council might pursue in coming years. This list will be on record.

However, for the purpose of formal input to the strategic plan I would like to single out the following:

1. Development of an alternative way for York visitors (and residents) to drive to and from York. I propose that the route Talbot Road-West Talbot Road-Yarra Road be developed and promoted as "The Wandoo Way". This route provides a lovely trip through charming farmland in the Talbot district and then through some of the State's most beautiful wandoo forests. There are some historical points along the way, The entire route is sealed, and all that is needed is to fix up a couple of intersections and develop the signage. Shire of York could collaborate with Shire of Beverley (and the two Tourist Bureaux) on this project, sharing costs. At the Yarra Road junction the sign could say "The Wandoo Way - scenic route to York and Beverley."

The importance of an alternative route will be increased if the proposed rubbish dump goes ahead, as the York-Lakes Road will be carrying vastly increased truck traffic.

2. Long distance bushwalking is hugely popular. I would like to see the Shire of York take a leadership role in promoting the development of "The Barladong Track", a long distance walking trail connecting York to the trailhead of the Bibulmun Track at Kalamunda. I realise that there is already an informal committee looking at this, but these sort of projects need Local Government Support. This would initially be to facilitate planning, through consultation with DPaW and the Dept of Water.

3. I would like to see Council take up the issue of securing the reserve at Mt Bakewell and implementing the management plan. This could become a huge asset



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My submission relates to Footpaths, Verges, Kerbing and Drainage with regard to: (1) Safety of Citizens, Visitors and Tourists; (2) Amenity of the whole town, as it affects (a) the self-respect of residents and pride in York; (b) the impression York gives to Visitors and Tourists and people who might, if it were all in good condition, wish to settle in York thereby increasing the range of skills people would bring to the community as a whole, as well as increasing the rates base and hence building up York's capacity to keep the place safe and inviting and result in a thriving town and community.
(NOTE: The Draft Strategic Community Plan will not open on my computer)
In the chart section 3.3 (p41) in the Corporate Business Plan, for instance, I note reference to a plan over 4 years for 5km of footpaths providing linkages on the Eastern side. That is good, but not good enough in terms of the serious devastation we have seen all over the suburban sections of York as a result of heavy rain washing whole swathes of verges onto the roads, making not only the roads dangerous in parts, but also verges people should be able to walk on quite unsafe. The reasons: use of gravel on slopey verges,

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broken kerbing making it even easier for gravel on verges to wash onto the roads, and total lack of road drains on many roads. Tenth Road has verges on both sides which are largely taken up by deep channels all the way the lengthy sloped portion.

Crossovers are also washed away where the Shire has not constructed footpaths or kept verges properly compacted.

Four Years and more is a long way away. AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE NEEDS TO BE DONE TO ENSURE THE (a) SAFETY (footpaths, verges and roads) and (b) AMENITY of York, and AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. Currently these features in the Suburban sections (non-Centre) of our Town are a MESS and a DISGRACE in many parts — a situation we have sadly inherited from years of previous Administrations.

People may well wish to move away if these deficits are not fixed soon.

ALL FOUR ELEMENTS GO TOGETHER if any are to be permanently fixed.

Without the drainage all non-sealed verges are at risk. Unsealed verges and broken kerbs —> clogged drains and unsafe roads and pedestrian pathways.

IF THE MONEY IS ALLOCATED AND THESE JOBS ARE DONE SOON, the Shire and the Ratepayer will not have to be constantly slugged for fixing up the kind of damage we have seen this and other years. We will be safer and York will be a more attractive place for people to live and to want to live in.

On a different topic, I am pleased to see the clear inclusion of an intention to keep in mind the needs of the elderly and people with disabilities (p40) re community projects; this should also relate to their having safe footpaths.

Please feel free to attach additional information if required

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STRATEGIC REVIEW
SUBMISSION

By: Roma Paton

Town Hall -Page 6: Prioritise Town Hall maintenance and acoustic ahead of sporting facilities

Reason: Many Ratepayers are disappointed with the standard of the YRCC since it was built. The YRCC failed to deliver the promised conference revenue and has taken too much of ratepayers money at the expense of other historically valuable assets.

Suggestion: If acoustics in the Town Hall are addressed, the Shire will be in a position to host revenue raising attractions i.e W.A. Ballet and Symphony Orchestra which will provide the opportunity to build up a maintenance fund to offset \$ for \$ Heritage and Lottery grants for future improvements and maintenance of the Town Hall.

River restoration - Page 6. Increased focus on the Avon River Corridor - page 29

Reason: The Avon River could be utilised more for events to attract visitors if the river flowed freely and the banks were cleaned up. For three years I was involved in running the Beverley Duck Race on the river and arranged for Postcards W.A. GWN, Channel 9,10 and 2. to promote this event. The event is no longer held in Beverley and there is no reason why it could not be taken up by York if the river was cleaned up. I was a working member of the Avon River Water Rats, cleaning out and replanting the river banks. The banks of the river need to have the brambles removed and planted with reeds to improve the health of the River and provide safe haven for water ducks.

Suggestion 1: The Shire could organise 'volunteer working bees', provide front end loaders for volunteers to fill buckets to dump into trucks that can cart away the rubbish. This project can only be carried out in cooler months because of the snake risk. Starting in the centre of Town four teams of volunteers - two either side of River - working simultaneously upstream and down stream.

Suggestion 2: Utilise the historic Fremantle Oyster Bed Pylons (stored in the Shire Yard) sourced and owned by residents for a viewing platform near Avon Park. Involve York High School Manual Art Students.

Exploring ways to reduce reliance on rates: Page 6

Suggestion 1:

Annual Auction of old street and Shire of York signs instead of selling them for metal scrap value - these items will be worth more as collectors items than scrap metal content.

Suggestion 2:

Refuse further planning applications for Church based Lifestyle villages as they claim exemption for Rates. We cannot afford to become a retirement village magnet.

Risk implications: Page 6.

Pipes stored on Balladong Street - Page 6.

Suggestion:

These pipes have been there for well over four years now and have become an eyesore for York, they need to be removed.

We were told (a) it would cost too much money for the shire to move them to the Shire Yard. (b) if attempts were made to move them, they will probably break up or crack and therefore become unusable. (c) no one wants to purchase them. If this is the case, they are a lost and wasted commodity and the Shire should consider cutting our losses, crush them and use them in high risk erosion areas to slow down water run off.

Development of a Storm water drainage investment plan - Page 6.

Suggestion: Locate the drainage plan commissioned by Commissioner Troy.

Balanced Population Structure - Page 15

Reason:

York cannot sustain increases in retirement Lifestyle complexes/villages. These are generally owned by Church groups and thus are eligible to claim Rate exemption. York ratepayers cannot afford to carry Church based Lifestyle Villages.

Suggestion: Focus on promoting York as a family friendly and safe community.

Community Engagement in developing the plan. Page 18

Comment only:

February to June 2015 community visioning exercise. I attended most of these meetings and was dismayed at the unprofessional manner these meetings were conducted. The presenter was at least 30 minutes late for every meeting I attended. They were a waste of my time.

It is interesting to read this process provided input into the development of this plan because those attending the sessions were never provided with any feedback or report.

Council's strategic Priorities - page 27

Reason:

Reviewing and developing visitor information services: **Essential.**

I volunteered in York because I had 6 years experience as a volunteer co-ordinator/ manning a visitor centre/Museum Sat. and Sun. and had completed the Aussie Host training.

York Visitor service was systematically destroyed when dedicated knowledgeable volunteers were told they lacked qualifications and their services were no longer required.

Suggestion:

The Information centre must be open 7 days a week.

Enthusiastic 'people friendly' volunteers could successfully man the York visitors information centre, working along side one 'Member volunteer' from a B & B or Member business proprietor.

I would volunteer one full day a week and be available for 'on call' emergencies during High Festival periods.

Securing and developing industrial land capacity. - page 27

Suggestion:

Secure land well out of the Town to allow for min. of 20 years residential growth. Industrial complex should be located above the flood risk area to mitigate pollution risk for the Avon River.

To protect the Heritage image of York and for visual pollution reasons, consider location beyond the sewage treatment plant.

**Continued small-scale improvements to three key parks (Avon, Peace and Candace Bateman Park) and early improvement of Centennial Park - page 29
Residential Street Trees -page 29**

Suggestion: Consider forming 'friends of each park' from within the local community. These groups could look at what is needed to meet community needs, what could be done by busy bees and what would need to be done by Works Department.

Approach residents to 'foster care' street trees until established.

If the Shire digs three substantial holes in my verge I will plant Torquata (red gums) on the verge and water them until they become established. There's no power lines above my verge.

Driving the York Economy forward - Avon Terrace page 30

Suggestion:

Some years ago I put a proposal to CEO Hooper after personally obtaining a commitment from a major paint supplier to provide sufficient quality paint free of charge to paint every building within the CBD.

Conditions: every property owner would be required (a) to have a registered painter carry out the work and (b) every property owner agree to participate. The idea failed when the CEO refused to provide me with contact details of building owners sighting confidentially.

I believe this idea is worth reconsidering. An incentive could be offered to the Paint Company by way of a sign at the Perth Entrancecompany name.....painted York Historic CBD or something similar.

Strong Leadership and Governance: page 30 - improved and range of communication methods.

Suggestion: Individual Councillors be permitted to send residents a weekly newsletter to keep us informed about their portfolios.

Open briefing meetings to the public so residents can see how well Councillors research and debate issues on the Agenda. This is important for re-election purposes.

At the moment, Council meetings appear to be a rubber stamp exercise and we have no idea whether Councillors are making the effort to even read the Agenda.

Addressing risks arising from infrastructure gaps (or failures) : page 32

Reason: During the 2011 severe storm, the Town Water supply tank (Mt. Brown) ran out of water due to

York's power supply being severely disrupted for two reasons. (a) dozens of power poles down between Northam and York and (b) the main water supply pipe ruptured between York and Northam (c) When the main pipe was repaired York had no power to pump the water up to the tank.

Those of us living higher up the sides of the valley were first to be deprived of potable drinking water as the tank level and pressure decreased. Our water supply (NE residential area) was non-existent for five days.

Suggestion:

1. Make it a priority for Emergency Services to link a Generator to the Town Tank to ensure water supply is pumped up to the tank.
2. Make it a requirement for all new home applications to have Water Tanks installed to every down pipe. This would also serve to decrease the amount of run-off heading down into the lower residential areas, thus serve to reduce the flood risk.
3. Encourage established home owners to install Rain Water Tanks to offset the risk of the main water pipeline from Northam or the Town Tank is ruptured by Earthquake.

Convent Building: Council should seriously consider legal action against those responsible for purchasing this building to recoup cost of bringing the building up to code.

Reason: Ratepayers should not be responsible for the irresponsible acts of people not appointed by Electors.

Suggestion: IF the Council decide to keep the building, after it has been brought up to code, then consideration should be given to making it the Town Library. This would free up the Library area which could be used for Shire Council meetings until such times the Administration requires the area for expansion. The acoustics are better and meetings generally held after business hours would not disturb staff.

Advance Selected Community Partnership Projects - page 35

Economic development: Avon Terrace Revitalisation

Suggestion: Consider a sponsorship partnership to cover the cost of purchasing mature (large) deciduous trees for the CBD. It is now 10 years since the CBD shade trees were destroyed.

I have personally approached a number of residents and currently have five prepared to sponsor the cost price of purchasing a fully grown tree because they want the CBD main street to have shade at the earliest opportunity.

Individual trees should not reflect the donors name as this could cause the demise of the tree.

Avon Terrace should not become a visual memorial, however a list of names of those sponsoring the trees could be placed in the foyer of the Town Hall.

One resident indicated from personal experience London Plane trees take too much water to survive in York and would fail.

I disagree because, her home is west facing on the side of Mt. Brown, well above the water table level.

The CBD is on the floor of the valley and the water table is much closer to the surface for trees to access once established. The trees would require minimal water once established. Probably two summers of regular water would see them well established.

Supply Research: Initially I contacted Arbor West (supplier to Local Governments) however further research has found York Home Hardware have 12 ft bare rooted deciduous trees (London Plane) available for a tenth of the cost of trees from Arbor West.

If trees were purchased from York Home Hardware, it would be supporting a local business and I believe with the much reduced cost, more people would participate in the project with a strong possibility stage 1 and 2 could be achieved for the first planting.

If the trees are purchased from Home Hardware at the reduced cost, I would be in a position to fund more than one tree.

Stage 1 between South Street and McCartney Streets.

Stage 2. Henrietta Street to South Street

Stage 3 McCarnety Street to Ford Street.

Develop strong Governance and Leadership capability - page 37

Focus on community networking: Vital

Reason: In the immediate hours (and days) following the 2011 storm, many residents were unaware food and help were available at the Forrest Oval complex. Outside help took many hours to arrive because access roads into York were blocked by fallen trees. We need to plan to be more self sufficient within our Town in the event help is unable to reach us.

York had no power supply and unless people had curly cord landline phones they had no contact facilities once mobiles went flat.

Our community has a lot of 'retired' professionals who could be called on in the event of a catastrophic disaster - i.e Earthquake, flood, fire or severe storm damage.

Suggestion:

In the event of a catastrophic event, a simple community neighbour checking system should be implemented through out the community with regular reminders to residents. If everyone checks on their immediate neighbour either side, all those needing urgent help will be found quickly.

A Talent register (updated 12 monthly) of retired Medical trained personal, Engineers, plumbers etc. These people could provide first on the scene assistance. Retired Managers, HR personal could be enlisted to assist in recording information at the refuge centre.

In the event the two bridges are taken out (earthquake) there needs to be a second refuge centre/checking system set up on the East side of the river.

Hi Paul

Council has done a lot of good work on this plan and I hope the community comes to appreciate this fact.

The framework has been established so the time has come to get the community behind council and staff to put it into action.

My suggestion is this.

Publish a proposition in the local paper establishing a competition open to all York residents of all ages on an ongoing monthly basis to submit an idea to improve the economy or lifestyle.

All suggestions should be low or nil cost because of budget constraints.

Council will then edit and publish all responses and pick a monthly winner who receives a \$50 voucher to spend at a York business.

Sample suggestions:

1. Signs around York welcoming visitors in their native tongue.
2. Ask the RAC to include York in the electric highway project. The RAC is establishing a number of electric car recharging stations at no initial cost to the towns selected. Council would have to decide on a location for such a station.

Best regards

Larry Kane



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I have to admit that I became a little bogged down trying to wade through the Strategic Community Plan but it appears to be heading in the right direction. The following comments may have been incorporated in one way or another so please take them as a personal desire for the progress and promotion of York.

Having been asked to comment, I would like to state the following, Firstly that an effort be made to acquire the services, be it honorary or paid, of a qualified architect with a broad knowledge of historical and town planning experience to oversee and advise a special Heritage committee or working council on the benefits and the advantages of keeping our Heritage buildings and surrounds in an acceptable condition. The main object for pleasure of visiting York, the first inland settlement in the State, for most visitors is to experience some country life, not some jamped up version of a trendy Perth coffee strip. Modern facilities are of PTO

course a prerequisite that goes without saying, but concealed within an historic facade. Owners of the towns central buildings, not their tenants, need to be encouraged to bring their properties up to an acceptable historical state. Colour schemes and other important features to be reinstated where practical. If the owners take pride, then the tenants and the towns folk will do. The Street Banners need to be designed and changed at regular intervals to be up to date with the events, community, and progress. More tree planting and garden boxes.

The telephone tourist Directories are a great example of what can be done, but more is needed. The Number one drawcard to York is "History" this must be promoted and taken advantage of. Not just in York, but Perth, Midland, Guelph, Mandurah, Swaney Valley, especially the New Lebus turn off, all points along the way! Throughout Australia historic towns relish and delight in their heritage from architecture to personal and streetscape presentation. Costumed events and so much more. York must do the same and the Main Street is the obvious starting point. Bring back the horse drawn Hay cart rides, remember children are the next generation of tourists. We are the first inland settlement but one wouldnt know it. Where is the Pride of York on Display? No where and its obvious to any visitor. I don't advocate a "Big Ram" or some such gimmick but the entry to York is pretty uninspiring. The Council and its members must be strong enough to encourage those concerned that it is to their and everyone in York's best interests to take Pride in our town.

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It seems to me to be a pity that future plans for York may not be investigated for at least 3 years, can we afford to wait that long?

My final comment is not a criticism but an observation from years of experience.

There is always an easy way out, by finding all the reasons why things can't be done! That is so negative. Step outside the box of petty Rules and differences, regulations are there to guide not to dictate, find a way things can be done! A bit of creative thinking goes a long way if guided by the desire to improve the look and beauty of our wonderful York!

Yours in Anticipation

B. F. HARFFEY.



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Main STREET to be done in 3rd Year
How sad that the first thing you
see is the main STREET and it is
delegated to 3 years down the track.
A sad and sorry neglected STREET
Unpainted.

This beautiful town with its
beautiful heritage buildings and
surrounds "FIRST INLAND TOWN".

Even if money is scarce a few
TREES and flower boxes would smarten
the street up.

I envisage uniform heritage colouring;
a main street with parking down the
centre & speed humps to prevent speeding
Flower boxes (could be built by Men shed^{PTO})
at a minimal cost.

Can we not apply for grants to beautify
the town

Lauree Draper-Sewenson

pictures of the
All Abilities Playground
at Esperance Preschool,
relevant to Strategic
Planning suggestions
for improvements to
Awan Park.

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