

OUR PLAN FOR THE FUTURE

Shire of Mundaring | Council Plan 2024-2034

An integrated Strategic Community Plan and Corporate Business Plan



Heart of the Perth Hills



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Introduction

Welcome to Shire of Mundaring's Council Plan. This plan combines our Strategic Community Plan and Corporate Business Plan into one document. It articulates the community's vision, outcomes and strategic priorities for the next 10-years and outlines the Shire's four-year delivery program. The plan will be reviewed annually to ensure continued relevance in a changing environment.

The Council Plan has been developed based on extensive community consultations carried out in 2024 when 3,014 community members provided detailed feedback on their needs, aspirations and priorities and perceptions of current services and facilities.

The plan addresses statutory requirements to have a Plan for the Future and follows the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework and Guidelines for preparing a Strategic Community Plan and Corporate Business Plan for local governments. For this review, Council adopted the FUTYR® strategic planning approach – a vigorous and robust approach aimed at improving engagement, integration and accountability.

This plan describes:

- The Shire's current services
- The community's aspirations for the Shire of Mundaring
- The Council's plan to achieve and resource its objectives
- How success will be measured and reported

Mundadjalina-k ngala kadij Noongar
moort nidja Wadjak boodjar-ak
kalyakool moondang-ak kaaradj-midi.
Ngala Noongar Moort wer baalabang
moorditj kaadidjiny kootadjinanginy.
Ngala Noongar wer Torres Strait
Moort-al dandjoo koorliny kwaba-
djinginy. Koora, yeyi wer kalyakool,
ngalak Aboriginal wer Torres Strait
birdiya wer moort kootadjinanginy.

Shire of Mundaring respectfully
acknowledges the Whadjuk people
of the Noongar Nation, who are
the traditional custodians of this
land. We acknowledge Elders past,
present and emerging and respect
their continuing culture and the
contribution they make to the region.

A welcome message from the Shire President and Chief Executive Officer

Welcome to the Shire of Mundaring – the heart of the Perth Hills and the Place for Sustainable Living.

We're excited to present our **Plan for the Future** on behalf of our dedicated Council, Administration, and all of our Community in the Shire of Mundaring.

Our plan to create a dynamic, contemporary shire is built on the solid foundations of our shared values characterised by our strong community focus, accountability, respect, and proactive engagement.

In 2024, for the first time, every household in our shire was invited to complete a Community Scorecard to provide feedback on what's working well and what needs improving with 3,014 community members sharing ideas and collaborating in workshops to help shape the future of our shire.

Together, we recognised that the Shire of Mundaring is home to communities across three diverse geographical regions: the **Foothills**, the **Hills**, and the **Rural** communities. Our Council Plan introduces a place-based approach to address each region's unique needs and priorities, an approach we will continue to build on in the future.

Our community can be assured we remain committed to protecting and enhancing our natural environment, ensuring our picturesque landscapes are accessible and enjoyed by residents and visitors. The challenge remains in managing our conservation responsibilities with ongoing bushfire mitigation works.

In addition to our traditional services, Council is focusing on providing more opportunities for our community to come together. We've placed a strong focus on upgrading our recreational and sports facilities, which in many instances are old and no longer fit for purpose. We are also looking to develop more events to attract visitors to our shire and provide opportunities for our community to come together to enjoy all that our shire has to offer.

Our flagship project is the revitalisation of the Mundaring Town Centre. Our new Cultural Hub will showcase our shire's local artists and artisans, celebrate our rich heritage and attract tourism. It is the catalyst for our economic growth, and to stimulate investment in retirement living, aged care and independent housing in the heart of Mundaring.

As we move along this journey, there'll be regular reviews and updates so, together, we can refine our plan and celebrate our progress. As Shire President and Chief Executive Officer, we give you our undertaking to represent and advocate on behalf of our community, to bring about positive change and deliver a sustainable future for everyone in our shire.



Paige McNeil
Shire President

Jason Whiteaker
Chief Executive Officer

Shire of Mundaring at a glance

The Shire of Mundaring is in the heart of the Perth Hills with charming villages, spectacular Jarrah forests, tranquil lakes, a diverse range of trails for walking, cycling and horse-riding, and many activities and attractions.

The Shire has three connected communities, the Foothills, Hills and Rural communities. The Foothills community offers the convenience of suburban housing amidst beautiful bushland, this community is well-connected to the Helena River and John Forest National Park. It includes Bellevue, Greenmount, Helena Valley, Midvale and Swan View. The Hills community is known for its unique village centres, peri-urban forested properties, and boutique local businesses. It includes Boya, Darlington, Glen Forrest, Hovea, Mahogany Creek, Mount Helena, Mundaring, Parkerville, Sawyers Valley and Stoneville. The Rural community provides lifestyle options with small farm holdings and equestrian activities and is home to many of the Shire's natural bushland reserves and Lake Leschenaultia. It includes Bailup, Beechina, Chidlow, Gorrie, Malmalling, The Lakes, and Wooroloo.

The Noongar people were the original inhabitants of this region. The name Mundaring came from a local Aboriginal camp known as "Mundahring", meaning "a high place on a high place" in Noongar language¹.

Exploration of the range of hills to the east of the Swan River plain began shortly after the British Government established the Swan River Colony in 1829. Originally known as Chidlow's Well, Chidlow was the earliest official townsite to be declared in 1831. European settlement dates from the 1840s with the land initially being used mainly for timber-cutting, quarrying, vineyards, orcharding and poultry farming.

Today more than 41,000 people call the Shire of Mundaring home. They mainly work in health care and social assistance, education and training, construction, mining and retail trade.

Tourism is a key aspect of the region. The villages, steeped in rich history and heritage, are closely linked by the old railway line that is now the fabulous Railway Reserves Heritage Trail, stretching some 59km through the shire. Mundaring Village hosts the start of the Munda Biddi Trail and sections of the Bibbulmun Track, C Y O'Connor Trail and Kep Track.

Attractions include John Forrest, Beelu and Greenmount National Parks, Mundaring Weir, Lake Leschenaultia, Swan View Tunnel, Karakamia Wildlife Sanctuary and many award-winning restaurants, boutique wineries and galleries.

Key facilities include the Perth Hills Mundaring Visitor Centre, Mundaring Arts Centre, Mundaring and Hills District Museum, Mundaring Arena, Bilgoman and Mt Helena Aquatic Centres, two public libraries located in Mundaring and Boya, and various parks and playgrounds.

There are 144 heritage-listed places, of which 26 are on the State Register of Heritage Places.

The Shire President and Councillors are committed to leading an exciting, sustainable and community focussed future with opportunities for everyone.

¹ www.noongarculture.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/Perth-suburbs-aboriginal-names.pdf



Sustainable Communities

Estimated Residential Population

ABS, 30 June 2023



41,421

up 2.2% over 12 months

Median Age

2021, ABS Census



44

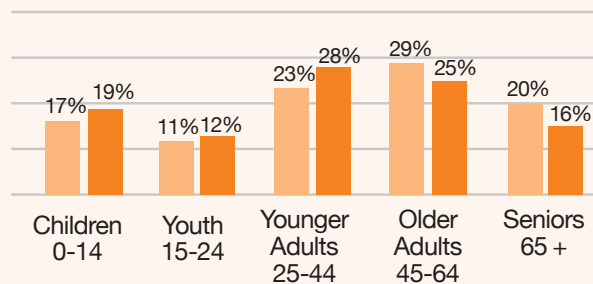
Years

WA: 38 years

Age Profile

2021, ABS Census

Shire of Mundaring WA



Profound or severe core activity limitation

2021, ABS Census
(excludes not stated)



4.9%

WA: 4.9%

Households that speak a non-English language

2021, ABS Census
(excludes not stated)



6.1%

WA: 19.6%

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander People

2021, ABS Census
(Excludes prison population)



2.2%

WA: 3.3%

Sustainable Environments

Urban tree canopy

Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage, 2020



30%

WA Metro, 16%

Waste recovery rate

Waste Authority WA, 2021-22

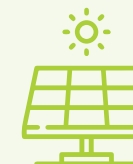


53%

WA 35%

House with rooftop solar

Australian PV Institute, 2024



53%

Shire of Mundaring

Scheme water consumption

Shire of Mundaring, 2022-23



112

kL/person

Target:
100kL/person

Sustainable Places

Estimated value of building applications

2022-23,
Shire of Mundaring



\$89.8M

Housing diversity

Semi-detached house, townhouse,
flat or apartment
2021, ABS Census
(excludes not stated)



3.9%

WA: 19.5%

Median rent

2021, ABS
Census



\$350

WA: \$340

Bus or train to work

Among employed persons
aged 15+, 2021, ABS Census
(base excludes work from home,
did not go to work and not stated)



6.4%

WA: 9.5%

Cycle or walk to work

Among employed persons
aged 15+, 2021, ABS Census
(base excludes work from home,
did not go to work and not stated)



1.8%

WA: 3.5%

Sustainable Economies

Top 5 industries of employment

2021, ABS Census (% of local residents)



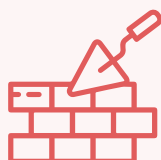
Health care and
social assistance

12.1%



Education and
training

10.5%



Construction

9.5%



Mining

9.1%



Retail trade

9.0%

Unemployment rate

Dec quarter 2023,
Australian Government:
Jobs and Skills Australia



2.8%

WA: 3.9%

Completed year 12 or equivalent

2021, ABS Census



55%

WA: 63%

Volunteering

Among 15+ year olds,
2021, ABS Census
(excludes not stated)



20.7%

WA: 17.2%

Our purpose

In accordance with the *Local Government Act 1995 (Section 1.3)*:

Shire of Mundaring exists to meet the needs of current and future generations through an integration of environmental protection, social advancement and economic prosperity.

We fulfil our purpose by delivering leadership, services and infrastructure.

Our roles and responsibilities



Lead

We lead engagement and strategic planning to create and achieve a shared vision for our community.



Advocate

We are a voice for the community on local and contemporary issues.



Collaborate

We work with community, businesses and government to pool our knowledge, expertise and resources for common goals.



Fund

We support local residents and community groups to access grants to build local capacity.



Deliver

We directly provide infrastructure, facilities, services, events and information to meet local needs.



Educate

We deliver public education programs for improved sustainability and wellbeing.



Protect

We help to conserve and enhance our natural environment, and cultural and built heritage for current and future generations.



Regulate

We administer legislation, regulations, local laws and policies.

Our values

Shared values guide the way we think and behave.

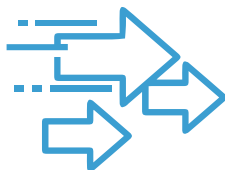


Community Focus

We put community first, listening to and valuing collective and individual needs, opinions and ideas.

We value diversity. We respect different and sometimes opposing opinions.

When making decisions that impact the community, we strive for consensus or, when consensus cannot be reached, we make considered, well-informed and balanced decisions for the greater good of the collective community.



Proactive

We are forward thinking, taking the initiative to seek, design and adopt innovative, creative and adaptive solutions.

We act by causing positive change; not only reacting to change when it happens.

We are not complacent. We seek to discover and resolve problems before they occur.

When the unexpected happens or new opportunities arise, we lean in, taking swift action to maximise benefit for our community.



Respectful

We understand, empathise, and value the feelings, wishes, rights, and traditions of others, regardless of ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, disability or other differences.

We are kind, polite and genuine to everyone, always communicating in a direct, calm and respectful way.

We respect the natural environment, cultural and built heritage, and all resources under Shire management.

We care for and manage our people, funds and assets wisely and responsibly.



Accountable

We are open and transparent, and take responsibility for our actions, behaviours, and performance.

We clearly define what is expected of us and others, and ensure we have the skills, experience, information and support needed to complete tasks to a high standard.

We make our commitments visible. Everyone is empowered to ask questions, check on progress, and help move work forward.

Our vision

The place for sustainable living

Sustainable living integrates and balances social, economic and environmental goals and aspirations to meet the needs of current and future generations.

While we're performing well in some areas, there is more to be done.

Together, we will make responsible and thoughtful choices for a sustainable future.





Key performance areas

To become the place for sustainable living, the Council will strive to meet community needs, aspirations and priorities in five key performance areas.



Sustainable Environments

Sustainable Environments covers all aspects of natural resource management, from the tree canopy, nature reserves, waterways and wildlife, to the management of waste, energy, water, environmental health and natural disasters.



Sustainable Communities

Sustainable Communities covers all aspects of community health and wellbeing, from youth, family and seniors' services to access and inclusion, sport and recreation, culture and the arts, community safety, responsible animal ownership, and volunteering.



Sustainable Places

Sustainable Places covers the built form, from urban planning and building services, to housing, built heritage, streetscapes and verges, roads, footpaths, trails and cycleways, parks and playgrounds, community buildings, toilets, transport and parking.



Sustainable Economies

Sustainable Economies covers all aspects of economic development, including the development of town centres and village hubs, tourism, events and place activation, business support services, life-long learning, and library services.



Sustainable Governance

Sustainable Governance covers all aspects of delivering effective local government from Council's leadership, financial, risk and asset management, and human resources through to community engagement, communications and customer service.

Outcomes and objectives

To become the place for sustainable living, the Shire will strive for 10 outcomes and supporting objectives.

Sustainable Environments

Outcome 1.

Our natural assets are being preserved for the enjoyment of current and future generations

Objectives:

- 1.1 Protect and enhance natural habitats, including nature reserves, rivers, lakes and waterways, to support wildlife conservation and recreational activities.

Outcome 2.

Climate adaptation and resilience

Objectives:

- 2.1 Adopt sustainable practices to manage climate change, including growing the urban forest, reducing emissions, and saving water.
- 2.2 Adopt sustainable waste management practices to strive for zero waste.
- 2.3 Build resilience to cope with natural disasters and emergencies, including storms, flooding and fire.

Sustainable Communities

Outcome 3.

A strong sense of belonging through art and culture

Objectives:

- 3.1 Promote our diverse cultures, history and heritage.
- 3.2 Grow participation in arts, culture and community events.

Outcome 4.

A safe and healthy community

Objectives:

- 4.1 Facilitate improved community safety.
- 4.2 Promote community health and wellbeing.
- 4.3 Grow participation in sport and recreation activities.
- 4.4 Encourage responsible animal ownership.

Outcome 5.

An inclusive, engaged and supportive community

Objectives:

- 5.1 Advance opportunities, community participation and quality of life for people of all ages and abilities.
- 5.2 Grow participation in volunteering.

Sustainable Places

Outcome 6.

Responsibly planned communities that can accommodate sustainable population growth

Objectives:

- 6.1 Promote responsible planning to meet current and future needs.
- 6.2 Preserve and promote local heritage buildings and places of interest.
- 6.3 Increase access to safe, affordable and diverse housing options.

Outcome 7.

Attractive, welcoming and well-maintained places

Objectives:

- 7.1 Support the development of vibrant, attractive and welcoming town centres and local hubs.
- 7.2 Facilitate attractive, well-maintained streetscapes and verges.
- 7.3 Provide fit for purpose community buildings and public facilities.
- 7.4 Enhance public open space, parks and playgrounds.

Outcome 8.

It is easy to move around the Shire safely and sustainably

Objectives:

- 8.1. Maintain a safe, efficient road and transport network with supporting infrastructure and services.
- 8.2. Provide safe, well-connected trails, paths and bike lanes.

Sustainable Economies

Outcome 9.

A vibrant, diverse and sustainable economy

Objectives:

- 9.1 Support local businesses to prosper.
- 9.2 Support the growth of sustainable tourism.
- 9.3 Grow participation in education and life-long learning.

Sustainable Governance

Outcome 10.

Dynamic, community-focused leadership, governance and communication

Objectives:

- 10.1 Strengthen organisational culture, governance, financial management and asset management.
- 10.2 Enhance the customer experience.
- 10.3 Effectively inform and engage the community about local issues, facilities, services and events.

A place-based approach to addressing community priorities

The Shire of Mundaring has three connected communities, each with special and distinct characteristics and needs.

Foothills community

The Foothills community offers the convenience of suburban housing amidst beautiful bushland and is well-connected to the Helena River and John Forest National Park.

It includes communities in Bellevue, Greenmount, Helena Valley, Midvale and Swan View.

Rural community

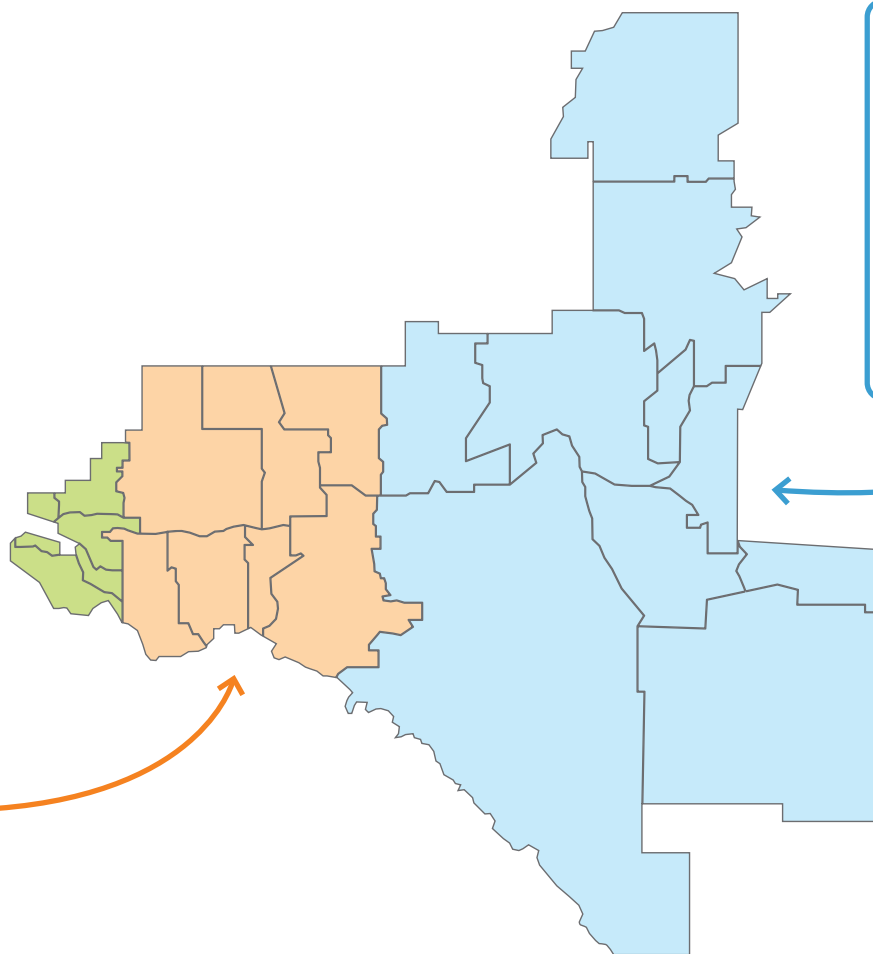
The Rural community provides lifestyle options with small farm holdings and equestrian activities and is home to many of the Shire's natural bushland reserves and Lake Leschenaultia.

It includes communities in Bailup, Beechina, Chidlow, Gorrie, Malmalling, The Lakes, and Wooroloo.

Hills community

The Hills community is known for its unique village centres, peri-urban forested properties, and boutique local businesses.

It includes communities in Boya, Darlington, Glen Forrest, Hovea, Mahogany Creek, Mount Helena, Mundaring, Parkerville, Sawyers Valley and Stoneville.





Addressing key priorities in the Foothills community

Council will focus on top priorities in the Foothills community, being waste management, playgrounds, parks and reserves, and safety and crime prevention.

MARKYT Community Priorities

COMMUNITY PRIORITIES (% of respondents)

Low (<10%)

High (>10%)



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- 1 Sustainable practices
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Waste management

Waste management was the top priority. The Foothills community would like improved waste collection and management services and more waste and recycling education.

A new FOGO service was introduced in July 2024.

The Shire will adopt further sustainable waste management practices to strive for zero waste. For example, it will:

- Explore options to introduce an on-demand bulk waste collection service.
- Develop a campaign to educate the community on waste reduction, recycling and FOGO.
- Explore options to bag and sell FOGO material recovered from the new FOGO service.

See objective 2.2 in our 4-Year Plan for the Future for more details.



Playgrounds, parks and reserves

Playgrounds, parks and reserves were the second highest priority. The Foothills community would like modern playgrounds that are fun for all ages and abilities, a dog park, and better maintenance of grassed areas.

In response to community need, the Shire will:

- Implement the Brown Park Recreation Precinct Master Plan, including upgrading the skate park and dirt jump, installing exercise equipment, and constructing a fenced dog exercise area.
- Upgrade playgrounds in Fraser Park, Greenmount Peace Park and Chartwell Park.
- Advocate for the State Government to partner in the development of a Helena River Parkland Masterplan.

See objectives 4.3, 4.4, 5.1 and 7.4 in our 4-Year Plan for the Future for more details.



Safety and crime prevention

Safety and crime prevention was the third highest priority. The Foothills community would like a more visible police presence in the suburbs, and more CCTV and lighting.

To facilitate improved community safety, the Shire will:

- Collaborate with local police to propose priority projects for Council to consider funding, to address local safety concerns, such as CCTV requirements.

See objective 4.1 in our 4-Year Plan for the Future for more details.

Addressing key priorities in the Hills community

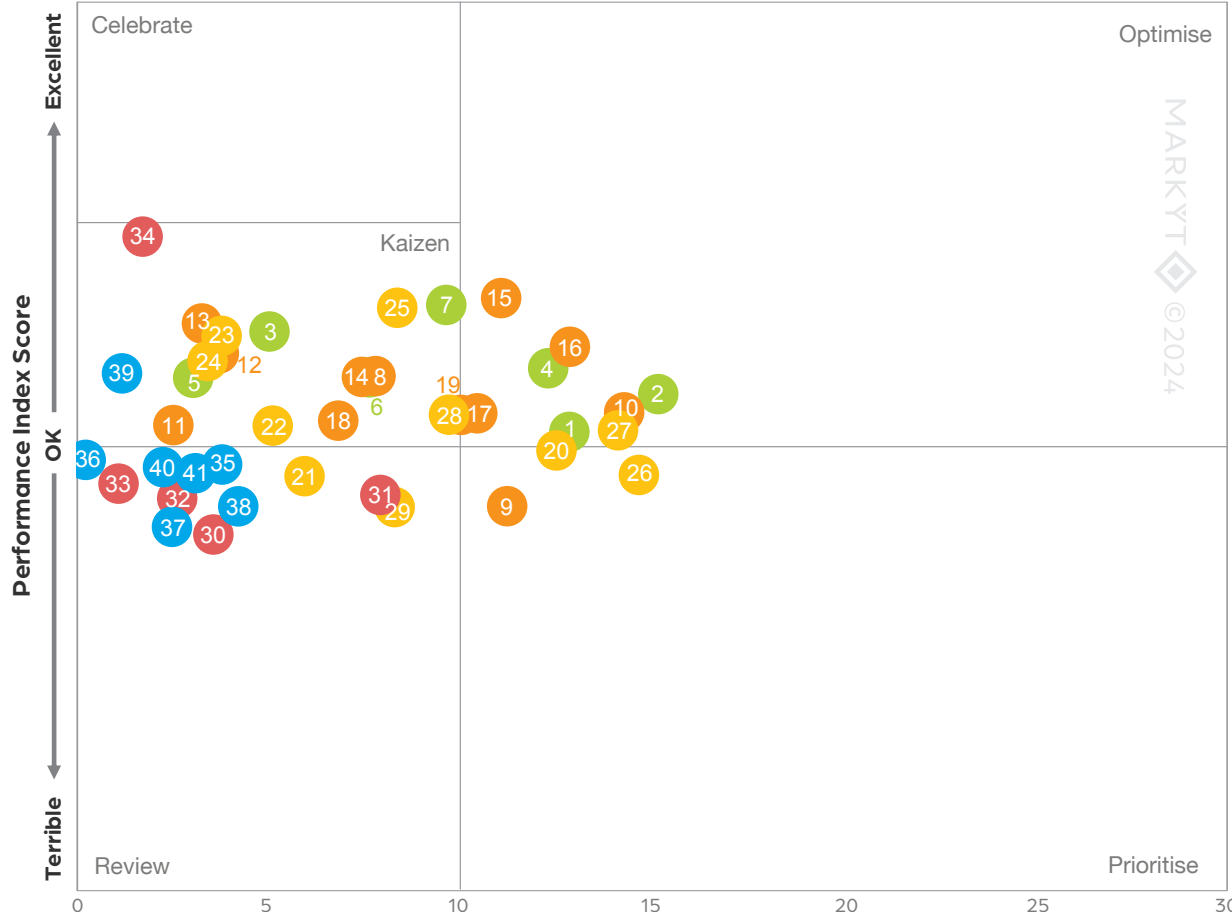
Council will focus on top priorities in the Hills community, being conservation and environmental management, streetscapes, trees, verges, paths and trails, and seniors' services and facilities.

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Conservation and environmental management

Conservation and environmental management were among the most frequently mentioned priorities. The Hills community's priorities include protecting the tree canopy, eradicating weeds, improving the health of waterways, wildlife conservation, and bushfire risk mitigation.

In response, the Shire will:

- Review service levels for Shire management of natural areas and support for environmental programs and volunteers.
- Develop a local Land for Wildlife service to provide environmental site visits and advice, promote directly to residents who are custodians of mapped wildlife corridors, and prioritise requests based on conservation values and opportunities.
- Advocate for funding to upgrade volunteer bushfire brigade stations.

See outcomes 1 and 2 in our 4-Year Plan for the Future for more details.



Streetscapes, trees, verges, paths and trails

Streetscapes, trees, verges, paths and trails were among the most frequently mentioned priorities. The Hills community would like more regular maintenance of road-side trees, verges, paths and trails, plus new paths and trails, to improve connectivity, safety and appearance.

In response, the Shire will:

- Collaborate with Main Roads to agree on priority projects to improve the appearance of Great Eastern Highway verges and intersections.
- Review the Weed Management and Elimination Program.
- Develop an approach to raise awareness and participation in sustainable verge management practices on privately owned land.
- Develop a Footpath Network Strategy to improve connectivity across the shire.

See objectives 7.2 and 8.2 in our 4-Year Plan for the Future for more details.



Seniors' services and facilities

Seniors' services and facilities were among the most frequently mentioned priorities. The Hills community would like more seniors' housing and aged care accommodation, plus improved access to health, community, recreation and transport services for seniors.

In response, the Shire will:

- Attract investors for retirement living, aged care and independent living.
- Develop communications to raise awareness of multi-generational living and downsizing options now available through changes in State legislation.
- Review the Community Health and Wellbeing Informing Strategy and service delivery
- Implement the Age-Friendly Informing Strategy 2020-2025.

See various outcomes and objectives in our 4-Year Plan for the Future to see how seniors' needs will be met.

Addressing key priorities in the Rural community

Council will focus on top priorities in the Rural community, being Lake Leschenaultia, roads, trees and verges, and waste management.

MARKYT Community Priorities

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Localities

Bailup
Beechina
Chidlow
Gorrie
Malmalling
The Lakes
Wooroloo
Other rural



Lake Leschenaultia

Lake Leschenaultia is the main priority in Rural communities. People would like improved management and conservation, enhanced leisure and recreational opportunities and better bushfire mitigation.

In response, the Shire will:

- Conduct a desktop review of the Draft Lake Leschenaultia Master Plan.
- Develop the Lake Leschenaultia Environmental Management Plan to protect and enhance the Lake's environmental values while allowing for a range of nature-based recreational activities.

See objectives 1.1 and 7.4 in our 4-Year Plan for the Future for more details.



Roads, trees and verges

Roads, trees and verges were the second and third highest priorities. Rural communities would like improved road safety with concerns about heavy vehicle traffic, potholes and road maintenance, overgrown roadside vegetation, and overhanging branches.

In response, the Shire will:

- Provide community updates on the East Link WA project as new information becomes available.
- Build new roads and fix existing roads to improve road safety; as outlined in the Capital Works Program.
- Review verge management service levels on Shire managed land.
- Develop an approach to raise awareness and participation in sustainable verge management practices on privately owned land.

See objectives 7.2 and 8.1 in our 4-Year Plan for the Future for more details.



Waste management

Waste management was the fourth highest priority. Rural communities asked for improved waste collection and management services and more waste and recycling education.

A new FOGO service was introduced in July 2024.

The Shire will adopt further sustainable waste management practices to strive for zero waste. For example, it will:

- Collaborate with DWER to assess the need for increased monitoring of trails to improve safety and prevent illegal dumping.
- Explore options to introduce an on-demand bulk waste collection service.
- Develop a campaign to educate the community on waste reduction, recycling and FOGO.

See objective 2.2 in our 4-Year Plan for the Future for more details.

Our 4-year plan for the future

The following sections cover elements of the Corporate Business Plan as suggested in the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework and Guidelines.

These sections describe what Shire of Mundaring will do over the next four years to work towards achievement of the community's vision, desired outcomes and objectives, and how service delivery and priority projects will be resourced.

These sections will be reviewed and updated annually to adapt to political, economic, environmental, social and technological trends, along with changing community needs and priorities.



Service delivery

Shire of Mundaring will continue to deliver, facilitate or fund existing services and facilities to work towards achievement of the desired vision, outcomes and objectives. Many of these services and facilities are listed below. Service Teams will remain focused on continuously improving service delivery in these areas.

Please visit www.mundaring.wa.gov.au to learn more about our existing facilities, services, events and activities.

Sustainable Environments

- Environmental advice and assessment
- Strategic environmental and sustainability projects and education
- Natural reserves management and support of friends' groups
- Lake Leschenaultia management
- Waste management
- Emergency and fire management
- Fire protection and mitigation (firebreak and hazard inspections)
- Environmental health
- Ranger services
- Animal management (poultry, horses, livestock and bee keeping)
- Weed management
- Pest management
- Noise management
- Asbestos removal and disposal
- Switch Your Thinking program
- Community gardens
- Seed library

Sustainable Communities

- Mundaring Arena
- Mt Helena Aquatic Centre
- Bilgoman Aquatic Centre
- Brown Park Recreation Precinct
- Boya Community Centre
- Mundaring Arts Centre (\$)
- Mundaring Hills Open Studios (\$)
- Katharine Susannah Pritchard Writers Centre (\$)
- Mundaring Adult Creative and Learning Centre (\$)
- Mundaring and Hills District Museum (\$)
- Art projects
- Art, photography and poetry competitions
- Citizenship awards and ceremonies
- Cultural Advisory Group
- Reconciliation resources
- Child health centres and day care services
- Playgroups and toy libraries
- Access and Inclusion Working Group
- Community safety, including CCTV, lighting, and graffiti removal
- Dog and cat registrations
- Animal pound
- Community Grants Program
- Volunteer support

\$ Shire funding is provided to support service delivery by a partner organisation

Sustainable Places

- Statutory land use planning
- Advice for planning and development, including applications for development in bushfire prone areas, subdivisions and amalgamations, tiny homes, granny flats, ancillary dwellings and more
- Advice and approvals for building and renovations, including carports, pools, sheds, fencing, water tanks and more.
- Infrastructure design, construction, and maintenance
- Asset and facility management
- Community halls and centres
- Footpaths and cycleways
- Street tree planting
- Verge maintenance
- Parks, reserves and open spaces
- Skateparks, pump tracks and dirt jumps
- Trail management
- Roads and bridges
- Transport services

Sustainable Economies

- Economic development
- Business directory
- Promotion of requests for tenders and quotations
- Advice and support on starting a business
- Advice and approvals for setting up a food business
- Food Safety Training for Businesses
- Economic and community profiles
- Business permits and approvals
- Trading in Public Spaces applications
- Greening Your Business resources
- Perth Hills Mundaring Visitor Centre
- Tourism marketing
- Events and celebrations
- Mundaring Library (Abert Facey Memorial Library)
- Boya Library (Katharine Susannah Pritchard Library)

Sustainable Governance

- Council Member support
- Stakeholder management, lobbying and advocacy
- Customer services
- Community engagement
- Corporate planning
- Governance and risk management
- Marketing and communications
- People and culture (human resources management)
- Information technology service
- Financial management
- Plant and fleet maintenance
- Property management





Our plan for sustainable environments

Outcome 1. Our natural assets are being preserved for the enjoyment of current and future generations

Objectives	Priority projects	Informing strategies	Responsible	24/25	25/26	26/27	27/28	Future
1.1. Protect and enhance natural habitats, including nature reserves, rivers, lakes and waterways, to support wildlife conservation and recreational activities.	1.1.1. Develop the Lake Leschenaultia Environmental Management Plan to protect and enhance the Lake's environmental values while allowing for a range of nature-based recreational activities.	Local Biodiversity Strategy 2023-2030; Lake Leschenaultia Risk Assessment	Statutory Services	●				
	1.1.2. Review service levels for Shire management of natural areas and support for environmental programs and volunteers.	Local Biodiversity Strategy 2023-2030	Statutory Services	●				
	1.1.3. Provide improved signage in natural areas within reserves, particularly Lake Leschenaultia and the Railway Reserves Heritage Trail.	Local Biodiversity Strategy 2023-2030	Statutory Services		●	●		
	1.1.4. Develop a local Land for Wildlife service to provide environmental site visits and advice, promote directly to residents who are custodians of mapped wildlife corridors, and prioritise requests based on conservation values and opportunities.	Local Biodiversity Strategy 2023-2030	Statutory Services	●				

Outcome 2. Climate adaptation and resilience

Objectives	Priority projects	Informing strategies	Responsible	24/25	25/26	26/27	27/28	Future
2.1. Adopt sustainable practices to manage climate change, including growing the urban forest, reducing emissions, and saving water.	2.1.1. Review climate change risk and adaptation plans.	Local Climate Change Adaptation Plan 2012	Statutory Services			●	●	
	2.1.2. Transition the Shire's light vehicle fleet to low emission vehicles.	Energy Emissions Reduction Strategy	Infrastructure Services	●	●	●	●	
	2.1.3. Transition the Shire's heavy vehicle fleet to low emission vehicles.	Energy Emissions Reduction Strategy	Infrastructure Services				●	
	2.1.4. Install EV Chargers for Shire EV vehicles at Shire Administration Centre.		Infrastructure Services	●				
	2.1.5. Provide energy efficiency improvements to solar heating and pool pumps at Bilgoman Pool.		Strategic & Community Services	●	●			
	2.1.6. Develop Environmentally Sustainable Design (ESD) Guidelines to incorporate ESD principles in homes and businesses, with consideration for smart meters, solar panels and water tanks on all new builds.		Statutory Services		●			
2.2. Adopt sustainable waste management practices to strive for zero waste.	2.2.1. Explore options to introduce an on-demand bulk waste collection service.		Infrastructure Services	●				
	2.2.2. Develop a campaign to educate the community on waste reduction, recycling and FOGO.		Infrastructure Services	●				
	2.2.3. Explore options to bag and sell FOGO material recovered from the new FOGO service.		Infrastructure Services	●				
	2.2.4. Apply for grant funding to fund rebates to encourage the trial and adoption of reusable nappies, nappy bins and reusable sanitary products.		Infrastructure Services	●				

Objectives	Priority projects	Informing strategies	Responsible	24/25	25/26	26/27	27/28	Future
	2.2.5. Collaborate with DWER to assess the need for increased monitoring of trails to improve safety and prevent illegal dumping.		Statutory Services	●				
2.3. Build resilience to cope with natural disasters and emergencies, including storms, flooding and fire.	2.3.1. Advocate to Federal and State Governments for better understanding and planning for developments in bushfire prone areas to balance environmental conservation with bushfire mitigation.	Lobbying and Advocacy Strategy	Shire President	●				
	2.3.2. Advocate to Federal and State Governments to improve the ease of applying for and accessing emergency grant funding in a crisis.	Lobbying and Advocacy Strategy	Shire President	●				
	2.3.3. Review the Bushfire Area Access Strategy.		Statutory Services	●				
	2.3.4. Apply urban sensitive water design principles on Brooking Road extension to reduce risks of flooding, erosion and pollution.	Watercourse Hierarchy Strategy 2023	Infrastructure Services	●				
	2.3.5. Advocate for funding to upgrade volunteer bushfire brigade stations.		Shire President	●				
	2.3.6. Review the Shire's fire and emergency public education program and communication materials		Statutory Services	●				
	2.3.7. Develop a template and begin preparing Fire and Environmental Work Plans with input from adjoining residents and the relevant Friends Group to map significant environmental features, better coordinate pre-fire preparation and post-fire weed control, and reduce potential for conflict between Landcare and revegetation efforts and bushfire mitigation activities.	Local Biodiversity Strategy 2023-2030	Statutory Services	●	●	●	●	

Objectives	Priority projects	Informing strategies	Responsible	24/25	25/26	26/27	27/28	Future
2.3 Build resilience to cope with natural disasters and emergencies, including storms, flooding and fire (continued).	2.3.8. Seek partnerships and funding to deliver a program that helps residents access seeds and seedlings of fire-wise native plants that are suited to residential gardens and provide important resources for native bees.	Local Biodiversity Strategy 2023-2030	Statutory Services		●	●	●	
	2.3.9. Seek partnerships and funding to deliver a conference that brings together bushfire and biodiversity researchers and practitioners to inform future natural area management and bushfire mitigation practices.	Local Biodiversity Strategy 2023-2030	Statutory Services		●			
	2.3.10. Review the Local Emergency Management Arrangements Recovery sub-plan for environmental bushfire recovery to seek more funding and better support residents dealing with post-bushfire issues including weed growth.	Local Biodiversity Strategy 2023-2030	Statutory Services	●				







Our plan for sustainable communities

Outcome 3. A strong sense of belonging through art and culture

Objectives	Priority projects	Informing strategies	Responsible	24/25	25/26	26/27	27/28	Future
3.1. Promote our diverse cultures, history and heritage.	3.1.1. In collaboration with Whadjuk Noongar Traditional Owners, explore and encourage new opportunities for First Nations cultural tourism and events in the Shire of Mundaring.	Economic Development and Tourism Strategy 2023-2028	Strategic & Community Services			●		
	3.1.2. Explore, promote and implement opportunities for dual naming of places, in partnership with First Nations Elders and stakeholders.	Reconciliation Action Plan 2022-24; Heritage Strategy 2023-2028	Strategic & Community Services			●		
	3.1.3. Curate an app-based heritage trail with QR codes to highlight significant points of interest, including historical events, cultural heritage, Noongar language, and local flora and fauna.	Economic Development and Tourism Strategy 2023-2028; Heritage Strategy 2023-2028	Strategic & Community Services				●	

Objectives	Priority projects	Informing strategies	Responsible	24/25	25/26	26/27	27/28	Future
3.2. Grow participation in arts, culture and community events.	3.2.1. Provide an Arts, Culture and Community Events Funding Framework and annual events budget to attract a mix of large, iconic events, and smaller, community events.	Economic Development and Tourism Strategy 2023-2028	Strategic & Community Services	●	●	●	●	
	3.2.2. Review and simplify the festival and events approvals process to make it easier and more attractive for event organisers to host events in the local area.	Economic Development and Tourism Strategy 2023-2028	Strategic & Community Services	●	●			
	3.2.3. Collaborate with local artists to create and activate an art trail to promote local street art, artists, open studios, classes and workshops.	Economic Development and Tourism Strategy 2023-2028	Strategic & Community Services			●		

Outcome 4. A safe and healthy community

Objectives	Priority projects	Informing strategies	Responsible	24/25	25/26	26/27	27/28	Future
4.1. Facilitate improved community safety.	4.1.1. Collaborate with local police to review and agree on priority projects for Council to consider funding, to address local safety concerns, such as CCTV requirements.		Statutory Services		●			
4.2. Promote community health and wellbeing.	4.2.1. Review the Community Health and Wellbeing Informing Strategy and service delivery.	Community Health and Wellbeing Informing Strategy 2020-2025	Statutory Services		●			
4.3. Grow participation in sport and recreation activities.	4.3.1. Modernise and refit Bilgoman Pool changerooms, kiosk and office areas.	Recreation Facilities Informing Strategy; Capital Works Program	Strategic & Community Services	●				
	4.3.2. Install water play area at Bilgoman Pool.	Capital Works Program	Strategic & Community Services				●	
4.3. Grow participation in sport and recreation activities (continued).	4.3.3. Provide new oval lighting in the Brown Park Recreation Precinct.	Brown Park Recreation Precinct Masterplan	Infrastructure Services	●				
	4.3.4. Relocate cricket nets in Brown Park Recreation Precinct.	Brown Park Recreation Precinct Masterplan	Infrastructure Services		●			
	4.3.5. Upgrade Brown Park skate park and dirt jump.	Brown Park Recreation Precinct Masterplan	Infrastructure Services		●	●		
	4.3.6. Advocate for inclusive clubrooms in all sporting facilities to encourage and support participation by all abilities and genders.	Recreation Facilities Informing Strategy; Lobbying and Advocacy Strategy	Shire President; CEO	●				
	4.3.7. Design and upgrade Mt Helena Oval changerooms to provide universal access.		Infrastructure Services	●	●			
	4.3.8. Develop concept plans to upgrade Glen Forrest and Boya changerooms.	Recreation Facilities Informing Strategy	Infrastructure Services	●	●	●		

Objectives	Priority projects	Informing strategies	Responsible	24/25	25/26	26/27	27/28	Future
4.3. Grow participation in sport and recreation activities (continued).	4.3.9. Upgrade Darlington Oval reticulation and water tank.	Recreation Facilities Informing Strategy	Infrastructure Services	●				
	4.3.10. Construct a pump track at Morgan John Morgan Reserve.	Recreation Facilities Informing Strategy	Infrastructure Services	●	●			
	4.3.11. Complete Sawyers Valley Oval sub drainage works.	Recreation Facilities Informing Strategy	Infrastructure Services	●				
	4.3.12. Install new reticulation at Sawyers Valley Oval.	Recreation Facilities Informing Strategy	Infrastructure Services	●				
	4.3.13. Upgrade Parkerville Oval cricket nets.	Recreation Facilities Informing Strategy	Infrastructure Services	●				
	4.3.14. Upgrade Parkerville Oval floodlighting.	Recreation Facilities Informing Strategy	Infrastructure Services		●			
	4.3.15. Upgrade Mundaring Sporting Club, including accessibility upgrades.		Infrastructure Services			●	●	
	4.3.16. Develop concept designs and costings to upgrade Bruce Douglas and Mundaring Oval changerooms.		Infrastructure Services			●		
	4.3.17. Upgrade Parkerville Oval changerooms.		Infrastructure Services					●
	4.3.18. Undertake a feasibility study and business case for new or improved aquatic facilities.		Strategic & Community Services					●
4.4. Encourage responsible animal ownership	4.4.1. Construct a fenced dog exercise area in Ellesmere Reserve.		Infrastructure Services	●				
	4.4.2. Construct a fenced dog exercise area in the Brown Park Recreation Precinct.	Brown Park Recreation Precinct Masterplan	Infrastructure Services			●		

Outcome 5. An inclusive, engaged and supportive community

Objectives	Priority projects	Informing strategies	Responsible	24/25	25/26	26/27	27/28	Future
5.1. Advance opportunities, community participation and quality of life for people of all ages and abilities.	5.1.1. Deliver early childhood development and parenting programs.		Strategic & Community Services	●	●	●	●	
	5.1.2. Investigate feasibility, management options and the preferred playground location for a Liberty Swing; a swing for children and adults in a wheelchair.	Access and Inclusion Informing Strategy 2022-2026	Infrastructure Services	●				
	5.1.3. Partner with state and federal government to deliver targeted family support programs, including for Aboriginal communities.		Strategic & Community Services	●	●	●	●	
	5.1.4. Implement the Youth Strategy.	Youth Strategy	Strategic & Community Services	●	●	●	●	
	5.1.5. Attract investors for retirement living, aged care and independent living.	Local Planning Strategy; Age-friendly Informing Strategy 2020-2025	CEO	●	●			
	5.1.6. Consolidate overlapping plans and strategies for reconciliation, children, youth, seniors, access and inclusion.		Strategic & Community Services		●			
5.2. Grow participation in volunteering.	5.2.1. Develop and implement a volunteering program to increase awareness, skills and readiness to engage in local volunteering opportunities.		Strategic & Community Services			●	●	





Our plan for sustainable places

Outcome 6. Responsibly planned communities that can accommodate sustainable population growth

Objectives	Priority projects	Informing strategies	Responsible	24/25	25/26	26/27	27/28	Future
6.1. Promote responsible planning to meet current and future needs.	6.1.1. Review the Local Planning Strategy.		Statutory Services	●	●	●	●	
	6.1.2. Complete a Land Use Planning Strategy, including a Village Centres Business and Employment Land Study, to ensure appropriate development is accommodated in town and village centres.	Economic Development and Tourism Strategy 2023-2028	Statutory Services		●	●		
	6.1.3. Review the Local Planning Scheme.		Statutory Services	●	●	●	●	
	6.1.4. Advocate for additional wastewater capacity in Mundaring to allow for density and mixed use in the town centre commercial zone.	Lobbying and Advocacy Strategy	Shire President	●				
	6.1.5. Investigate options for new or expanded strategic industrial areas, with consideration for a new industrial area in Sawyers Valley or further east.	Local Planning Strategy	Statutory Services		●			

Objectives	Priority projects	Informing strategies	Responsible	24/25	25/26	26/27	27/28	Future
6.1. Promote responsible planning to meet current and future needs (continued).	6.1.6. Advocate for telecommunications and related power infrastructure funding support.	Lobbying and Advocacy Strategy; Economic Development and Tourism Strategy 2023-2028	Shire President	●				
	6.1.7. Develop communications to encourage homeowners to seek retrospective Council approval for extensions or home improvements.		Statutory Services		●			
6.2. Preserve and promote local heritage buildings and places of interest.	6.2.1. Update the Local Heritage Survey and call for new nominations for new listings.		Statutory Services	●	●			
	6.2.2. Consider an incentives program to encourage owners of heritage places to commence restoration works.	Heritage Strategy 2023-2028	Statutory Services			●	●	
6.3. Increase access to safe, affordable and diverse housing options.	6.3.1. Develop communications to raise awareness of multi-generational living and downsizing options now available through changes in State legislation.		Statutory Services	●				
	6.3.2. Undertake housing needs, constraints and options analysis to inform the Local Planning Scheme Review.	Economic Development and Tourism Strategy 2023-2028	Statutory Services		●	●		

Outcome 7. Attractive, welcoming and well-maintained places

Objectives	Priority projects	Informing strategies	Responsible	24/25	25/26	26/27	27/28	Future
7.1. Support the development of vibrant, attractive and welcoming town centres and local hubs.	7.1.1. Revitalise and activate Mundaring Town Centre, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mundaring Cultural Hub construction. • Cultural precinct upgrade (outdoor amphitheatre, streetscape, landscaping and public amenities). • Land rationalisation to facilitate private investment. • Formalise Craig Street parking. 	Economic Development and Tourism Strategy 2023-2028; Mundaring Town Initiative Masterplan 2017	Strategic & Community Services	●	●	●	●	●
	7.1.2. Obtain heritage approval for repairs, and complete works to repair Mundaring Sculpture Park amphitheatre and lawn area.		Infrastructure Services	●	●			
	7.1.3. Seek funding for village place making and activation initiatives to promote and support business and tourism activity.	Economic Development and Tourism Strategy 2023-2028	Strategic & Community Services			●		

Objectives	Priority projects	Informing strategies	Responsible	24/25	25/26	26/27	27/28	Future
7.2. Facilitate attractive, well-maintained streetscapes and verges.	7.2.1. Collaborate with Main Roads to agree on priority projects to improve the appearance of Great Eastern Highway verges and intersections.		Infrastructure Services	●				
	7.2.2. Review the Weed Management and Elimination Program and provide recommendations on workforce requirements to implement the revised program.		Infrastructure Services	●				
	7.2.3. Review verge management service levels on Shire managed land.		Infrastructure Services		●			
	7.2.4. Develop an approach to raise awareness and participation in sustainable verge management practices on privately owned land.		Infrastructure Services			●		
	7.2.5. Develop a communications campaign to raise awareness about the Shire's free street tree program, who is responsible for verge maintenance, and the Shire's Customer Action Request System (CARS).		Infrastructure Services	●				
7.3. Provide fit for purpose community buildings and public facilities.	7.3.1. Scope opportunities to consolidate or rationalise community facilities.		Infrastructure Services			●		
	7.3.2. Upgrade flooring, stage, ablutions and kitchen in Wooroloo Hall.	Recreation Facilities Informing Strategy 2019	Infrastructure Services	●				
	7.3.3. Construct a central parking area in the Brown Park Recreation Precinct.	Brown Park Recreation Precinct Masterplan	Infrastructure Services	●				
	7.3.4. Upgrade car parking adjacent to the tennis facility in the Harry Riseborough Recreation Precinct to include universal access.	Recreation Facilities Informing Strategy 2019	Infrastructure Services		●			

Objectives	Priority projects	Informing strategies	Responsible	24/25	25/26	26/27	27/28	Future
7.3. Provide fit for purpose community buildings and public facilities (continued).	7.3.5. Upgrade car parking in the Parkerville Recreation Precinct to improve security and accessibility.	Recreation Facilities Informing Strategy 2019	Infrastructure Services					●
	7.3.6. Construct a new toilet block at Norris Park.		Infrastructure Services	●				
	7.3.7. Construct a new toilet block in the Brown Park Recreation Precinct.		Infrastructure Services		●			
	7.3.8. Upgrade or construct new public toilets at Mahogany Creek Hall.		Infrastructure Services				●	
7.4. Enhance public open space, parks and playgrounds.	7.4.1. Develop a playground enhancement program to utilise POS reserve funding, with consideration for shade sails, nature play, universal access, active play, etc.		Infrastructure Services			●		
	7.4.2. Conduct a desktop review of the Draft Lake Leschenaultia Master Plan.	Economic Development and Tourism Strategy 2023-2028	Strategic & Community Services		●			
	7.4.3. Advocate for the State Government to partner in the development of a Helena River Parkland Masterplan.	Recreation Facilities Informing Strategy; Lobbying and Advocacy Strategy	CEO	●				
	7.4.4. Upgrade playgrounds in Fraser Park, Greenmount Peace Park and Chartwell Park.		Infrastructure Services		●			
	7.4.5. Upgrade Broz Park skate park.	Recreation Facilities Informing Strategy	Infrastructure Services				●	

Outcome 8. It is easy to move around the Shire safely and sustainably

Objectives	Priority projects	Informing strategies	Responsible	24/25	25/26	26/27	27/28	Future
8.1. Maintain a safe, efficient road and transport network with supporting infrastructure and services.	8.1.1. Provide community updates on the East Link WA project as new information becomes available.		Strategic & Community Services	●	●	●	●	
	8.1.2. Advocate for intervention to improve road safety at the intersection of Great Eastern Highway and Scott Street and the intersection of Great Eastern Highway and Seaborne Street.	Lobbying and Advocacy Strategy	CEO	●	●			
	8.1.3. Collaborate with Main Roads to review speed limits on priority roads.		Infrastructure Services	●				
	8.1.4. Construct the Brooking Road connection to improve road safety.		Infrastructure Services	●	●	●		
	8.1.5. Apply for Black Spot Funding and construct the Helena Valley Road / Scott Street roundabout to improve road safety.		Infrastructure Services			●		
8.2. Provide safe, well-connected trails, paths and bike lanes.	8.2.1. Develop a Footpath Network Strategy to improve connectivity across the shire.		Infrastructure Services	●	●			
	8.2.2. Construct a footpath on Helena Valley Rd from Midland Rd to Koorla Drive.		Infrastructure Services		●			
	8.2.3. Construct a footpath on Old York Road.		Infrastructure Services	●				
	8.2.4. Upgrade existing signage on shared-use trails to improve user safety.		Infrastructure Services	●				
	8.2.5. Seek funding for new walking and cycling trails.	Trails Masterplan; Community Health and Wellbeing Informing Strategy 2020-2025	Strategic & Community Services			●		

Objectives	Priority projects	Informing strategies	Responsible	24/25	25/26	26/27	27/28	Future
8.2. Provide safe, well-connected trails, paths and bike lanes (continued).	8.2.6. Complete feasibility of start and end of trip facilities including public toilets at Railway Trail Heritage Park Hub and Railway Reserves Heritage Trail heads.		Strategic & Community Services		●			
	8.2.7. Represent the local community in State Government planning for a designated dirt bike centre or trails in the Perth Hills.		CEO	●				



Our plan for sustainable economies

Outcome 9. A vibrant, diverse and sustainable economy

Objectives	Priority projects	Informing strategies	Responsible	24/25	25/26	26/27	27/28	Future
9.1. Support local businesses to prosper.	9.1.1. Develop a business database that can be used for e-communications to inform local businesses about what's happening, new projects, and tender and procurement opportunities.	Economic Development and Tourism Strategy 2023-2028	Strategic & Community Services	●				
	9.1.2. Review and enhance Buy Local opportunities with the Shire. This would involve making it easier for local businesses to understand what types of services, materials and contracts are required by the Shire, and being able to register their interest in this work.		Strategic & Community Services		●			
	9.1.3. Promote the availability of First Nations business support programs provided by the Government, Noongar Chamber of Commerce and others to support local First Nations peoples to start and grow a business.	Economic Development and Tourism Strategy 2023-2028	Strategic & Community Services			●		
	9.1.4. Develop a strategy to identify and support emerging 'green industries' including renewable energy, resource recovery and associated professional services.	Economic Development and Tourism Strategy 2023-2028	Strategic & Community Services				●	

Objectives	Priority projects	Informing strategies	Responsible	24/25	25/26	26/27	27/28	Future
9.2. Support the growth of sustainable tourism.	9.2.1. Develop and implement a Mundaring Tourism and Events Marketing Strategy, in collaboration with key stakeholders.	Economic Development and Tourism Strategy 2023-2028	Strategic & Community Services	●	●	●	●	
	9.2.2. Review Shire of Mundaring's visitor information delivery model to ensure resources devoted to visitor information services are being used effectively for maximum benefit.	Economic Development and Tourism Strategy 2023-2028	Strategic & Community Services	●				
	9.2.3. Adopt a Wayfinding Signage Strategy.	Economic Development and Tourism Strategy 2023-2029	Strategic & Community Services	●				
	9.2.4. Complete feasibility, design and construction of rest stop facilities in Chidlow with consideration for a RV dump point and EV charging station.	Economic Development and Tourism Strategy 2023-2029	Strategic & Community Services	●	●			
	9.2.5. Undertake a visitor and short-stay accommodation audit and opportunities study to inform options for new accommodation of an appropriate scale in locations throughout the Shire.	Economic Development and Tourism Strategy 2023-2029	Strategic & Community Services			●		
	9.2.6. Seek accreditation as a WA Trail Town.	Economic Development and Tourism Strategy 2023-2029	Strategic & Community Services			●		
	9.2.7. Investigate options to enhance the Shire's eco-tourism status including recognition as a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve or Certified Eco Destination with Eco Tourism Australia.	Economic Development and Tourism Strategy 2023-2029	Statutory Services				●	
9.3. Grow participation in education and life-long learning.	9.3.1. Review how youth and adult learning opportunities are being promoted to raise awareness and participation in locally available options.		Strategic & Community Services	●				







Our plan for sustainable governance

Outcome 10. Dynamic, community-focused leadership, governance and communication

Objectives	Priority projects	Informing strategies	Responsible	24/25	25/26	26/27	27/28	Future
10.1. Strengthen organisational culture, governance, financial management and asset management.	10.1.1. Agree on sustainable living goals and targets to align with outcomes in this plan and the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SGDs).		CEO	●				
	10.1.2. Develop and implement a customer focussed business improvement program.		CEO	●				
	10.1.3. Develop a program for rolling service reviews to support continuous business improvement.		CEO	●				
	10.1.4. Develop a new asset management system.		Infrastructure Services	●				
	10.1.5. Complete a 5-year review of the Asset Management Plan.	Asset Management Plan	Infrastructure Services		●			
	10.1.6. Review community grants funding policies.		Strategic & Community Services	●				
	10.1.7. Use digital technology to increase access to important Shire information.		Corporate Services	●				
	10.1.8. Prepare a Land Rationalisation Plan with consideration of options to sell, develop or purchase land for investment purposes.	Property Investment Strategy 2024	Strategic & Community Services	●				

Objectives	Priority projects	Informing strategies	Responsible	24/25	25/26	26/27	27/28	Future
10.2. Enhance the customer experience.	10.2.1. Conduct a biennial community and business survey and annual pulse checks to assess service delivery levels and how to improve customer experiences.		Corporate Services	●	●	●	●	
	10.2.2. Review the customer request process for lodging issues and complaints and reporting on progress.		Corporate Services	●				
	10.2.3. Optimise engagement platforms (Engage Mundaring and Shire of Mundaring website) to improve the user experience.		Strategic & Community Services	●				
	10.2.4. Review the Customer Service Charter.		Corporate Services		●			
	10.2.5. Develop an online portal to enable customers to track the status of planning and building applications.		Statutory Services			●		
10.3. Effectively inform and engage the community about local issues, facilities, services and events.	10.3.1. Develop a Corporate Communications Strategy.		Strategic & Community Services	●				
	10.3.2. Review the Community Engagement Framework to enhance community consultation.		Strategic & Community Services			●		



Shire of Mundaring investment plan – key capital projects

This plan includes a number of new projects that will require additional capital expenditure. Estimated costs are provided below. These projects will need to be resourced through a combination of grant, reserve, debt and other external funding sources.

Priority projects	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	Future
Sustainable Environments					
2.1.4 Install EV Chargers for Shire EV vehicles at Shire Administration Centre	\$51k				
2.1.5 Provide energy efficiency improvements to solar heating and pool pumps at Bilgoman Pool.	\$20k	\$280k			
Sustainable Communities					
4.3.1 Modernise and refit Bilgoman Pool changerooms, kiosk and office areas.	\$320k				
4.3.2 Install water play area at Bilgoman Pool.				\$400k	
4.3.3 Provide new oval lighting in the Brown Park Recreation Precinct.	\$580k				
4.3.4 Relocate cricket nets in Brown Park Recreation Precinct.		\$370k			
4.3.5 Upgrade Brown Park skate park and dirt jump.		\$50k	\$500k		
4.3.7 Design and upgrade Mt Helena Oval changerooms to provide universal access.	\$65k	\$1.35m			
4.3.8 Develop concept plans to upgrade Glen Forrest and Boya changerooms.	\$50k	\$100k	\$2m		
4.3.9 Upgrade Darlington Oval reticulation and water tank.	\$180k				
4.3.10 Construct a pump track at Morgan John Morgan Reserve.	\$20k	\$350k			
4.3.11 Complete Sawyers Valley Oval sub drainage works.	\$230k				
4.3.12 Install new reticulation at Sawyers Valley Oval.	\$120k				
4.3.13 Upgrade Parkerville Oval cricket nets.	\$220k				
4.3.14 Upgrade Parkerville Oval floodlighting.		\$420k			
4.3.14 Upgrade Mundaring Sporting Club, including accessibility upgrades.			\$100k	\$2m	
4.3.16 Develop concept designs to upgrade Bruce Douglas and Mundaring Oval changerooms.			\$50k		
4.3.17 Upgrade Parkerville Oval changerooms.				\$200k	

Priority projects	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	Future
4.4.1 Construct a fenced dog exercise area in Ellesmere Reserve.	\$265k				
4.4.2 Construct a fenced dog exercise area in the Brown Park Recreation Precinct.			\$300k		
Sustainable Places					
7.1.1 Revitalise and activate Mundaring Town Centre.		\$860k	\$5.7m	\$13.4m	\$4.4m
7.1.2 Obtain heritage approval and repair Mundaring Sculpture Park amphitheatre and lawn area.	\$10k	\$200k			
7.3.2 Upgrade flooring, stage, ablutions and kitchen in Wooroloo Hall.	\$75k				
7.3.3 Construct a central parking area in the Brown Park Recreation Precinct.	\$600k				
7.3.4 Upgrade car parking in the Harry Riseborough Recreation Precinct to include universal access.		\$350k			
7.3.5 Upgrade car parking in the Parkerville Recreation Precinct to improve security and accessibility.					\$650k
7.3.6 Construct a new toilet block at Norris Park.	\$210k				
7.3.7 Construct a new toilet block in the Brown Park Recreation Precinct.		\$200k			
7.3.8 Upgrade or construct new public toilets at Mahogany Creek Hall.				\$250k	
7.4.4 Upgrade playgrounds in Fraser Park, Greenmount Peace Park and Chartwell Park.		\$215k			
7.4.5 Upgrade Broz Park skate park.				\$300k	
Sustainable Economies					
9.2.4 Complete feasibility, design and construction of rest stop facilities in Chidlow.	\$10k	\$100k			

Informing Strategies and Plans

As specified in the State Government's Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework and Guidelines, the Council Plan has been informed by the Long-Term Financial Plan, Asset Management Plans, Workforce Plan, Risk Management Framework and various issue-specific strategies and plans.

Long-Term Financial Plan

The Long-Term Financial Plan is Council's 10-year financial planning document. It is created with consideration for forecast income, cash flow, rate setting, financial position and equity statements. These statements are supported by details of assumptions on which the plan has been developed, projected income and expenditure, scenario modelling and sensitivity analysis, major capital works schedules, and risk assessments of major projects. Contact the Shire to request a current copy of the Long-Term Financial Plan.

Asset Management Plans

Effective management of local government assets is crucial to the sustainable delivery of services to meet community needs. Asset management planning is essential to ensure that assets are created, maintained, renewed, and retired or replaced at appropriate intervals to ensure continuity of services at chosen service levels. Contact the Shire to request copies of current Asset Management Plans.

Workforce Plan

The Workforce Plan helps to shape the workforce now and for the future. It provides a coordinated approach for resourcing key projects, services, and operations to meet organisational objectives and community priorities. The Workforce Plan profiles the current workforce, considers labour market forces and trends, identifies skill, knowledge and resourcing gaps, advises on recruitment, training and retention strategies to close any gaps, conducts risk assessment and proposes mitigation strategies, and monitors and reports on key performance indicators. Contact the Shire to request a copy of the Workforce Plan.

Risk Management Framework

The Risk Management Framework encourages and guides Council Members and officers to identify, analyse, evaluate, treat, monitor and communicate risks to maximise the potential to achieve goals and objectives and minimise potential for harm or loss. The Shire integrates risk management practices and procedures into all strategic initiatives, projects, operational processes and day to day business practices.

Issue-specific strategies and plans

Shire of Mundaring has various issue-specific strategies and plans. Several of these plans fulfill statutory requirements such as the Local Planning Framework, Access and Inclusion Informing Strategy, Community Health and Wellbeing Informing Strategy, and Waste Plan. Additional plans and strategies have been created to provide an in-depth review and assessment of options to address local priorities.

The following table lists informing plans and strategies that make up the Shire of Mundaring management framework, the current status of these documents, time frame for review and, as necessary, the development of these documents. All of these documents are available on the Shire of Mundaring website.



Informing strategies and plans	Responsible	Statutory requirement	Status	Year adopted or last reviewed	Review period	Next review or to be prepared (if new)	Year to be completed or retired
Sustainable Environments							
Bush Fire Risk Management Plan	Statutory Services		Existing	2019	5 years	2025	
Bushfire Area Access Strategy	Statutory Services		Existing	2016	None		
Energy Emissions Reduction Strategy 2018	Infrastructure Services		Existing	2024	6 years	2030	
Lake Leschenaultia Risk Assessment	Statutory Services		Existing	2023			Ongoing
Local Biodiversity Strategy 2023-2030	Statutory Services		Existing	2023	6 years	2029	
Local Climate Change Adaptation Plan 2012	Statutory Services		Existing	2012		2026	
Local Emergency Management Arrangements	Statutory Services	Yes	Existing	2016	5 years	2024	
Waste Management Plan	Infrastructure Services	Yes	Existing	2021		2030	
Watercourse Hierarchy Strategy 2023	Statutory Services		Existing	2023		2030	
Sustainable Communities							
Access and Inclusion Informing Strategy 2022-2026	Strategic and Community Services	Yes	Existing	2022	4 years	2026	
Age-friendly Informing Strategy 2020-2025	Strategic and Community Services		Existing	2020	5 years	2025	
Brown Park Recreation Precinct Masterplan	Strategic and Community Services		Existing	2023	None		
Community Health and Wellbeing Informing Strategy 2020-2025	Statutory Services		Existing	2020	5 years	2025	
Heritage Strategy 2023-2028	Statutory Services		Existing	2024	5 years	2029	
Reconciliation Action Plan 2022-24	Strategic and Community Services		Existing	2022	2 years	2024	
Recreation Facilities Informing Strategy	Strategic and Community Services		Existing	2019	5 years	2024	
Youth Informing Strategy	Strategic and Community Services		Draft			2024	

Informing strategies and plans	Responsible	Statutory requirement	Status	Year adopted or last reviewed	Review period	Next review or to be prepared (if new)	Year to be completed or retired
Sustainable Places							
Ten Year Capital Works Program	Infrastructure Services		Existing	2023	Annual	2024	
Local Planning Strategy	Statutory Services	Yes	Existing	2013	10 years	2024	
Mundaring Town Initiative Masterplan 2017	Statutory Services		Existing		None		
Property Investment Strategy 2024	Strategic and Community Services		Existing	2024			Ongoing
Sustainable Economies							
Economic Development and Tourism Strategy 2023-2028	Strategic and Community Services		Existing	2023	5 years	2028	
Wayfinding Signage Strategy 2023	Strategic and Community Services		Draft	2023			
Sustainable Governance							
Council Plan – Strategic Community Plan	Corporate Services	Yes	Existing	2024	Minor: 2 years	2026	
Council Plan – Corporate Business Plan	Corporate Services	Yes	Existing	2024	Annual	2025	
Long Term Financial Plan	Corporate Services	Yes	Existing	2024	Annual	2025	
Asset Management Plan	Corporate Services	Yes	Existing	2023	Annual	2024	
Community Engagement Framework	Strategic and Community Services		Existing	2022	5 years	2027	
Corporate Communications Strategy	Strategic and Community Services		Proposed			2024/25	
Information and Communication Technology Plan	Corporate Services		Existing	2016	5 years	2024	
Lobbying and Advocacy Strategy	Strategic and Community Services		Existing	2024	4 years		
Workforce Diversity and Inclusion Plan	Corporate Services		Existing	2022	3 years	2025	
Workforce Plan	Corporate Services	Yes	Existing	2020	5 years	2024	

Resourcing the plan

Service teams are responsible for delivering priority projects in this plan, along with existing services and facilities, to meet statutory requirements and community needs.

Teams are responsible for preparing annual Service Plans to continuously improve business efficiencies, value for money and customer experiences.

This table provides an overview of the directorates, service teams, and number of employees in each team expressed as the full-time equivalent (FTE).

Directorate	Service Teams	Employees (FTE)
Office of the CEO	Council support	1.20
	Organisational Leadership	1.00
	Business Improvement	1.00
Strategic & Community Services	Directors Office	4.00
	Family & Children's Services	56.04
	Libraries, Communications & Engagement	24.31
	Recreation & Tourism Services	21.62
Statutory Services	Directors Office	2.00
	Planning & Environment	11.53
	Building & Health	9.66
	Community Safety & Emergency Management	13.13
Corporate Services	Directors Office	2.00
	People & Culture	5.80
	Finance & Governance	16.62
	Information Technology	7.20
Infrastructure Services	Design Services	11
	Building Assets and Maintenance	4
	Operations Services	60.89

Financial Summary

The following financial statement is a high-level summarised statement that aggregates the estimates of operating and non-operating revenues and expenditure over the next four years. It provides a single consolidated view of key aspects incorporated in the Long-Term Financial Plan.

	2024/25 \$	2025/26 \$	2026/27 \$	2027/28 \$
REVENUES				
Rate levies	33,831,164	35,015,255	36,065,712	37,147,684
Other revenue	21,907,020	25,368,239	26,002,444	26,652,506
Revenues sub-total	55,738,184	60,383,493	62,068,157	63,800,189
EXPENSES				
All operating expenses	(61,896,171)	(62,970,601)	(64,304,381)	(65,671,506)
Net operating profit/(loss)	(6,157,987)	(2,587,108)	(2,236,224)	(1,871,316)
Adjustment for non-cash items	9,688,697	9,619,397	9,619,397	9,619,397
Sub-total	3,530,710	7,032,289	7,383,173	7,748,081
INVESTING ACTIVITIES				
Payments for property, plant and equipment	(5,818,218)	(3,945,506)	(9,808,080)	(17,044,760)
Payments for construction of infrastructure	(10,769,193)	(7,786,491)	(6,391,591)	(5,370,491)
Non-operating grants, subsidies and contributions	5,514,730	2,473,771	4,107,871	2,182,771
Proceeds from disposal of assets	1,044,927	304,205	472,205	409,205
Repayment of debentures	(812,438)	(854,331)	(898,703)	(945,714)
Payments for principal portion of lease liabilities	(214,033)	(157,727)	0	0
Proceeds from new debentures	0	0	0	12,000,000
Transfers to reserves	(7,543,139)	(2,162,517)	(4,018,750)	(3,312,517)
Transfers from reserves	6,213,027	5,096,307	9,153,875	4,333,425
Net cash from investing activities	(12,384,337)	(7,032,289)	(7,383,173)	(7,748,081)
ESTIMATED SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) JULY 1 B/FWD	8,853,627	0	0	0
ESTIMATED SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) JUNE 30 C/FWD REVENUES	0	0	0	0



Risk management

Governance, service delivery and project management does not come without risks.

The Shire regularly assesses its risks and is mitigating and managing these risks through the risk schedule below. Risk management plans will be developed for individual projects as per Shire project planning protocols.

Risk	Description	Key controls
Financial constraint	Limited capacity to raise revenue and heavy reliance on State and Commonwealth government for funds and financial assistance to deliver programs, operations and services to meet State Government requirements and community expectations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robust informing framework to allow Council to make the best-informed decision regarding long term financial planning • Robust internal financial management reporting • Appropriate financial reporting to Council • Council members undertake financial training (mandatory training) • Ongoing assessment of own source revenue • Audit and Risk Committee oversight • Regular independent auditing
Disaster / catastrophic event	Failure to address impact of disaster / catastrophe event including but not limited to bushfire; flood; severe convective storm; earthquake; tropical cyclone or depression; storm surge; heatwave; widespread and uncontrolled civil disobedience; major industrial or transportation accident; failure of critical infrastructure such as electrical or ICT systems, dam, water supplies or wastewater treatment; pandemic or epidemic.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement State and Local Emergency Management Arrangements which are tested bi-annually on different disaster occurrences • Implement Business Continuity Plan and associated strategies with focus on relief and recovery requirements and critical service provision • Undertake bushfire mitigation activities • Documented local and corporate knowledge of the organisation and local geographic hot spots • Implement established communication practices to ensure that community are kept up to date in the event of a disaster situation • Engage stakeholders and communicate Councils Disaster Management Plan

Risk	Description	Key controls
Procurement or contractual failure	Inadequate or deficient procurement and contract management policies, procedures, systems and processes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriate and qualified personnel engaged when designing major infrastructure and ensure that they have the applicable qualifications and experience • Adherence to Procurement Policy and relevant procedures • Implement robust tender and contract documents including the development of current construction contracts in accordance with Australian Standards • Utilise an assessment panel when dealing with major projects greater than \$250,000 or as considered necessary • Audits scheduled and undertaken consistent with the Internal Audit Plan • Ensure appropriate insurance cover for each project, and also ensure that any contractors engage have the financial capacity to carry out the scope of works, and have a proven track record (accepting that cheapest isn't necessary the most advantageous)
Regulatory changes	State or Federal Government changes in administrative or regulatory arrangements which impedes or prevents the effective and efficient delivery of plans, programs, projects and or services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robust long term financial planning • Lobbying to address changes (proposed and implemented) through WALGA and LG Professionals • Engage with relevant government bodies and associations to provide Shire specific input on proposed regulatory changes.
Infrastructure failure	Failed or deficient infrastructure and related services (including transport networks, waste services, wastewater systems or services).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement and adhere to robust 10-20 year Asset Management Plans for all classes of infrastructure (roads and bridges, buildings, community facilities) • Financial considerations captured within reports to Council • Adequate asset insurance is in place for the replacement of assets in the event of loss or damage • Systematic inspection program of asset classes • Implement established communication practices to ensure that community are aware of Councils decisions regarding new assets
Failing to meet community expectations	Community, social and cultural infrastructure and/or services that do not align with community expectations or are not sufficiently responsive to changed / evolving community expectations or are beyond Council's capacity for delivery.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adherence to Community Engagement Framework and associated policies and procedures to engage community in the development of Council Plan. • Robust reporting and informing framework to allow Council to make the best-informed decision regarding matters affecting the community and future generations • Embedded culture of transparency and accountability (good governance practices)

Risk	Description	Key controls
Climate change	Impact of climate change on Council's assets, workforce, programs and services leading to cost and management implications for the organisation and impacts on the capacity to deliver planned and budgeted programs and services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate alternative energy sources within Council's key buildings (e.g. solar) Implement and adhere to robust 10-20 year Asset Management Plans for all classes of infrastructure Robust informing framework to allow Council to make the best-informed decision regarding climate change with reporting to respond to changing environment Systematic inspection program on key assets (buildings, community infrastructure, roads) to develop a sustainable renewal and maintenance program Improved open space / parks / streetscape planning and design
Systemic change or disruption	Population, demographic, technological or other societal changes that disrupt existing models and arrangements for local government decision-making, program design, budgeting, assets and infrastructure and/or service delivery.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement established communication practices to ensure that community are aware of reasons for disruption Develop and implement procedures around the development of annual budgets and reviews to discuss economic trends (population, age, employment etc.) Regular review of Council Plan
Workforce not fit for purpose to deliver on organisational outcomes and services	Organisation structure not aligned to Council Plan, inefficiencies or over servicing, failure to recruit suitably qualified and experienced staff.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workforce Plan prepared based on current and future needs of the Shire and endorsed by Council Work Health and Safety requirements are embedded across the organisation Appropriate and qualified personnel are engaged, and they have the relevant qualifications and experience Enterprise Agreements with competitive salaries, conditions and benefits.
Governance failure	Corporate governance failure (e.g. breakdown in relationship between Council / council members and CEO / Administration or between council members) resulting in investigations / enquiries with partial or total spill of Council.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Embedded culture of transparency and accountability (good governance practices) Robust informing framework to allow Council to make the best-informed decisions Legislative separation of powers Regular President / CEO liaison CEO Annual Performance Review process Induction programs for council members and staff

Developing and Reporting

The *Local Government Act 1995* requires all local governments to plan for the future. As of 2024, Council was required to adopt a 10-year Strategic Community Plan, 4-year Corporate Business Plan and Annual Budget that were integrated with asset management plans, a workforce plan and a long-term financial plan.

To streamline reporting and strengthen integration, Shire of Mundaring has combined the Strategic Community Plan and Corporate Business Plan into one succinct document and named it the Council Plan.

In 2024, Council embraced the FUTYR® approach to conduct a major review of its Strategic Community Plan and Corporate Business Plan. This is a community-led, integrated and streamlined approach designed specifically for local government. It involved:

- Desktop research.
- Detailed review of current plans and strategies to align and integrate outcomes and actions.
- Community survey and benchmarking using the MARKYT® Community Scorecard.
- Workshops with council members, staff, key stakeholders, and local community members.

We express our deepest thanks to community members who assisted with development of this Council Plan. We heard from a good cross section of people in the local community, including young people, families, seniors, people with disability, people with diverse cultural backgrounds, local businesses owners and managers, and representatives from local community organisations.

In line with the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework and Guidelines, Strategic Community Plan components, including the vision, outcomes, objectives and community priorities and aspirations, will be reviewed once every four years. Corporate Business Plan components, including priority projects and resourcing, will be reviewed annually.

To track and report on progress, Council will monitor actual and perceived performance levels from various sources. Results will be reported in the Annual Report. Please visit www.mundaring.wa.gov.au to access the latest Annual Report.

MARKYT 

Community Scorecard

3,014

community members

MARKYT 

VoiceBank

165,000+

word count of ideas and suggestions

FUTYR 

Community Workshops

87

RSVPs

MARKYT

Community Scorecard


Shire of Mundaring participates in the MARKYT® Benchmarking Excellence Program to monitor and benchmark service levels.

Council aims to be above the MARKYT® industry average and strives to be the industry leader in all areas. This chart shows Council's Performance Index Score out of 100 compared to the MARKYT® Industry Standards.

The preferred target zone is shown as coloured bars.

Legend

 Shire of Mundaring 2024 performance score

 Target Zone. Shading shows industry average to industry high from the MARKYT® Community Scorecard.

For further information, visit catalyse.com.au

2024 Performance Measures



Have an idea about how to make the Shire of Mundaring the most sustainable place to live?

Please reach out to your council member or the responsible officer at the Shire of Mundaring to share your thoughts and ideas.

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