



**HORSHAM COMMUNITY PLAN
2013**



Wimmera River, Fishing Competition



Wimmera River, near Rowing Club

Development of the Plan

The Horsham Community Plan was developed in 2012-2013. The process was facilitated by Horsham Rural City Council community development staff under the guidance of a community based steering committee.



The Horsham Community Plan Steering Committee

*Back: David Hogan, Mahabubur Mollah, Robert Caris, Grant Kuchel,
Martin Bride (Community Facilitator), Sue Exell
Front: Lindy Muller, Sally Pymer (Community Facilitator)
Not pictured- Mandy Kirsopp, Samara Dandy*

The Steering Committee was formed in August 2012 to oversee the production of the plan. Their role was to champion the project, develop the marketing and communications strategy and talk to the community about the opportunities that will be created by the plan.

The planning process began with asset identification in which the community was asked “What is good about Horsham, what is it we value or are proud of in our community?” The question was posed via surveys and face to face meetings with sections of the community that may otherwise have experienced barriers to participation. The response to this indicated that amongst many things people valued the Wimmera River, our sporting clubs, the Aquatic Centre and our friendly community.

A series of three community workshops were held at which community members could propose actions to improve Horsham and then vote on all the suggested ideas. The Steering Committee then merged these ideas into the final priorities for this plan.

For each of the priority actions an action group will be formed to determine the best strategy to achieve the relevant goal. As well as being a focus for community action the plan also provides guidance to Council and other levels of Government as to which things our community values highly. This can be useful in supporting funding applications.



Community members voting for actions

Priorities for Community Action

The priorities for community action are:

- Enhance characteristics and facilities along the Wimmera River
- Generate active participation in total health and wellbeing
- Develop a multi-purpose sports facility in Horsham, including indoor sports facilities
- Develop art spaces in Horsham
- Improve and extend bike and walking tracks
- Create new festivals and events and enhance existing ones
- Improve promotion with a tourism focus (with Recreation Vehicle awareness)
- Promote and develop accessible and improved transport
- Lobby for and support improved medical services and facilities
- Create music in the street
- Engage in education advocacy- for improved facilities at all levels
- Develop and improve playgrounds in Horsham



“So Dizzy” May Park-photographer Felicity Pritchard

Community Action Groups will form to refine, plan and carry out the actions. If you are interested in joining an action group you can contact Council Community Facilitator Martin Bride on 5382 9759 or email martin.bride@hrcc.vic.gov.au, find us on Facebook ‘Your Horsham Your Say’

Workshop Ideas

The list below contains all the ideas that were put forward in the three community events.

- Make better use of Wimmera River-café by river, skiing, business, recreation, health opportunities
- Commercial development along the river i.e. cafés, restaurants
- Botanic Gardens Coffee Shop
- Coffee Shop along river-near walking tracks
- Café on the river- Location, Location
- Bringing Myers to town + Esplanade along river with lighting & cafés or restaurants/floating restaurant
- River is a huge part of community and needs to be utilised better for community enjoyment
- Blessed with the beauty and natural environs of our Wimmera River
- Extend the sound shell building for a river experience. Reception centre- we are not using this asset enough
- Angling Club rooms- reception area
- Utilise river frontage our biggest asset e.g. Angling Club (reception centre), paddle boats
- River boat restaurant
- A floating restaurant
- Floating restaurant, open river make it more accessible, lighting on river, coffee shops, events along river, fountain
- Restaurant /café on the river - floating?
- A wildlife corridor through Horsham along the river
- Lighting along the river for safety
- South of the river-nowhere to park to look at the river (e.g. like Weir Park) with shade. Better access to the river for kayaks etc. Public toilets south of the river
- Develop the showgrounds as a river precinct
- Pedestrian Bridge across the river
- Pedestrian Bridge at Bennett Road as part of loop
- Fittest and healthiest LGA in Victoria - aim for!!
- More promotion of sporting clubs in schools
- Free Gym- less of a strain on health and economy to pay for prevention rather than treatment
- Need for free and affordable sports e.g. skipping, walking
- Upgrade YMCA gym equipment
- More gyms suitable for under 18s
- A water slide at the aquatic centre
- Megathon- massive triathlon incorporating Grampians, lakes, river etc.
- Dragon Boat Race
- Board Game group-all ages
- Theatre Sports Club
- Community Garden-for people who hate to exercise
- Rock-climbing promotion for kids
- Rock training wall in Horsham
- Rowing- more participation
- Running tracks include hazards at night time
- Sports for older people-a gap
- Old time dancing

- Seniors groups are good (do we know about them all? Do we promote them well)-church groups
- Seniors day at the cinema is great
- Indoor Leisure Centre-roller derby (flat concrete floor), table tennis, badminton/squash, hockey near basketball stadium (could have other uses (also facilities to hire for parties etc.)
- Enough space in showgrounds for National Soccer competition
- Showgrounds-knock down buildings and build multipurpose building e.g. Rotary, table tennis, function centre-one building, U3A
- Multipurpose Stadium (badminton, table tennis etc. Will bring more tournaments)
- Multi-use stadium and community centres - co-sharing facilities
- Multi-use sporting centre
- Multipurpose indoor sports stadium for tennis/squash/basketball in middle of racecourse
- Indoor Multi-function sports facility for darts, chess, billiards, table tennis
- International standard indoor bowls venue
- Different clubs need to work together to share facilities
- Indoor Go-Kart track
- Nexus arts space- at the rear of Nexus
- Graffiti Art Wall
- Dedicated new visual arts facility/precinct e.g. art gallery/makers gallery inc arts and crafts. All visual craft arts together.
- Commercial Art Gallery-supporting local artists

- Important for whole community to get behind the Town Hall redevelopment and make it happen-Horsham needs a Convention Centre for 500 people
- Support concept of Town Hall development uses and look at a different site
- Improve bike infrastructure in and around the town (bike tracks in and around the CBD, bike parking in CBD) Consistency of bike planning-so bike tracks don't form into chokes.)
- Bike trail from Horsham to Natimuk along Wimmera River
- Mountain bike track along river to Natimuk
- Bike riding/walking
- Extend river tracks along to McKenzie Creek
- Track to Boardwalk along south side of river for loop
- Need to link tracks i.e. linking the tracks all along south side Horsham
- Think more about how people can move around CBD and utilizing the walking tracks-encouraging council to incorporate sealing of walking tracks in budgets
- A green corridor -to replace the railway line-inc walking and cycling tracks
- Promote lobby for a river track from Horsham to Hindmarsh-Aboriginal culture campsites along the way-tourism
- Lighting on walking tracks
- Comedy Festival
- Comedy
- More and better plays, comedy, shows and annual events (e.g. Symphony orchestra)

- More performances-musical, arts, drama e.g. INXS, Caravan Burlesque, global perspective of shows here in Horsham, diversity
- Drive in Cinema
- Music Festival (not country)
- Build Audiences and support for festivals
- Piggy back festivals (i.e. combine some existing festivals or add new ideas e.g. food)
- Grey Nomad event for a few days/week
- Food Festival/Multicultural Food festival
- Acknowledging multi-cultural groups with festivals and other events- Indian Festival @ showgrounds
- Souvenir Shop to support tourism and promote Horsham
- Advertising on Highway about Wimmera River and what's on
- Information Centre needs excitement, revamping. Flour mill? Look out tower for info centre
- Full 12 month calendar with events/tourism (fixed dates each year)
- Proactive in selling region - tourist information-local shop front-developing the Wimmera as a 'food bowl'
- Promotion Strategy to link events with best form of communication e.g. Free events, space (Skate Park), new events, daily events (Health and Wellbeing not just tourism)
- Attract tourism as a way of increasing
- Improve entrances to Horsham- parking spots, animal displays, statues/artwork, shade
- Improve all town entrances-not just main ones
- Entrances are focussed on industrial / not environment and attractive. Urban design
- Well identified parking for long vehicles in walking distances of places like the Plaza, parking close to CBD to encourage spending, publicise 'dumps' for Recreational Vehicles (RVs)
- Improve our RV friendly condition e.g. RV parking; information trailer / RV parking @ tourist info - free camps for RV's e.g. in Horsham/Natimuk area
- Need to be RV friendly town- Public showers, toilets available for travellers e.g. at Burnt Creek
- Increases in frequency of public transport , timeliness in and out of Horsham (To and From Melbourne)
- Regular passenger train service Horsham-Melbourne
- Car pooling program e.g. For travel to Ballarat - register to people
- Footpaths/car parks/paved areas need to be safe for walkers
- Gopher friendly city (inc walking frames)-parking, paths of travel, recharge (inc solar)
- Bus for 6-10 wheelchairs at a time
- Go-pher your life
- More specialists in Horsham so people don't need to travel to Ballarat and Melbourne
- Specialised services for health could be improved
- Better medical facility with better parking at Army Reserve location(Move Army Reserve and build medical centre)
- Support Mental Health initiatives-break down stigma, support programs
- Christmas music through street in lead up to Christmas

- Live music at night
- Music in the street-makes you feel not alone
- State of the Horsham College-impacts on ability to recruit employees to Horsham
- Improved education facilities in Horsham (Primary/secondary/tertiary)
- Work on Secondary school / Private School facilities
- Develop a major adventure playground (e.g. like playground at Millicent)-Council owned. Tourist potential. Different groups sponsor different pieces of equipment (Service Clubs, Shops and Council)
- General fun park for kids
- Shade in playgrounds-parents and children
- Playground to blend in with surrounding environment
- Free Parking Saturday mornings (not shop keepers) "Parking meters deter shoppers"
- Nice ice-cream shop like Halls Gap
- Bypass for trucks only-keep cars coming through town-want people not trucks
- Multicultural family friendly venue (Children accessible) - near park
- Work with other Councils to develop a strategy to increase the population of the Wimmera - set targets and objectives collectively -(long term) with other councils
- Caravan Park (ideally situated, needs better maintenance, encourage caravaners to walk to the main street, more info at Caravan Park)
- Encourage more solar panel and water tanks as part of new building permit processes-grants/NILS program for Solar panels etc
- Need audiences at Wesley
- Promote Police Paddocks more
- Infrastructure-e.g. outdoor pool (a 50m pool) \$400k to keep it going (the pool) also table tennis buildings are old -needs multipurpose centre - explore showgrounds
- Bring major sporting events to Horsham
- Car parks Multi storey
- Community based 'Pizza Oven', funky social connectedness. Weir Park Community Kitchen and Connectedness Centre
- Malt house for regional barley
- Birds in the botanic gardens- Aviaries (Bird watchers club)
- Fill the lakes and control blue green algae (Natimuk and Green Lake)
- Fruit trees as street plants
- Botanic garden lacking appeal
- More focus on individuals buying locally not on-line
- Develop community resources to support non-net savvy traders
- Landlords need to look at rent for shops
- Zoo in Horsham or Puma (Black)
- Attractions. Museum
- Building for historical records- who we are, how we got here- a big thing!
- Make use of empty motel out Stawell Road for emergency accommodation

- Work with/support Barenji Gadjin new complex facilities
- Partnerships that endure with Traditional Owners
- English /Language classes
- Education in Multiculturalism so know how to welcome
- Have a women's group (learning environment, life experiences and stages, connecting with women of different ages)
- Skill sharing scheme (Facebook page like the Wimmera buy, swap sell page)
- Repair nature strips the ground has sunk and remove noxious weeds
- Plant fruit trees rather than decorative trees
- Making sure the public plantings in the streets are well maintained, watered and attractive
- More green/trees/landscaping
- Educate people re: recycling (Tidy Towns)
- Recycling bins throughout the CBD and May and Sawyer Parks
- Promote Tidy Towns Week - more communication about judging etc. Use social media - Tidy Towns Facebook page
- Bring in 3 bin system
- Water for Natimuk and Green Lakes
- Free activities/family-promotion of gardens-trail brochures-laneway tours
- Signage to name key/significant trees, plants wildlife etc. along the tracks
- Abattoirs-'sunshine lamb'-boutique product
- Better use our own resources-grains/sheep

- Community-to primary producer-Dick Smith-local shop front
- Mobile Doner Kebab caravan
- Free parking 'Out of Town Visitor Free Parking'
- Place of worship at hospital (Multi-faith) (No chapel there anymore)
- Need a central open space area/plaza in the central business district (a calm oasis) e.g. near Firebrace St-trees/seating/greenery-a place to eat lunch/congregate (Like Federation Square)
- Civic space in centre of town with a bit of an atrium-place to meet
- Drinking water in CBD Install drinking fountains (not just May Park and River)
- By Pass via Dooen Freight centre
- Caravan Park leased out to a franchise-ugly and underutilised
- Reintroduce night time Harness Racing
- AFL sized football ground
- Why are some events held out of town when they could be at the show grounds? (deb ball, horse events, VIDA)
- Newcomers information night/packs
- More rides at show
- Library coffee shop (move Makers Gallery to CBD, in library Wi-Fi Hot spot)
- Rickshaw/horse and cart travelling around Horsham for tourism/tourist bus
- Horsham promote itself as a retirement town for Wimmera-need health services, transport, e.g. buses, gopher friendly
- Toilets and picnic table at Cherrypool

- Toilets at Cherrypool
- Mud Wrestling-Lake Wallace
- Sports facilities are important in rural areas - e.g.. Laharum, Quantong-focus around sporting areas
- More ESL teachers
- Language classes i.e. improve English
- Reduce negative effects of bypass on business
- Bypass high off floodplain (talk to the community about)
- Transport
- Train Nhill to Melbourne via Ararat-quicker
- Will bypass affect the environment?
- Facilitating transport to promote our region-general tourism opportunities
- Community Bus-free that goes around specific regular stops for the senior citizens and tourists
- Town bus service extended to nights and weekends
- Bus connection to Natimuk/Grampians
- Shopping bus trips e.g. Grampians tour of wineries, olives etc.
- Bus trips to tourism places e.g. Halls Gap Zoo/wineries
- Bus tours to farms to see what they do-e.g. to goat farm
- Tourism bus with kids area
- Encourage carpooling e.g. for employees, encourage more employees to park off street
- Community bus that operates around town-regular route (like city circle tram in Melbourne-council, VicRoads, vic public transport network)
- Swimming lake/beach on the Wimmera River like in Millicent/Naracoorte
- To establish a café by the river for walkers/joggers/tourists
- Riverboat Restaurant
- Restaurant on the river at the showgrounds
- Boat hire business along river
- Use Wimmera River Improvement Committee
- Manage the river tracks more-when get wet people hoon
- Fountain on/in Wimmera river
- Wetlands must be promoted, public connected
- Wetlands area is great (but a bit noisy)
- Weir Park needs to be 'tarted up' (Infrastructure, shade, BBQs, seating and tables, safety fences)
- Newcomer nights
- New residents group
- Buddy system for new residents
- Young professionals group
- Library computers-have program to search public database of services (perhaps like 'Business card 'page' in the Advertiser)
- Library-Artistically designed screen at entrance rather than seeing just desks (inside front door)
- Artist wall in library that can be changed
- Coffee Shop-library
- We have some good facilities e.g.. Wimmera Events Centre, Cinema/Theatre-need to maintain and use
- Awakenings Festival-bring it back

- Multicultural festival -calendar of festivals e.g. once per month different groups
- Cultural Festival -combined in with Horsham Show? Dancing/food etc.
- Bring back the Diwali festival (Multicultural)
- Diwali Festival
- Water festival - celebrate along the river (Autumn/Spring) near Apex Park - Duck races
- Harvest festival - celebrate end of harvest
- Food and Wine festival/beer festival/German fest
- Festivals/Field Days we do well interstate-Could Horsham provide better cultural entertainment when Field Days are on
- Spread festivals out more rather than all at same time to encourage participation at more
- Package deals for festivals - include accommodation, meals, voucher books etc.
- Cultural Celebrations/occasions better advertised
- Country Music Festival - locals not attending
- Country Music - build on current festival
- Build on Country Music Festival to encourage people to stay longer
- Maintain and support festivals we have
- Kids dance festival during school holidays
- Performances for kids, kids shoes including classics
- Friendly festival
- Have events follow on from each other to encourage people to stay in Horsham longer

- Farmers Market
- VicHealth weekends
- Utilise Soundshell
- Showcase/utilise/how can we use the Soundshell
- More events at showgrounds
- Horsham showgrounds (developed more, central, plenty of parking/accessible)
- Tri State Games will be in Horsham next year (for 3 years) for people with a disability
- Reduce admin loops for organisers
- Step by step process to obtain licences etc. (Develop flow chart and template to help with this)
- Link with events in region to create a trail for grey nomads from event to event
- Spiegel tent - from the Wimmera, opened by Alex Rathgeber
- Skiing on the river
- Reviewing the position of Arts Centres
- Q: How to promote events like WACK?
- Promote local produce
- Field days are important- bag the meters on main street
- Family events New Year's Eve
- More events during Fishing Competition
- More films - open longer hours-7 days a week - film festival not supported well and needs more marketing
- Cheap Tuesday at the cinema (liaise with cinema operators)
- More entertainment
- More Comedy

- More appropriate venue- work in progress (~1300 people new Performing Arts Centre) New facility should attract better performers
- Melbourne Symphony Orchestra and Australian Ballet to new Town Hall -more classical performances
- Large outdoor mass community events - is a strength of this community and we do it well; support more.
- Large community events work well-community looking for these events (social gatherings)
- Keep the Rotary Art show going
- Kanamaroo -not as vibrant as in the past
- Film
- Identifying and applying for grants that are required for RSA, Food Handling for small communities and sporting groups
- Encourage more business support/accommodation providers to step up more leverage support for festivals and events
- Interpretive Centre that provides the 'Wimmera Experience' i.e. simulated experiences on headers, tractors
- Big Easter egg hunt @ Horsham Plaza
- Market our environment as part of encouraging people to move here (free clean air, see the stars at night, water is back, gardens are great, layout of town is good, invite? Gardens look good, jetties on the Wimmera River, fees at tip are cheap)
- Council website-community groups register on website so all in one spot
- Access McDonalds and KFC drive through noticeboards
- Electronic board in plaza (like the board in newsagent)
- Marketing Horsham, promote Wimmera Brand
- Market ourselves at Regional Living Expo
- Not selling ourselves well-not acknowledging ourselves well
- Public access database of local businesses
- Public access database of what each business offers to the consumer. i.e. utilising computers in library
- Promotion strategy for our strengths (employment, housing, retail, resources, lifestyle/environment)
- Promote stable housing prices
- Promote good customer service in business (courses?)
- Promote everything is within walking distance, a compact CBD
- Horsham (ability to order things in, needs greater promotion of this service. Business Horsham could promote this.)
- For businesses to promote that they can 'order things in'
- Build an indoor bowls stadium
- Attract high profile tournaments-high profile players
- Horsham needs a good sized auditorium
- Aquatic Centre very important to town
- Olympic Pool/Budget/Spend
- Wave pool at Aquatic Centre - Tourism attraction
- Central District
- Coffee shops that are open late at night and weekends
- Contain the Central Business District
- Community group shopping nights-people go in groups to shops

- Don't expand shopping area too wide-focussed in a closer area
- Disability access to shops
- Encourage larger clothing sizes in shops for men and women
- Encourage customers to recognise good customer service and praising
- Extended trading hours on weekends (shops) (Lobby government to reduce costs for small business)
- Flexible weekend shopping areas
- Retaining trained employees
- Weekend trading 9-5 Sat and Sun
- Virtual Horsham Shopping precinct. Horsham businesses online city
- Training for online presence in Horsham/good customer service
- Train/encourage businesses to have an online presence - Wimmera Business Centre
- Utilizing the commodities within the region
- Use rate incentives and/or rent subsidies to encourage business e.g. Top end Firebrace St and Wilson St-industrial and commercial
- Town Walks-through the main street not just along the river
- Value add to primary product
- Support new businesses through reduced rent or subsidies
- Bunnings/Target/Boating Camping and Fishing (BCF)-larger retailers are good
- Shopping vouchers prizes/incentives?
- Shop/Supermarket in the west- bus access not always available
- Shop with large sizes
- Shop selling clothes for professionals
- Revitalise top end of Firebrace St e.g. Traders Group
- Redevelop shopping areas
- Provide support to local business to go on line
- Need to ensure we have retail diversity
- Myers, BCF, Boating Service
- More variety with our shops (food and retail)
- More shopping nights - Community Group organise
- Improve Main Streets
- Important to retain current traders
- Group like shops together e.g. eatery areas, homeware
- Good Customer service from businesses
- Fill the shops in Firebrace St
- Buskers at regular events- Sat mornings, Local radio playing (down street) involve- music schools-Wesley-Haven market-Schools- PA music
- Business Horsham to explore low-cost (business card) style of advertising
- Bring 'like' businesses together
- Bigger supermarkets (Ararat Safeway is bigger)
- Better use of walking tracks to link with other attractions and CBD (e.g. Link Art Walk)
- Aussie grown shop/supermarket
- Activities other than retail in the plaza, arcade, air hockey (could be in the new Target development)

- Process grain here in Horsham
- Primary industries chickpeas
- Maintain and keep country feel
- Need to know what attracts people here
- Retirees are an opportunity
- Strength is employment opportunities
- More aged care facilities
- More support to local businesses
- Geographically not much
- Hot springs tapping into geothermal
- Development of heavy industry & mining-e.g. Iluka
- Council run abattoir
- Encourage Specialist health services
- Camera and fountain at May park
- Caltex needs to be replaced it's an eyesore, new upgrade (Caltex)
- Bungee jumping
- Attractive spaces for tourists
- Attractions for tourists to reduce effect of bypass (How to attract tourists and others?)
- An ageing population-tap in to this market (retirement villages, other options e.g. Community communal housing including shared space faculties e.g. lawn/entertainment areas)
- Advertising/selling/ driving the economy for P.I. not only tourism
- A baby sitting club
- Parking tickets (for visitors) cancelled

- Parking positioning
- Parking for motor homes
- No Parking Meters
- Sporting and Community Group centre at showgrounds - developed in stages
- Develop show grounds- trees
- Community water e.g. showgrounds
- Aboriginal Heritage - Culture
- Plan that includes Traditional owners
- Bangarra - Aboriginal dance group to Horsham
- Get more sporting events to Horsham
- Get AFL game to come to Horsham (upgrade city oval)
- Whole garden revamp
- Water quality monitoring on the river and lakes
- Village Square green grass shade
- Utilize more storm water run-off/grey water
- Zoo/nursery- Hand milk cows, working draught horses, local animals, working stables
- Zoo/museum-interactive science activities to encourage children
- Sustainability group-Wimmera Mallee Sustainability Alliance
- Stawell Road - improved kerbing and channelling
- Solar panels on every roof in Horsham (market the economic as energy benefits)
- Shouldn't use plane trees on public streets (except for the one at chickpea)-people are allergic to them
- Seating and shade throughout the town

- Sawyer Park to weir is fantastic natural environment - build on what's already been achieved
- Run irrigation systems
- Rethink our waste system
- Retain water
- Recycle bins around CBD, Sawyer Park, May Park, Botanical Gardens
- Q: how to encourage people to the river?
- Put more bins on the river (e.g. Bull and Mouth)(glass in the river)
- Promote where the recycled water Council uses comes from
- Promote waterways and river
- Promote renewable energy businesses
- Promote Horsham as the centre of the Grampians, Little Desert and Mt Arapiles
- Program to encourage people to buy a bollard (to encourage pedestrian patron safety)
- Police Paddocks keep as natural as possible
- Police Paddocks- Change name (can't go there because the Police are there)
- Stock the Police Paddock with fish and yabbies so people can fish there
- Plan to maintain rural character
- People ride bikes more rather than drive
- Pedestrian Bridge across the river to promote loop
- Partnership with Halls Gap Zoo
- Palm trees (like in Murray River towns)
- North facing blocks
- North end of race course should be improved
- need to keep things green
- More wetlands around the town
- More shops (Milk Bars) in wider areas e.g. North, South
- More seats/shade on the river and accessible paths
- More litter education
- More interpretive signs on what birds/animals/trees are around
- More activities/promote Police Paddocks more
- Mill Street (Petrol Alley) improve site
- Focus on our natural assets
- Manage the river tracks more-when it's wet people hoon
- Make the Caltex area more pretty so looks nice when driving in
- Make sure water basin at racecourse is used for what it was designed for
- Make Police Paddocks more friendly
- Look at making water basins bigger
- Lobby council re 'open spaces' policy
- Lawn, trees and seating at the skate park
- Landscaping through Horsham (like 'Footrot Flats')
- Landscape along South Bank
- Kids petting zoo and horse-riding
- Investigate change of name for Police Paddocks
- Insecticide treatment of town in summer months
- Incorporating green spaces and tracks within the developer over-all plan

- Improved parking for play area of gardens (extend the car park, parking bays-lines)
- Improve access to the river-e.g. behind the showgrounds
- Housing developments in accordance with environmental standards
- Horsham to be plastic bag free
- Historical Society-promote what they have more
- Hamilton / Western Highway intersection needs addressing
- Grid residential development is better shouldn't use cul-de-sac
- Green building design promotion
- Greater connection of the rivers and links i.e. Dimboola, Grampians. Stories of our landscape
- Grants available for water tanks again for Community Groups
- Give owners of dogs a roll of plastic bags when they pay their registration
- Giant Maze or another big icon
- Gardens , Botanic Gardens are great
- Families to sponsor tables and chairs along the river. Promote 'memorial' seats
- Environmental standards
- Encouraging sustainable building codes - modelling sustainability to encourage energy efficient communities
- Encourage people to go to Dadswells Bridge Zoo/Picnic site
- Encourage good passive solar design in buildings
- Dry land park- native species, shelter for native animals (like Cranbourne garden area)

- Don't compete with other places close by e.g. Halls Gap Zoo
- Do more with the Botanic Gardens
- Do more at Dadswells Bridge
- Display area of local sites and photos at visitor centre and new art gallery, put images on Horsham Facebook page
- Develop wetlands at the Council Depot site when it is de-commissioned
- Council website needs to be updated promote local attractions like Mt Arapiles
- Continue and increase rural tree subsidy program
- Connection to nature is important-rural character
- Clear debris in Wimmera River to make a clear waterway for water based activities (lots of dead trees)
- Business Parks/allocation for tree planting
- Bring back roadside clean ups
- Bike path from Bennett Rd to Churchill Road
- Big waterslide off Mt Arapiles (It goes all the way to the lake)/Flying fox @ Wimmera River (safe with harness)
- Beautify our entrances
- Activities for the Wimmera River (boat tours, restaurants, sport)
- Accessible drinking water throughout CBD i.e. Drinking Fountains
- 3 bin system with green waste-sticker on bins so you know what goes in each bin
- Try and revitalise the bike strategy to encourage Council to include bike track connectedness to the CBD

- To have a parking/rest area down off Plant Ave/Sanderson St. To access the river views and the river general. i.e. canoes
- Provision of a large adventure playground
- Education push a bit more
- Water taps along the river walking track-more and fix regularly
- Walking tracks
- Up-grade play equipment at May Park
- U3A' programs for young people (use volunteers)
- Support for women's groups
- Support for men's groups e.g.. Men on farms, men's shed, etc.
- Support for disengaged young people (132 kids in Connect Ed last Year)
- Sponsorship for kids to go to uni as an incentive for retaining staff
- Review and increase disability parking within the CBD
- Retain and attract good medical staff
- Quadrathon/Triathlon
- Promote the safe lifestyle in Horsham
- Promote neighbourhood watch-get more up and running. Only 2 left in Horsham (Sunnyside and North)
- Playgroups are good and should be encouraged
- Paediatricians, oncologists, gynaecology etc.
- Outdoor exercise, lower cost exercise, free exercise
- offer wider variety of sport- Hockey, curling, rock climbing
- Need safe crossing for gophers etc. @ the railway and underpasses and overpasses
- Multiuse sporting/community facility potentially at showgrounds
- Move the Army Reserve building out of town and build a new medical centre for the doctors instead of Lister House
- More walking tracks
- More walking groups - for different ages
- More mentors for young people e.g.. MATES program
- More facilities for people with mobility issues
- More Council support for health and wellbeing groups
- More canoeing on river- a club?
- More advertising for community groups
- More activities for young people (not just sport)-make them more affordable
- Maydale-need a big sporting complex
- Improve homelessness-make use of empty houses
- Horsham North to be connected and made more attractive- gardens, walking tracks along railway track
- Horsham is flat - good for walking
- Green up the river banks within CBD. Green grass evokes community pleasure
- Gopher races
- Gopher accessible paths/tracks
- Getting specialists here and keeping them
- Figure of eight walking track along river
- Explore pool opening hours

- Encourage more young people to volunteer (Trainee with volunteering Wimmera Volunteers)
- Educate community on different cultural beliefs so those with other cultural beliefs will remain in Horsham
- Cost effective sport activities
- Connections to people
- Connections around water places- keep water in lakes and river
- Community to sponsor a cycle event through the town
- Community garden vegetables (Stephanie Alexander)
- Community Art- mosaic tiled sheep/wheat (Stawell Rd)
- Come and try rock climbing day at Mt Arapiles or Grampians
- City Oval- minimal lights to keep it open all of the time
- Check your neighbour initiative - Neighbourhood Care - link with schools-respect
- Central Sports Complex at showgrounds
- Attract extra Health Services - visiting specialists
- 'Active Places Position' at Nexus engaging young people to do alternative recreation activities
- A better or collective advertising of the 'social connectedness' events or clubs e.g. Horsham Film Society, Beef steaks and Burgundy Club etc.
- Walking track connection from Weir to Southbank
- Update new residents pack to include details of all groups/activities -include info links on the website (quick and easy to do, Visitor Centre)
- Transport for driving people to appointments/home from hospital/to visit family in other areas (Hospital vehicle/volunteers)
- Shade in town /over benches
- Roller derby League-need a skating facility indoor
- Promote 'Get to know your neighbour day'
- Promote 'Friendly Visitor ' Program
- New move to Horsham pack
- Need Tai Chi classes
- Multicultural library
- More migrant playgroups/activities
- More health specialists so we don't need to go to Melbourne
- More community service from hospitals at end of hospital care (Hospitals/government)
- Ladies only swimming session or enclosed area
- Horsham is a friendly welcoming place
- Free public Wi-Fi in Horsham as a way of connecting
- Encourage all people to attend events not just family e.g. brand as 'all age event' not 'family event'
- Diversity of activity and programs for health and wellbeing e.g. roller derby, circus, pole dancing
- Development of Writers group-Poetry nights etc.
- Continuing to provide info on what's happening (visitor pack, Facebook, shop fronts, flyers, radio, newspaper, plaza
- Close down McDonalds-encourage health eating
- "Catch up with your friends day"
- Bike tracks should incorporate north of Horsham
- Better utilisation of exercise stations (that are around the racecourse) Install more along the river (Jackson St has shade over it)

- Wimmera League grand final at City Oval every year
- We have a good sporting community
- We have a good range of sporting groups and facilities
- Water Sport is back
- Water slide at the pool
- Tennis Tournament
- Swimming/sports facility
- Sports for children (not netball/football)
- Sport has a positive and negative impact on pubs, restaurants etc. e.g.. People don't go out on Friday night if they have to play sport the next day
- Soccer, Hockey Field with astro-turf or secure water
- Shade at sporting areas, social areas at grounds/comfort
- Promotion of river use i.e. canoeing, kayaking, look at Nelson set up
- Promote fishing industry - yabby
- Promote fire brigade running event
- Police Paddock - underutilised resource (clarification of purpose)
- Paddle boats for the river
- Old time dancing is good
- OHS regulations are killing the enjoyment at events
- Need to encourage more kids in sport-support and actively promote junior sports programs
- More seating and cover at City Oval (portable cover and seating)- sail cloth or tin cloths
- More Doggy bags throughout the city
- More development of youth

- Market all of the opportunities in Horsham- Promote events
- Lots of focus on traditional sports-promotion of less traditional sports within region - mountain climbing, softball, mountain biking
- Look after facilities to accommodate all sports
- Lights at racetrack
- Keep city oval in peak condition
- Indoor sporting facility Inc. rock-climbing wall
- Indoor go-kart track
- Indoor Bowls Venue
- Horsham Aquatic Centre good example of great facility
- Health transport to regional centres (Ballarat/Bendigo)
- Green lake development-Bike Track, little trackers event, walking track around lake, wetlands plant trees, free camps, correct information, more welcoming, fishing
- Giant chess set (and snakes and ladders) in Botanical gardens
- Further develop Green Lake
- Footy doing OK - support other groups
- Facilities appropriate for big events
- Dock Lake as wetlands
- Country Ticketek provider to buy tickets to the MCG
- Connect lakes by walking/riding trails
- Combine sporting facility
- Build up/support the rowing club-promote at schools
- Build a major sporting complex at the showgrounds including exhibition centre to run expos etc. make more attractive

- Better seating in City Oval Grandstand
- Basketball stadium-build a new one
- Working with children check done locally-place to get support
- Table tennis and golf croquet, Bocce and Petanque? (something with balls) by the river
- Royal Tennis Court
- Roller Derby League - first comp in August 2014
- Provide/encourage different sporting programs-not just netball and football
- More suitable venues-hockey, softball etc.
- Mobile equipment library-link with Wimmera Regional Sports Assembly
- Link with sports assembly to promote different sports
- Kids skipping club-link with jump rope for heart
- Horsham has a good range of sporting groups/activities
- Football Good
- AFL sized football ground
- Expensive for families to be involved in sport (insurances, uniforms, transport)
- Clubs may need support to attract members. Connecting people with suitable exercise/groups
- Charity matches
- Bowls social/Come and try nights
- Access for gender and disability to all programs/venues and initiatives
- Join the women's circus
- Better facilities and seating

- Bayer- good business at college (Longy)
- No security at May Park
- Dancing lessons / classes (through schools e.g. after schools programs)
- Build town hall and Art Gallery facility
- Shade and parks
- New non faded picture of the Queen in the Council Chamber
- Maintain District Halls
- Halls are aging and tired need upgrading
- Develop Arapiles camping block
- Utilise Arapiles more -Ayers Rock in our own backyard (Pot and a shower for climbers available at the Royal)
- Tourism Natimuk

