

Shire of Boyup Brook Community Newsletter

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COVID-19

Once again, we can report another week of great result – not only for the Shire but for the State. What has been most important is that we have been able to trace the sources of all cases. This is also testament to the COVID SAFE app. It is the ultimate tool to track and trace any infection.

Please download this app.



JAYES BRIDGE WORKS

Jayes Bridge is due to reopen on July 4th. This work is being carried out by Main Roads WA and is not the responsibility of the Shire.

RAIN

Thank God for the rain, though we could have done without the wind! I want to thank Vanessa and the work crews who did a wonderful job cleaning up. We have received many acknowledgements for this work.

Thanks to all.



YOUR DOCTORS

It is fabulous that our two new doctors have started at the beginning of the month. We are very fortunate to have secured not one but two highly skilled doctors. Please realise that you as a ratepayer own this practice. For this reason, please support your doctors. Both of them have moved their families, each having three children, to the region. Watching Norman Swan from the ABC talk about CV19, he says that many of our older citizens have been avoiding going to the doctors during the pandemic. He is predicting that we will see emergent problems down the track as a result of this.

So, the message is to get in, say hello and make them welcome.

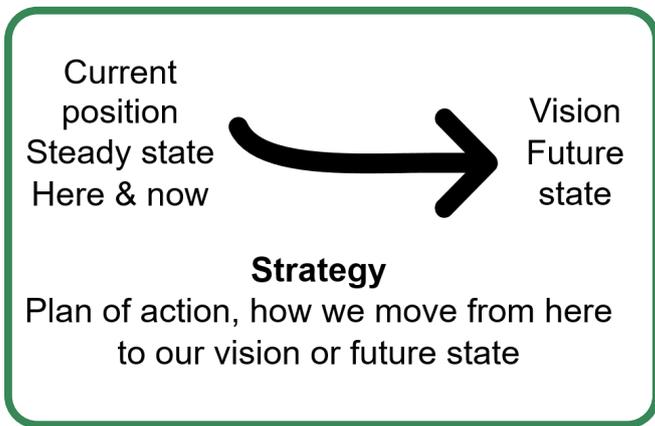


COMMUNITY STRATEGIC CONSULTATION

I have promised that while we are still under restrictions, I will start to share with you what this process is all about. This is a once in a four-year period for all of our residents to be heard. This is a time for all our forward-thinking residents to get their grand ideas out because we want to hear your vision for our town and Shire. This is a time when you can be inspirational, aspirational and to come up with transformational ideas. Admittedly, it will be Council's job to make sure that the ideas are realistic and affordable. However, do not hold back. In this process there is no such thing as a silly idea.

Within this framework, it is worth considering the key word of what this exercise is all about – strategy. I would like everyone to check their dictionaries and see what this word means. Its meaning can be quite elusive. You will find that its origins come from the military.

The diagram over the page shows what we are seeking.



What we want from everyone is your vision for the town:

- Where do you want us to be in 10 or 20 years time?
- What do you want the town to be like in the future, what will define us?
- What will set us apart from the towns around us?

To do this we have broken the main areas into eight sections. Each one will be championed by an elected member.

By the time you read this, each of these pillars will have been allocated to a Councillor. Through this process they will champion any subject which is covered by their pillar.

The other thing I want to talk about is the need to respect one another's ideas. You may not agree with what someone else sees as a great idea. It is not up to you to rationalise or normalise these ideas. The first step of this process is to harvest all these ideas, then we have a ranking process which will filter ideas and develop priorities.

The other aspect that will come into this discussion is projects. There may be many competing projects. Their priority will be largely governed by how mature or progressed the idea is, what funding exists to get them started, what grants are available and whether they are 'shovel ready'. We will save the list of projects for the next edition.

Stay safe.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

<p>Roads</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roads • Bridges • Paths • Airstrip • Transport 	<p>Infrastructure</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buildings • Land • Digital capacity • Town planning • Water and energy security 	<p>Accommodation</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affordable Housing • Aged Accom • Short-term Accom 	<p>Environment</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biosecurity • Parks/ Gardens • Sustainability • Waste & Recycling • Natural Environment • Waterways
<p>Prosperity</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agriculture • Caravan park • Economic & Business Development • Events • Grants • Rylington Park • Tourism 	<p>Health & Wellbeing</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency Management • Public health • Fire • Ambulance • Police • Ranger • Hospital • Medical Services 	<p>Social</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access and Inclusion • Education • Welfare • Elderly • Early Learning • Youth 	<p>Community, Sport & Culture</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community groups • Sport • Recreation • Arts & Culture • Swimming Pool

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