

Gidgegannup Local Area Plan

Including the suburbs of Gidgegannup
and Red Hill, and Avon Valley National Park

April 2024

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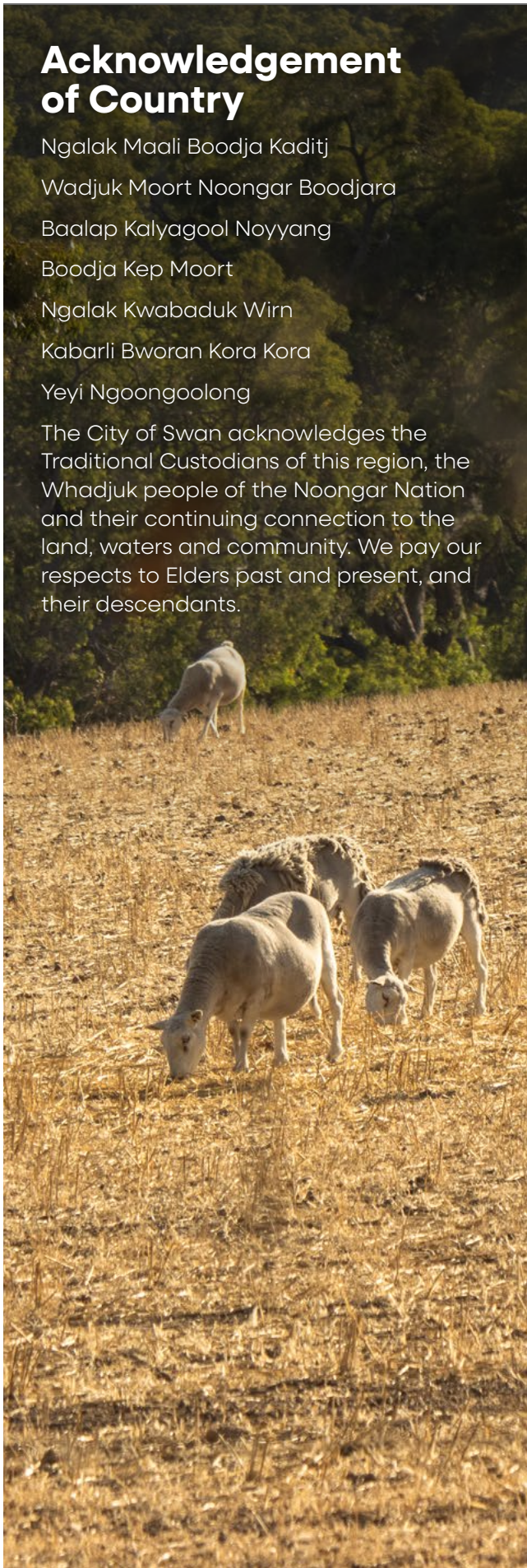
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The City of Swan acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of this region, the Whadjuk people of the Noongar Nation and their continuing connection to the land, waters and community. We pay our respects to Elders past and present, and their descendants.



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A message from the Mayor

The City of Swan is a vast local government area with diverse communities. Planning for such a diverse area requires creative solutions.

Local Area Plans provide the opportunity to recognise the unique character and needs of these diverse communities. Local area planning involves local community members working with the City to identify the specific issues affecting their community and to produce a plan that provides solutions to address those priorities in line with the area's unique character. The Local Area Plan is therefore an important document for the City to plan for infrastructure and services and manage change at a local level.

The City appreciates the tremendous support and contributions from community members and other stakeholders in developing the Gidgegannup Local Area Plan.

Mayor Tanya Richardson
Mayor, City of Swan



Introduction

Local Area Planning has been adopted by Council under its Integrated Planning Framework and provides a mechanism for local communities to address issues through a consultative process.

The process establishes community priorities for each local area. Local Area Plans (LAPs) help consolidate the City's Strategic Community Plan objectives and vision of "One City, diverse people, cultures and places" along with meeting the objectives and actions within the Local Planning Strategy.

These objectives and outcomes are then further developed to be prioritised specific to the relevant local area.

Gidgegannup Local Area

The Gidgegannup local area includes the suburbs of Gidgegannup and Red Hill, and Avon Valley National Park to the north. The name Gidgegannup comes from a Noongar word meaning “place where spears are made” and was first recorded by passing surveyors in 1852. In 1886, the Midland Railway Company was granted large parcels of land, 40,000 acres of which were later acquired by Arthur and Robert Bunning, who founded the Bunnings Warehouse chain.

Gidgegannup is an area of regional biodiversity with an abundance of wildlife and wildflowers. The area has local waterways and significant wetlands including the Avon River, Red Swamp, Wooroloo Brook, Susannah Brook, Gidgegannup Brook and Cookes Brook. A large area of Gidgegannup is zoned “General Rural” under the City’s Local Planning Scheme 17 (LPS 17), thereby maintaining the natural character and visual amenity of the rural landscape. The City recognises the development pressures the area is under and aims to guide the direction of future land use planning accordingly.



Figure 1: Local areas within the City of Swan



History



View of Gidgegannup facing east

The Whadjuk people of the Noongar nation have lived on the land for over 40,000 years. The area was named Gijegannup from the Aboriginal word that means “place where spears are made”. It is said that the “Hills Tribe” were often in conflict with the “Weeipe Tribe” of Upper Swan, but boundaries of the tribal territories were never clear.



View of Gidgegannup facing east

1836

Governor James Stirling commissioned an investigation to create a direct route through the hills from Upper Swan which became the Old Toodyay Road.



Convict road station remnants 1928

1839

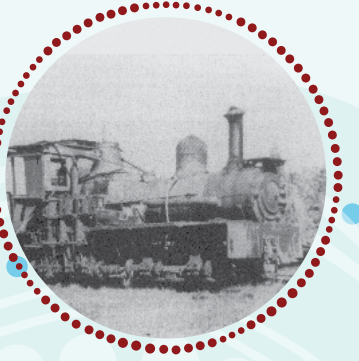
Toodyay Roads Trust was granted £25 to build a road to Toodyay. Convict labour, based at a sub-branch of the Guildford depot, located at what is now Red Hill, built Toodyay Road. Ruins of the original buildings are still visible today.



Moondyne Joe

1861

Notorious bushranger Moondyne Joe (Jospeh Bolitho John) was arrested in Toodyay, but escapes and is at large in the Gidgegannup area before being arrested two days later.



Dirty Nelly locomotive 1947

1886

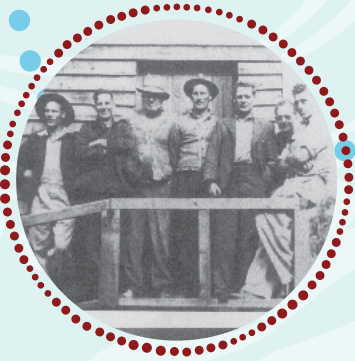
The colonial government signed an agreement with the Waddington Syndicate to build the Midland Railway between Guildford and Walkaway. As payment, the syndicate was given large grants of Crown land along the route of about 40,000 acres which was later sold to the Copley family and located in Gidgegannup.



Bunnings Welshpool Office in 1995

1930

The Bunning brothers, who had purchased part of the Copley land and established a sawmill, released plots of land for sale ranging from 100-2,000 acres. They also established a research centre and a model farm along Toodyay Road to demonstrate the suitability of the land for agriculture.



Eastern entrance to Gidgegannup Hall completed

1946

The local agricultural society was formed and built an agricultural hall. The original hall was built near the townsite along Toodyay Road, but was later replaced by the current brick building on the showgrounds site.



Hansen's family vehicle negotiating the new Red Hill Cutting on Toodyay Road 1954

1950

The townsite started to develop and grow with the construction of a general store, tea rooms and garage.



Country Women's Association 1978

1980

Population growth led to the construction of a primary school on a site opposite the local shops on Toodyay Road.



Gidgegannup Primary School today

1992

Gidgegannup Primary School opens to service the growing population.



Gidgegannup Men's Shed Today

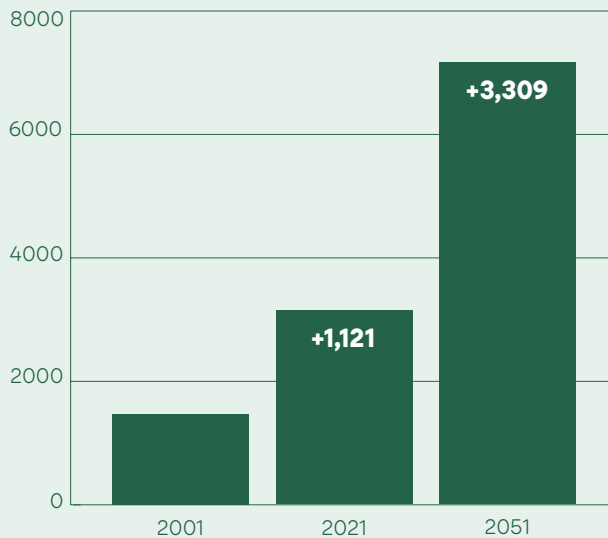
2021

The Wooroloo bushfire devastated Gidgegannup, with 80 local homes either damaged or destroyed. In response, the local community came together, with the local Men's Shed winning a Resilient Australia award in 2022.

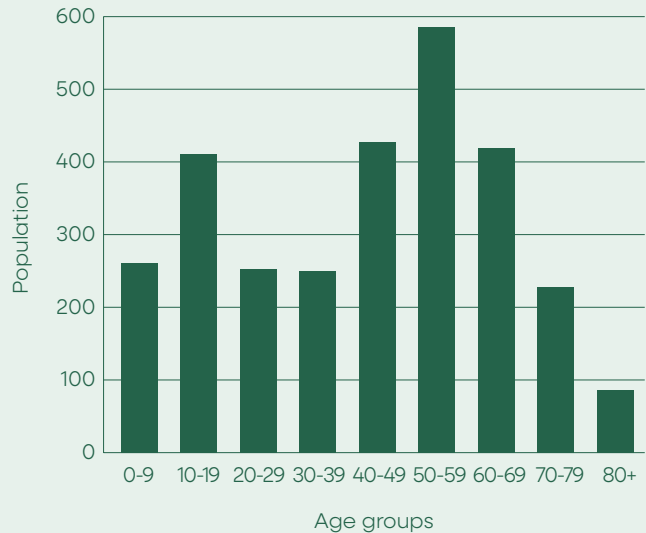
Demographics

Population

Population growth past and future



Population by age group



Estimated resident population in 2021

2,944

This is just **1.85 per cent** of the City of Swan's population



People per square kilometre

7.58

Gidgegannup

152.3

City of Swan



1.5%

Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander population



21.2%

Percentage of residents born overseas

Age of population



50-54

largest age category

45-49 largest by 2051

60 and older migrating out of area



16.9% or 498

couples with children

Children aged 0-16 to increase from 736 in 2021 to 1,667 in 2051 (+930)

Dwellings



37%

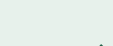
households fully owned in 2021

High compared to City of Swan at 23 per cent and Greater Perth at 28 per cent

Gidgegannup Townsite and approved subdivisions to drive housing growth
(shown, number of households)



1,323
forecast total dwellings in 2023



2,578
forecast total dwellings in 2051

Average household size to remain steady at 2.75 people compared to 2.69 for the City of Swan 2.69, a characteristic of rural living.

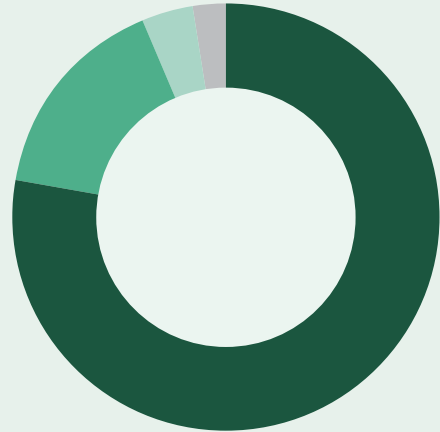
Dwelling type



- Separate housing (99.1%)
- Caravans, cabin, houseboat (0.4%)
- Medium density (0.3%)
- Other (0.3%)

Travel

Modes of transport

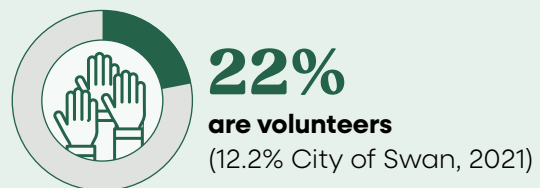


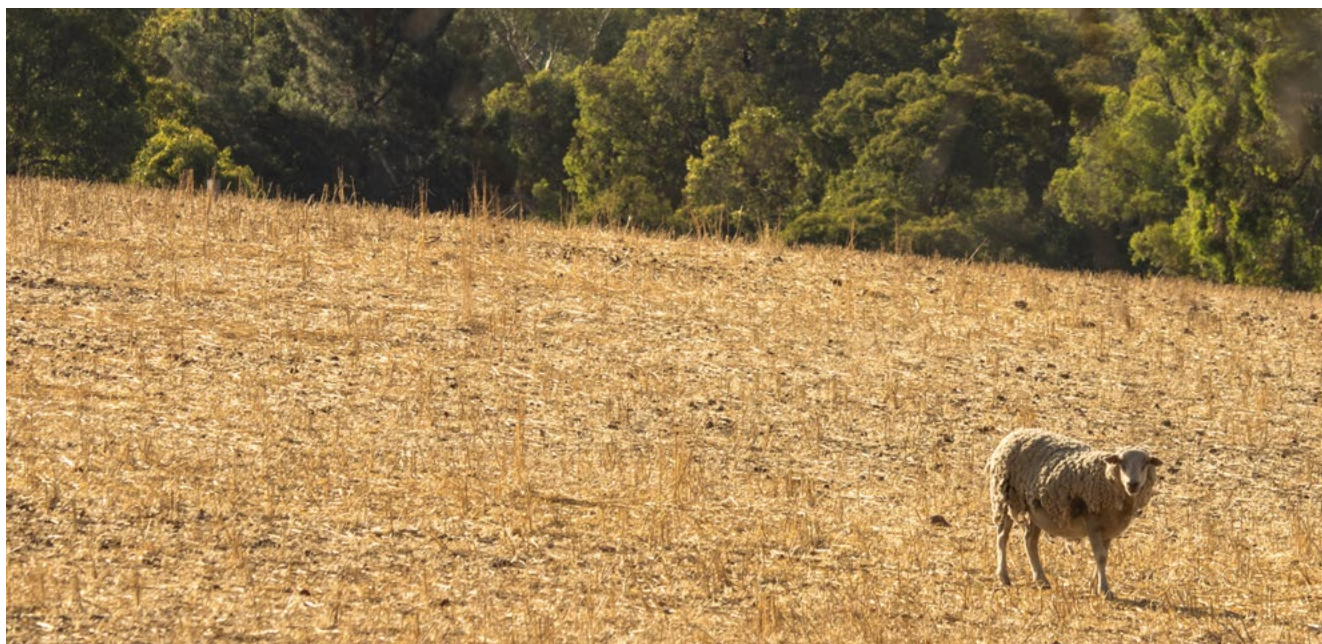
- Travel to work by car (63%) (72% for City of Swan)
- Catch public transport (3%) (5% for City of Swan)
- Work from home (13%) (6% for City of Swan)
- Cycle or walk (2%) (2% for City of Swan)

Employment

Top 3 industry sectors of employment

- 10% Construction and Mining
- 9.6% Healthcare and social assistance
- 7.6% Education and training





State Influence. Land Use. Frameworks

Perth is a growing city, with an expected population of 3.5 million by 2050. To manage this population growth, the State Government has developed a plan to identify the future urban footprint of the Perth and Peel regions, including identifying land for residential, commercial and industrial development and how to best use proposed and existing social, community and physical infrastructure.

The plan divides the Perth and Peel Regions into five sub-regions. The City of Swan, the City of Kalamunda and the Shire of Mundaring are part of the North-East Sub-regional Planning Framework (NESRPF). The NESRPF identifies that the City of Swan will need to accommodate 60 per cent of the sub-region's population by 2050 to accommodate the projected population growth.

Through land use zoning, the State Government has identified areas within the City of Swan where different types of development could occur to accommodate the required growth.

The NESRPF provides strategic guidance to government agencies and local governments on all aspects of land use and infrastructure provision in the North-East sub-region. The City's Local Planning Scheme and Local Planning Strategy align with the urban footprint outlined within the NESRPF. These documents aim to

translate the direction of the NESRPF into the local context of the City.

The NESRPF identifies one opportunity for residential population growth within the Gidgegannup townsite. This 215ha site could accommodate 975 dwellings and a population of approximately 3,000 people.

The Gidgegannup local area is otherwise set to remain rural, consistent with State Planning Policy 2.5, which supports the retention of rural land. Notably, the area contains a number of significant deposits of basic raw materials. State Planning Policy 2.4 Basic Raw Materials seeks to protect resource-rich areas from being further developed for incompatible land uses which could limit the future extraction. The State supports the protection of the basic raw materials within the Perth metropolitan area because they are critical for urban development and support the site's growth targets.

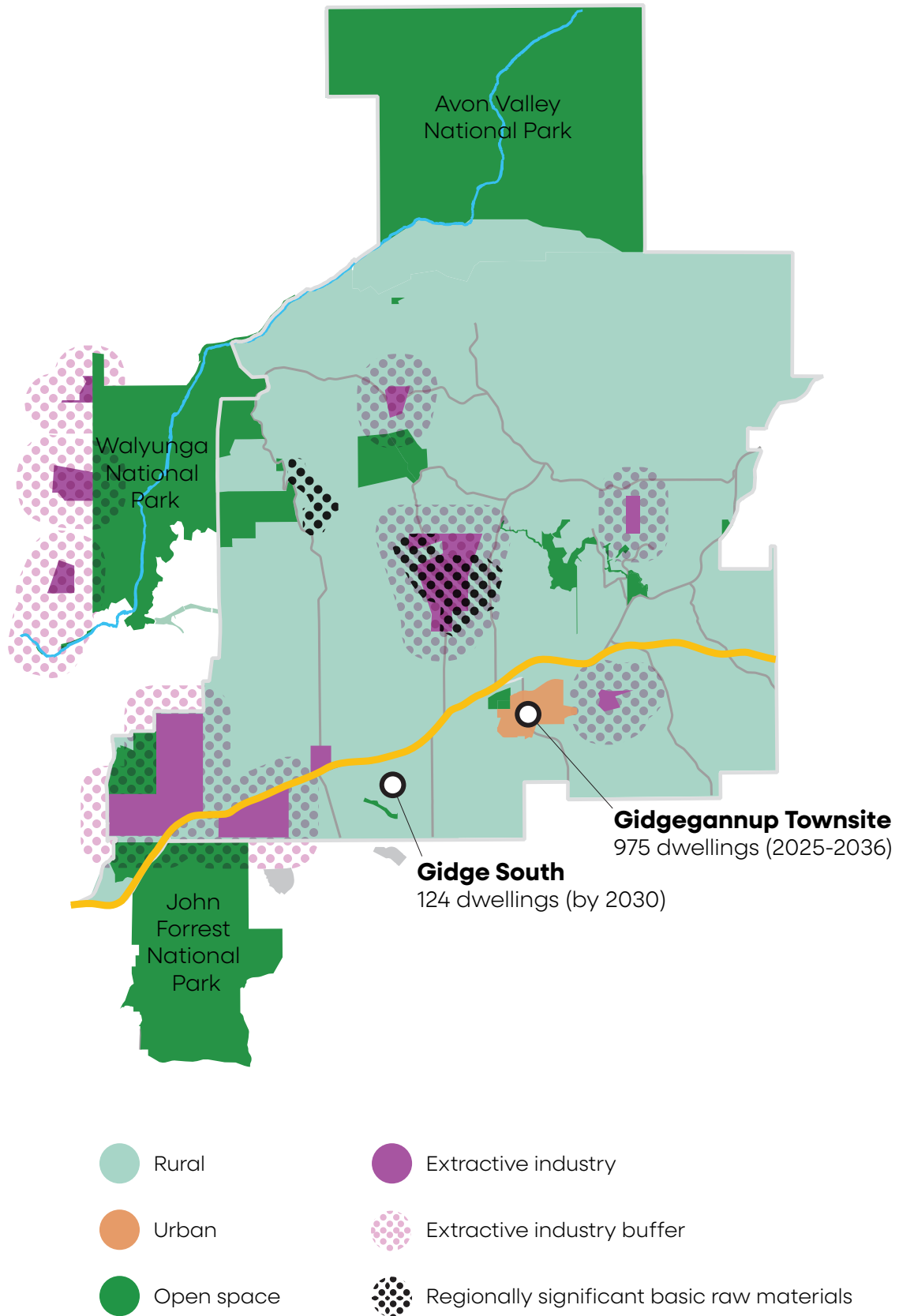


Figure 2. North-East Sub-regional Framework zoning



Community. Identity

Gidgegannup is a small, tight-knit and resilient community of 2,944 people. It has a distinct rural character as a result of its low population density of 0.07 persons per hectare. Locals tend to stay for life, with an average occupancy of 19 years per dwelling.

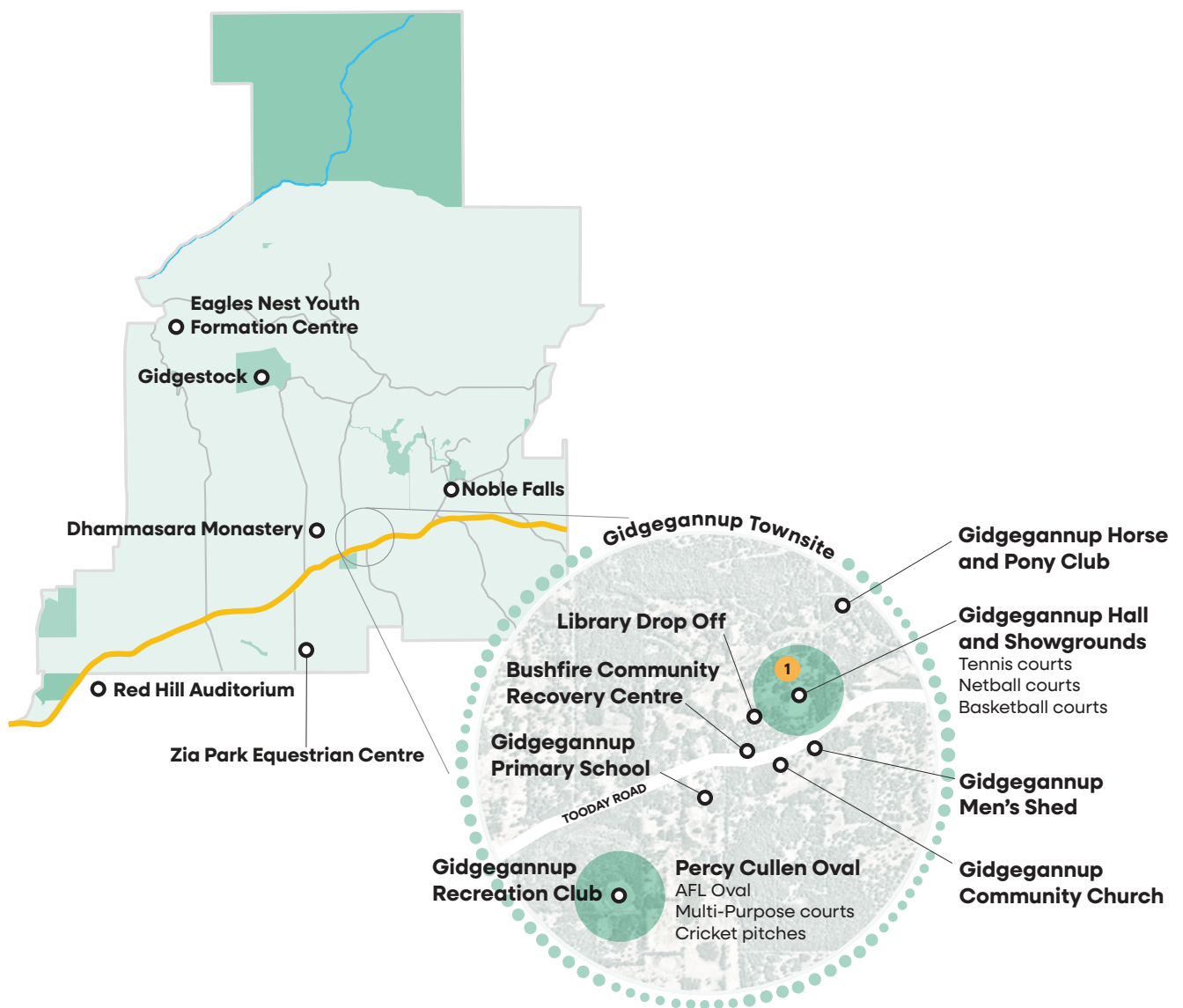
Gidgegannup owes its resilience to its strong community groups, which build social connections and provide important social support. For example, key community groups take turns hosting Recovery Morning Teas and Resilience Monthly Dinners in the Agricultural Hall. The Men's Shed at Ian Stannard Pavilion, with close to 100 members, is open to all genders and won the community category of the Resilient Australia Award in 2022 for their achievements in bringing the community together after the bushfire.

Recreation is integral to the Gidgegannup lifestyle and sense of community. This is representative of the high number of recreational facilities that are provided for the relatively small population. The Percy Cullen Oval and Gidgegannup Showgrounds hosts numerous

sports programs and outdoor exercises.

The Gidgestock music festival attracts visitors annually, as does the Small Farms Field Day and the Gidgegannup Agricultural Show at the Gidgegannup Showgrounds. The Gidgegannup local area has four bridle trails, one BMX bicycle dirt track, and the Noble Falls and FR Berry walking trails. The City also offers a library drop-off service at Gidge Junction.

Gidgegannup Primary School recently celebrated its 30th anniversary and has 230 pupils as of 2023. Infrastructure and services for young people include three playgrounds at Noble Falls, Percy Cullen Oval, and Gidgegannup Showgrounds and a Wednesday morning playgroup at the Gidgegannup Hall.



Gidgegannup Showgrounds community groups

- Gidgegannup Agricultural Society
- Gidgegannup Progress Association
- Gidgegannup Scout Group
- Gidgegannup Playgroup
- Gidgegannup Square Dance Club
- Gidgegannup Pony Club
- Gidgegannup Dressage Club
- Gidgegannup Hills and Equestrian Association
- Gidgegannup Craft and Spinning Group
- Rotary Club WA
- Landcare
- Country Women’s Association

Upcoming facility upgrades

- 1** • Upgrades to Gidgegannup Agricultural Hall
- New play equipment 2023/24

Figure 3. Community facilities in the Gidgegannup local area.



Nature. Sustainability

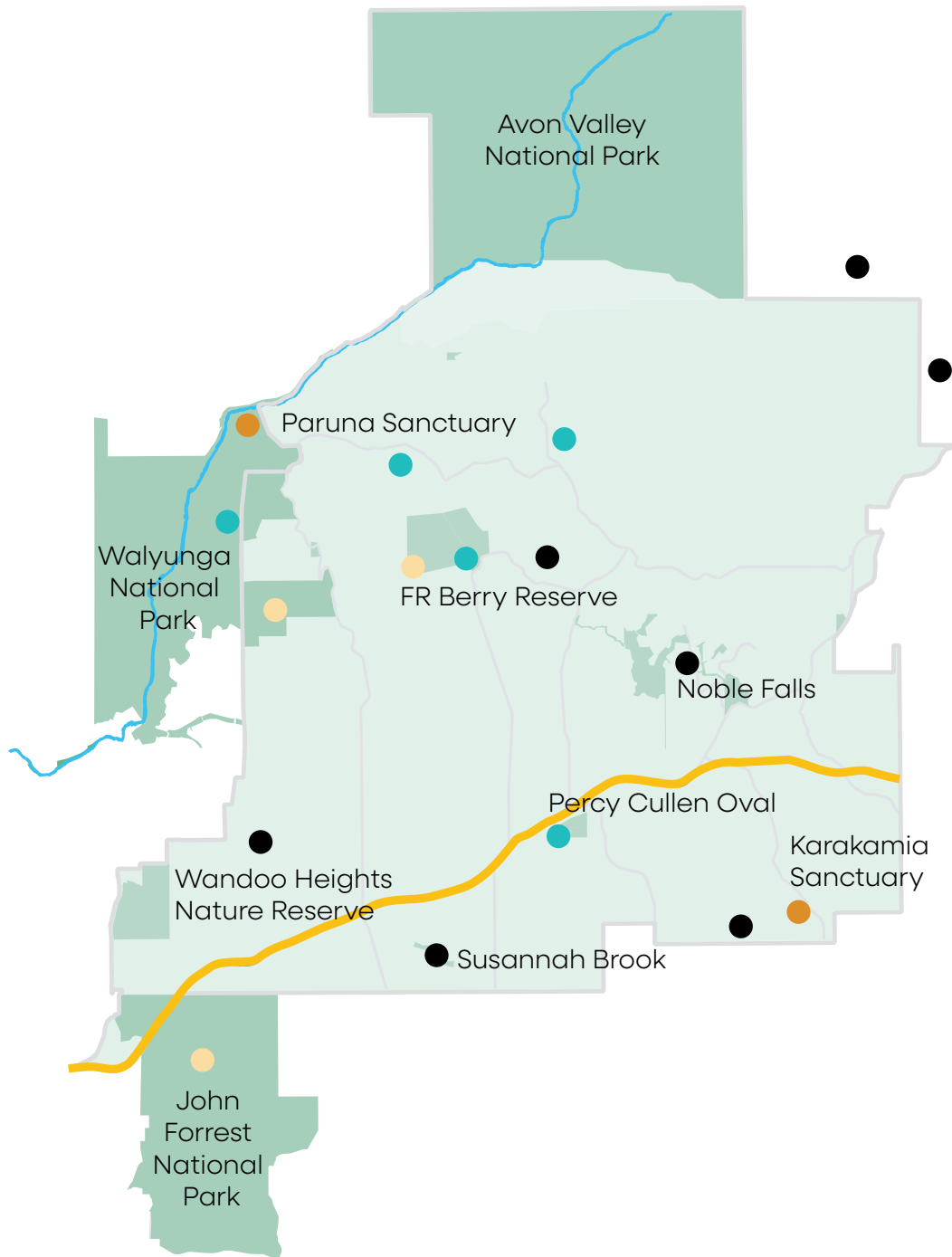
Gidgegannup is renowned for its natural beauty. It is a gateway to the Avon Valley, bordering John Forrest National Park, Walyunga National Park and Avon Valley National Park. The Gidgegannup area is known for its wildflowers during August to November, with yellow Wattles, Hibbertia and rich blue Leschenaultia which can be viewed in trails such as Tilden Park and FR Berry Reserve. The area features many small waterbodies including the Gidgegannup Brook and Wooroloo Brook connecting off the Swan River with the largest public waterbody being Susannah Lake.

Gidgegannup is characterised by a quiet, rural landscape with housing nestled among widespread tree canopy and undulating geography offering sweeping hills and vistas. Carnaby's cockatoos nests and roosting sites can be found throughout Gidgegannup. In August 2022, a rare red-tailed phascogale marsupial was discovered in Paruna Wildlife Sanctuary, a tiny Australian marsupial renowned for its huge 2m leap.

Local volunteer groups such as Friends of FR Berry Reserve, Friends of Gidge Reserve and Friends of Percy Cullen Oval support conservation and education. The City of Swan also offers the Nature Know-How Program for locals to foster education and care for nature and nature walks. The City's Sustainable

Environment Strategy 2022 prioritises climate adaptation and carbon reduction, and the City is currently preparing its draft Biodiversity Strategy for community consultation.

The impact of the Wooroloo bushfire on biodiversity is still being determined and the City, with the Department of Fire and Emergency Services, provides support and educates communities about the ongoing risk of bushfires. The Rural Revegetation Program increases tree canopy for biodiversity and shade. Playground equipment upgrades and additions are underway in Gidgegannup's parks to encourage visitation and nature appreciation. Water scarcity in Gidgegannup continues to affect communities as an ongoing strategic issue.



- Black cockatoo nesting or roosting site
- Vulnerable or rare fauna
- Vulnerable or rare priority flora
- Wildlife sanctuary

Figure 4. Biodiversity protection in the Gidgegannup local area.

Business. Industry

Gidgegannup is home to various small and boutique industries such as Gidgegannup Bakery, Medical Centre, Pharmacy and Gidge Rural. Most everyday goods are available from the Vibe Xpress at Gidgegannup Townsite and the Gidgee Convenience Store, which sells locally grown produce. Agricultural land in Gidgegannup is protected by the State Government’s “special agricultural area” designation, supporting the longevity of the region for the production of local goods, including olive oil, macadamias and goat cheese. The rural zone hosts many livestock operations and hobby farms rearing alpacas, deer, emus, cattle, sheep, and goats.

This forecast growth will provide opportunities for local business growth and economic sustainability.

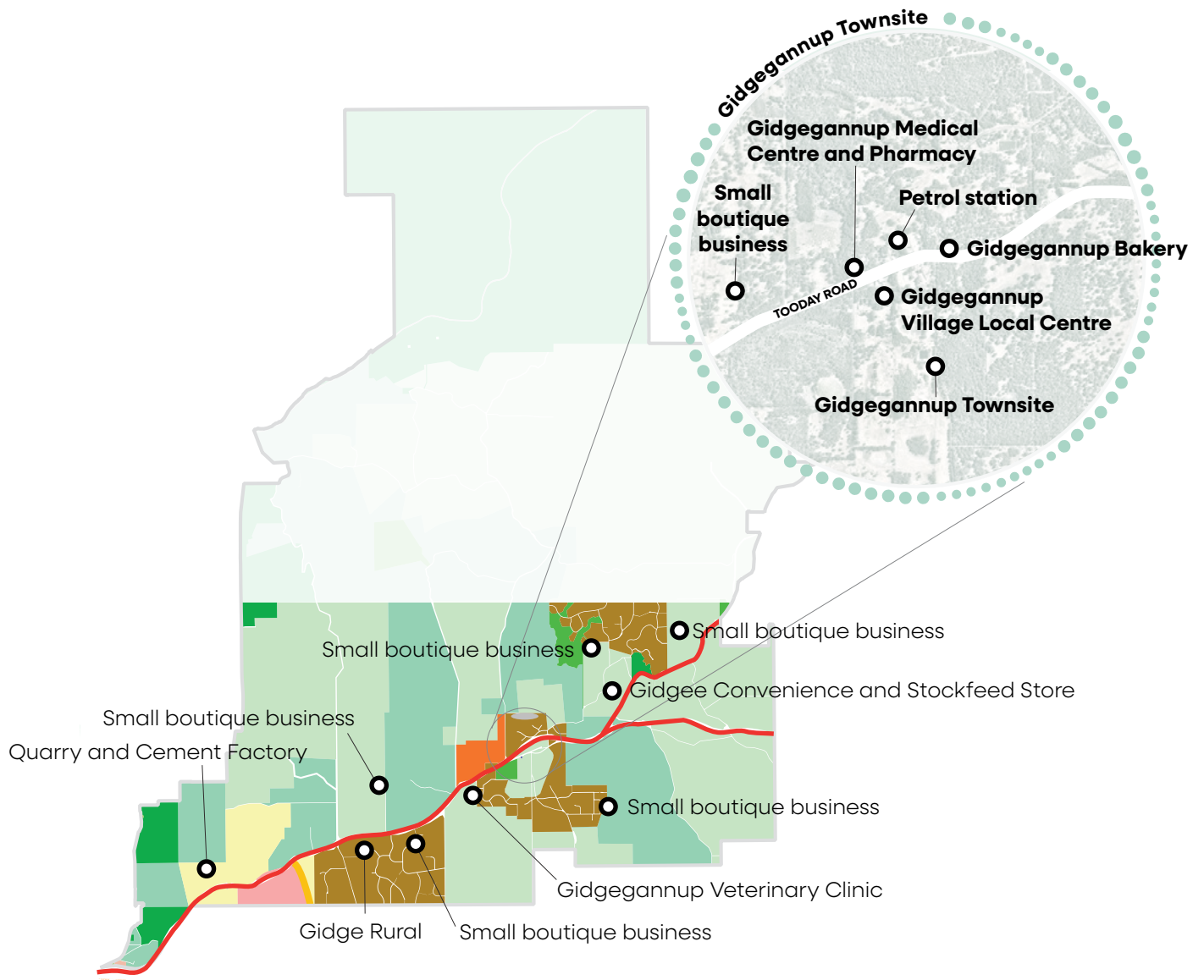
Currently, 62 per cent of residents are employed locally. It is important to maintain support for local businesses that offer employment to ensure economic self-sufficiency and prevent it from becoming a “commuter” suburb.

Construction and mining, health care and social assistance, and education and training are the top industry sectors of employment.

Extractive industries at Red Hill on the western edge of Gidgegannup contribute to the economic sustainability of local economy. It is vital this is balanced against the natural environment and rural lifestyle in Gidgegannup.

EastLink will separate heavy traffic from residential traffic. This will mean increased traffic safety and key transport infrastructure needed for the Gidgegannup Townsite to grow.





City of Swan LPS17 Zoning

- General Rural
- Landscape
- Resource
- Rural Residential
- Special Rural
- Special Use
- Local Reserve - Recreation
- Parks and Recreation
- Primary Regional Road

Figure 5. Key economic activity in Gidgegannup



Growth. Change

Gidgegannup is characterised by rural-residential living on the outskirts of the Perth metropolitan area, enjoying the benefits of being in a city and the natural environment. This lifestyle appeal will encourage its growth in the coming years. The State Government has a presumption against subdivision of rural land. However, as illustrated in Figure 6, there is capacity for a low level of infill (expected to be at a rate of approximately 10 dwellings per year) in some areas.

The greatest opportunity for growth is within the Gidgegannup townsite (see Figure 6 and 8), which is already zoned Urban in the Metropolitan Region Scheme (MRS). The resolution of infrastructure issues such as scheme water, road access and waste management are required before progressing to the next stage of urban development.

The development of EastLink will improve traffic safety in the Gidgegannup townsite and improve its development prospects. The 215ha area has the capacity to accommodate about

975 dwellings and a population of about 3,000 people. The development of this area will provide an opportunity to expand the local economy and increase the offering of community services and facilities. However, it will require a careful, collaborative approach with the existing Gidgegannup community to protect what locals value in their community. Future growth will need to carefully consider bushfire planning. Eighty dwellings in Gidgegannup were lost or severely damaged by the Wooroloo bushfire in February 2021 and rebuilding efforts continue.



Figure 6. Development in Gidgegannup

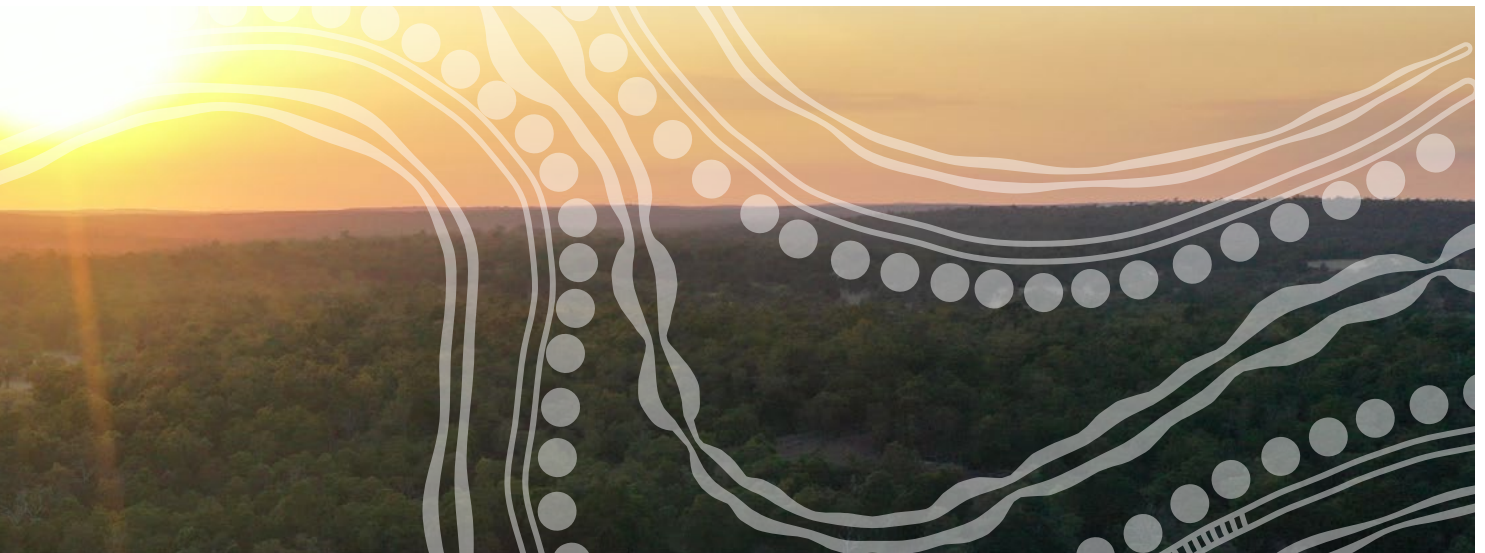


Governance is the framework of laws, policies, strategies, resources and processes that enable decision making.

Action. Process. Strategy.

Local area plans sit within a framework of strategic and statutory instruments produced by the Western Australian Planning Commission at the regional level, and local strategic and statutory instruments produced by the City. Local area plans are required to be consistent with the City's Strategic Community Plan and the City's Local Planning Framework of policies, strategies and structure plans.





State planning

State Planning Strategy 2050

Provides strategic context and basis for the integration and coordination of land-use planning and development across state, regional and local jurisdictions. It is the lead strategic planning document within the Western Australian Government and provides direction for the continued growth of Western Australia while recognising its unique identity.

SPP 2 – Environment and Natural Resources

Guides environment and natural resource management to protect and enhance the natural environment and promote sustainable development.

SPP2.4 – Basic Raw Materials

Considerations to be made concerning zoning, subdivision, and development application for or nearby extractive industry sites. The aim of this policy is to avoid a conflict of incompatible land uses within the Gidgegannup local area, its surrounds and beyond.

SPP2.5 – Land Use Planning in Rural Areas

Protects rural land from incompatible uses and ensure regional development through provision of ongoing economic opportunities on rural land.

Regional planning

Metropolitan Region Scheme

Establishes statewide land use zoning of the land for the Perth Metropolitan Region. Local Planning Schemes are required to be consistent with this document.

North East Sub-Regional Planning Framework

Provides strategic direction for the growth of the Perth metropolitan region and plans for the needs of future communities. Continuing development in areas such as Gidgegannup will require investment by landowners and developers to provide adequate infrastructure, manage wastewater and ensure ongoing water supply.

Local planning

City of Swan Strategic Community Plan

Sets out the City's vision for the next 10 years and governs all the work that the City undertakes. LAPs translate the objectives of the SCP at a local level.

Local Planning Scheme No. 17

Governs land use and development through zoning. It responds to the statutory direction of the Metropolitan Region Scheme and protects communities from incompatible land uses and development by prescribing land use according to zoning.

Local Planning Strategy

Sets out a strategic development plan for the entire City of Swan and guides all local planning instruments.

The future of Gidgegannup

Gidgegannup continues to grow as a great place to live and visit. The population is projected to reach 6,253 by 2051, assuming low levels of infill development each year in addition to the development of Gidgegannup townsite. To meet the needs of current and future community members, the City is improving its facilities, upgrading parks, increasing tree canopy, and advocating for improved mobile phone coverage and National Broadband Network connectivity.

The EastLink portion of the Perth-Adelaide Highway provides an opportunity to divert heavy traffic away from the Gidgegannup townsite by creating a safer route for all vehicles travelling from the city to the Perth foothills while creating a central village green for locals to meet, relax and play.

The City is beginning to upgrade elements of the Gidgegannup Showgrounds, with new public art and a renewed playspace being delivered in 2024.

Cultural connection and improved historical understanding will be reinforced through measures such as art at Percy Cullen Oval and Gidgegannup Showgrounds, and trail signage improvements at Noble Falls to enhance bushwalking experiences.

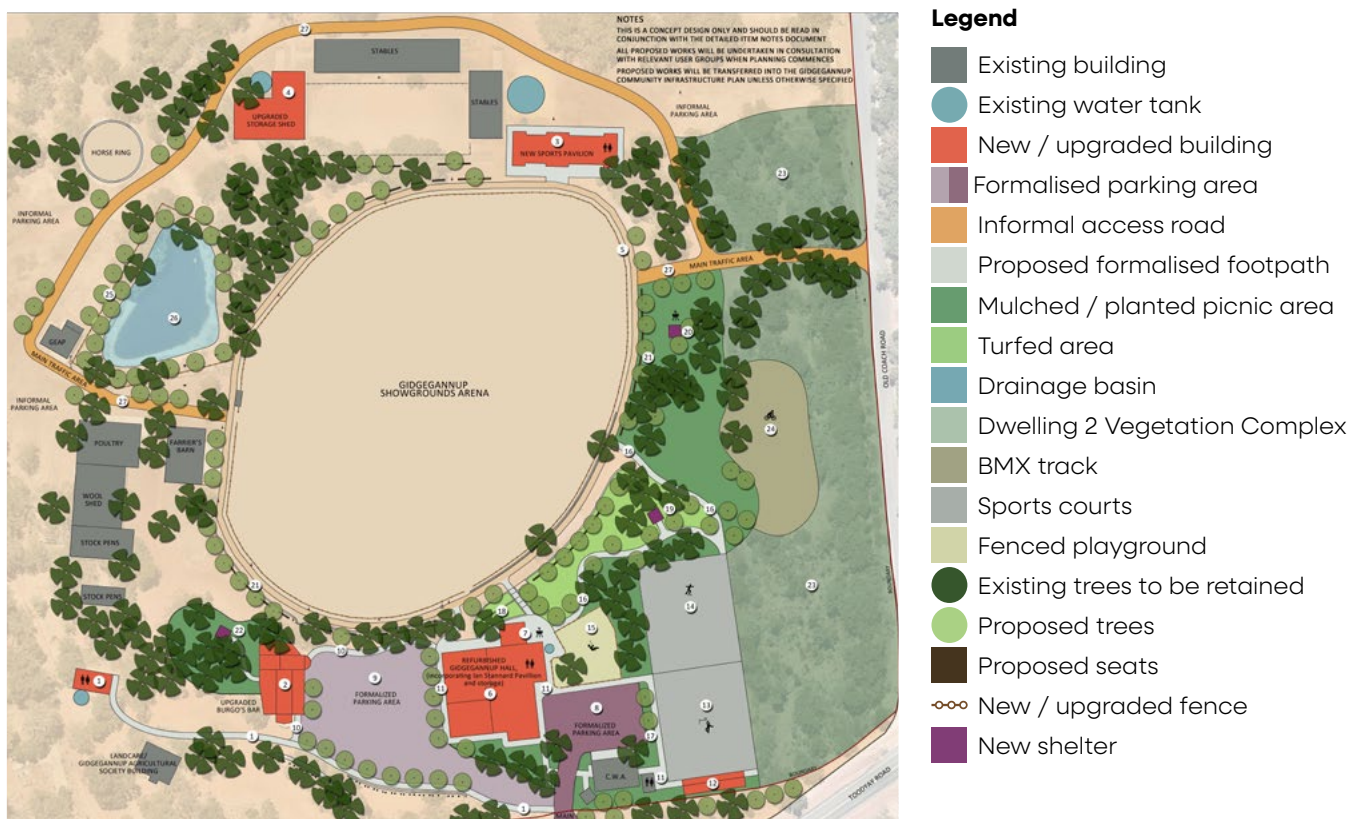
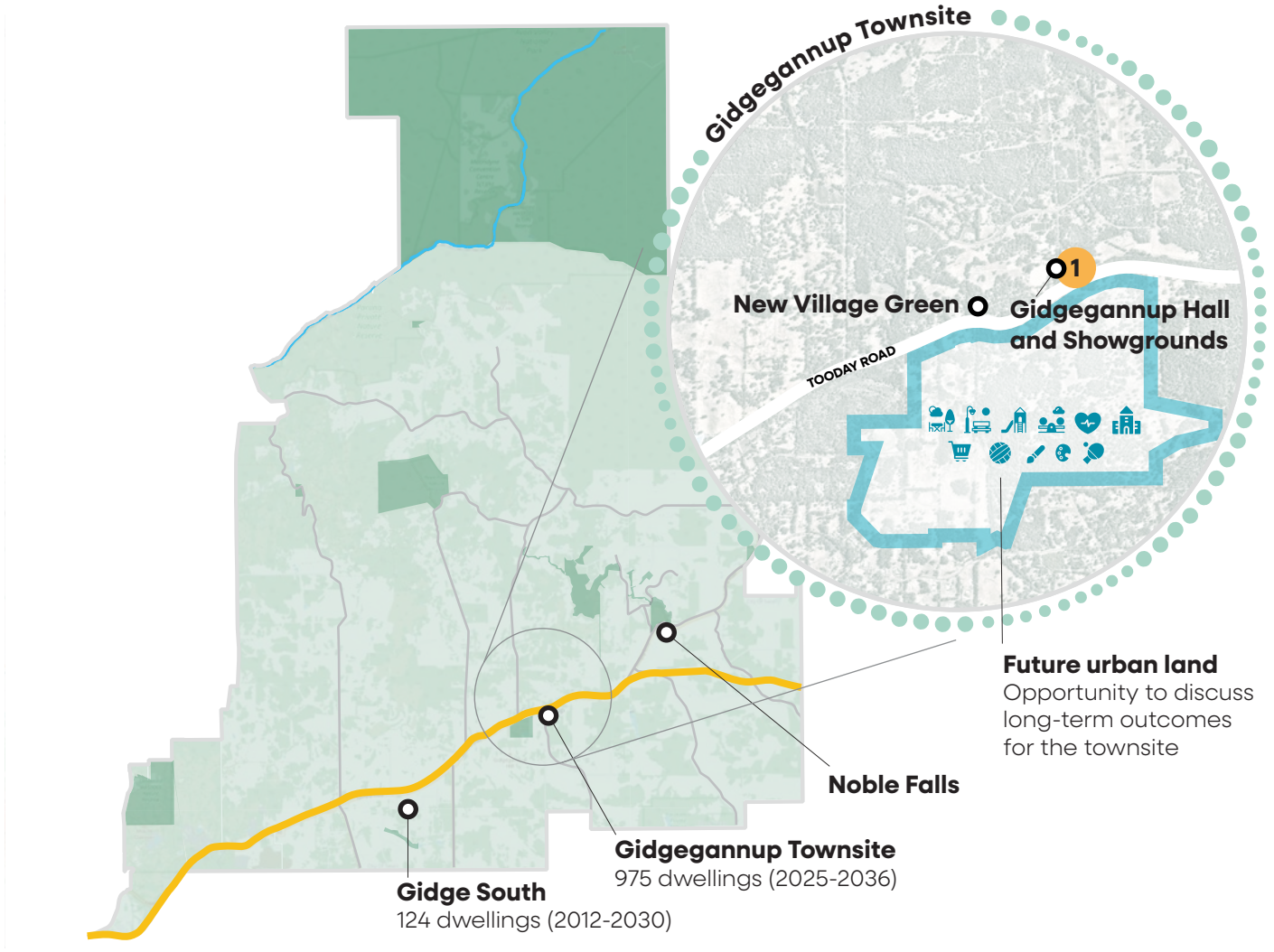


Figure 7. Gidgegannup Showgrounds Masterplan

Take a look at some of the important upcoming projects that will impact the Gidgegannup local area.



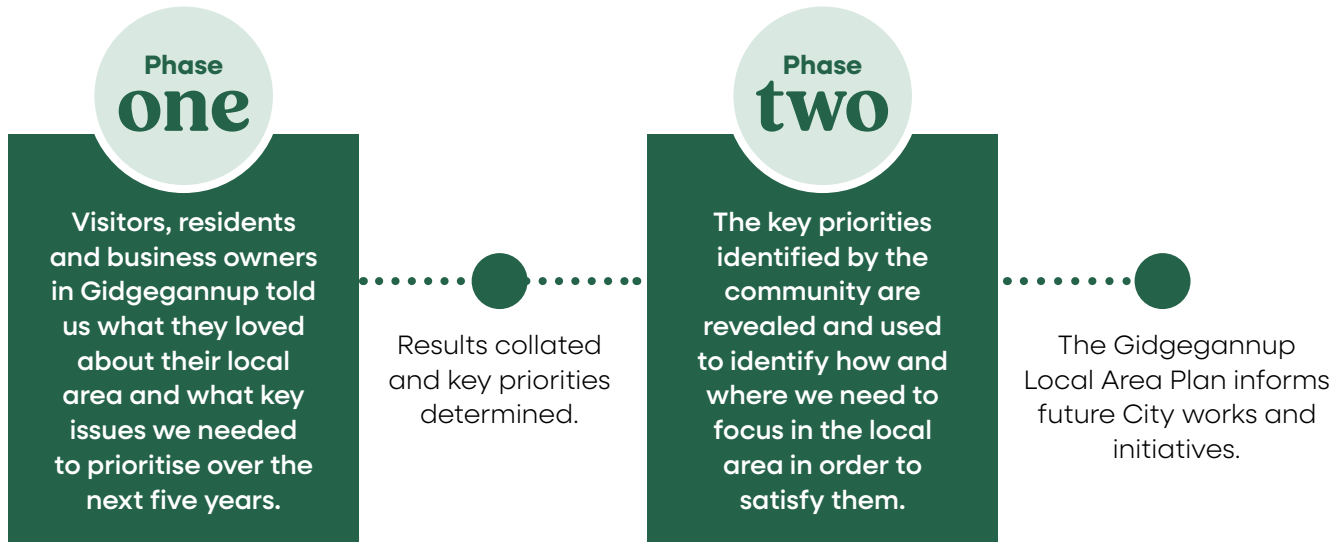
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Figure 8. Future projects and major development in Gidgegannup Local Area

Developing the Local Area Plan

The Local Area Plan is informed by community-identified priorities and initiatives determined over two phases of engagement.

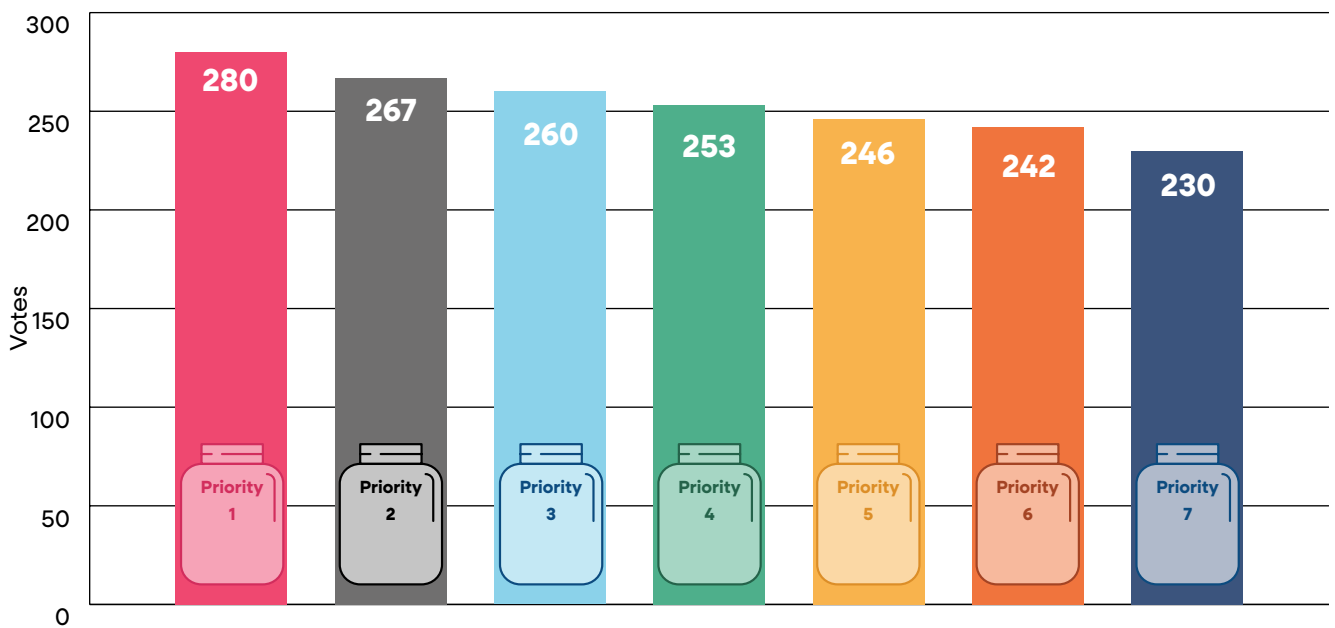


Phase 1 – local area priorities

April 19 - May 31

Phase 1 aimed to identify what was most important to the Gidgegannup community through an online and in-person budgeting activity.

The activity invited participants to distribute 10 tokens among 15 options (including an “other” option, which allowed them to write their own) to represent how they would allocate the City’s resources. The City received over 300 responses during the six weeks of engagement.



- 1 Support amenity and lifestyle**
- 2 Enhance the local road network for all users**
- 3 Balance sustainable growth with lifestyle**
- 4 Protect and raise awareness of natural assets**
- 5 Support and champion community**
- 6 Provide bushfire mitigation education**
- 7 Support the local growth of shops and businesses**

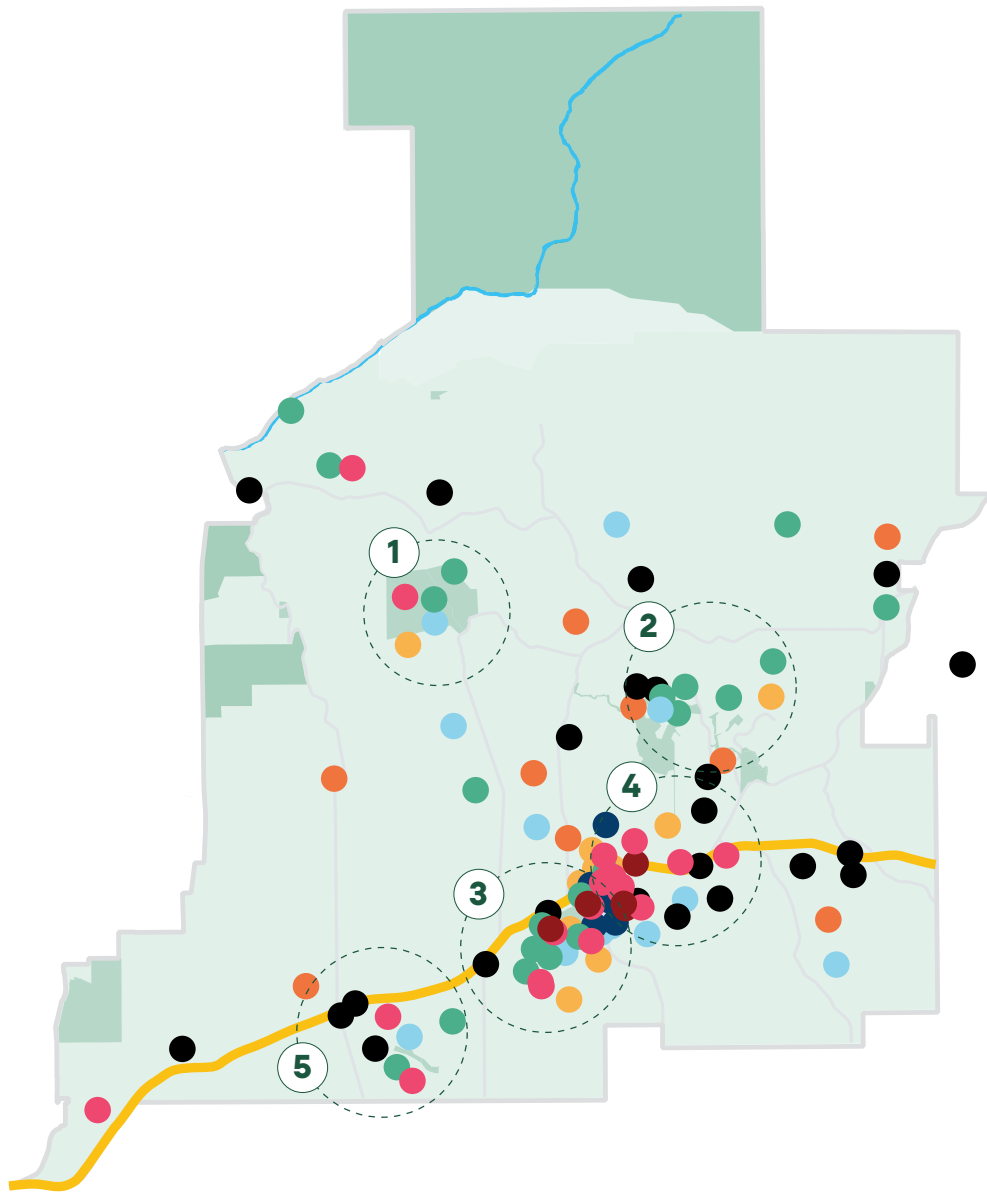
Phase 2 – where to focus

July 24 – September 4

Phase 2 aimed to promote the top seven community priorities from Phase 1 and allow the community to pinpoint, through a visual mapping activity, where these priorities need addressing in the Gidgegannup area. The City received 247 responses in the six weeks of engagement which are summarised below:

247
community
responses





1 FR Berry Reserve

- Signage on six seasons and nature
- Upgrade BBQ, shade and seating
- Create wetlands
- Protect and expand trails

2 Noble Falls

- Wildlife corridors for fauna
- Protect trail users from traffic
- Increase nature signposting
- Hazard reduction burn plans
- Support historical and cultural knowledge and recognition

3 Gidgegannup Recreation Club and Reserve

- Support local volunteer groups
- Improve Percy Cullen Oval access and use
- Protect biodiversity at the reserve

4 Gidgegannup townsite

- Create a Village Green
- Deliver projects in the Showgrounds Masterplan
- Stop or ameliorate impact of EastLink on residents and townsite
- Maintain local City services
- Improve parking and road safety
- Protect tree canopy
- Encourage small shops and jobs
- Support people to age in place
- Encourage rural tourism

5 Susannah Brook

- Improve road safety
- Protect rural-residential character
- Boost community access to bushfire experts and collaboration
- Upgrade fire stations for high level incidents

Community priorities



Priority 1

Support the amenity and lifestyle of residents

Key themes

- Enhance Gidgegannup townsite with a village green, better signage, landscaping, and safe parking separated from outdoor seating
- Provide opportunities to socialise and recreate
- Retain and increase existing services offered by the City such as the local office and library drop-off
- Protect rural character and quiet nature of Gidgegannup from traffic and over-development

Accessible services meeting changing community needs – City projects

- The City is committed to ongoing upgrades at the Gidgegannup Showgrounds including the Agricultural Hall and playground renewal
- In 2021-2022, the City refurbished the CWA clubroom, completed power upgrades, a horse rider's ramp, arena resurfacing, and a traffic review and environmental study of the showgrounds
- In 2021-2022, the City installed outdoor exercise equipment and an art mural, and upgraded the multipurpose courts and lighting at Percy Cullen Oval
- The City is retaining the current Gidgegannup Office services and in 2023 appointed a part-time dedicated Rural Community Development Officer
- City farmland differential rating supports farming and horticulture by easing costs for farm owners.



Priority 2

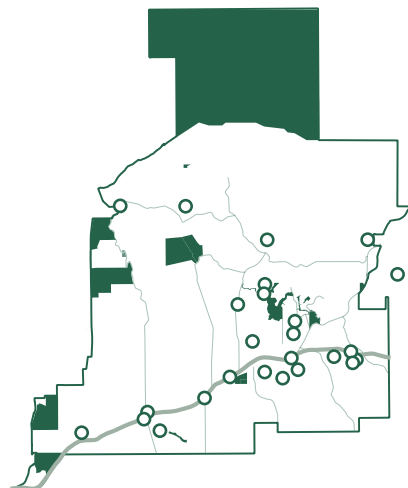
Enhance the road network for all users

Key themes

- Address anti-social behaviour on local roads (speeding and hooning)
- Improve road safety by maintenance and upgrades
- Stop or at least ameliorate EastLink traffic impact to protect townsite

Community access – City projects

- The City has planned safety upgrades on O'Brien Road including line marking and audio tactile edge lines during 2025-2026
- The City will be resurfacing Higgins Road in 2023-2024
- The City will upgrade the Tilden Drive Bridge during 2023-2024
- The City is collaborating with Main Roads to ensure EastLink will help enhance the townsite and improve road safety, including a new principal shared pathway to separate cyclists from traffic.





Priority 3

Balance sustainable growth with lifestyle

Key themes

- Protect local character from unsympathetic development
- Restrict small lot sizes and subdivision outside of Gidgegannup townsite
- Maintain road network upgrades to match growth throughout Gidgegannup and neighbouring areas.

Planned and facilitated growth – City projects

- In 2024, the City will start reviewing its Local Planning Strategy, which includes strategies for growth and character in rural areas
- The City is collaborating with Main Roads to improve road safety and cater for traffic increases.



Priority 4

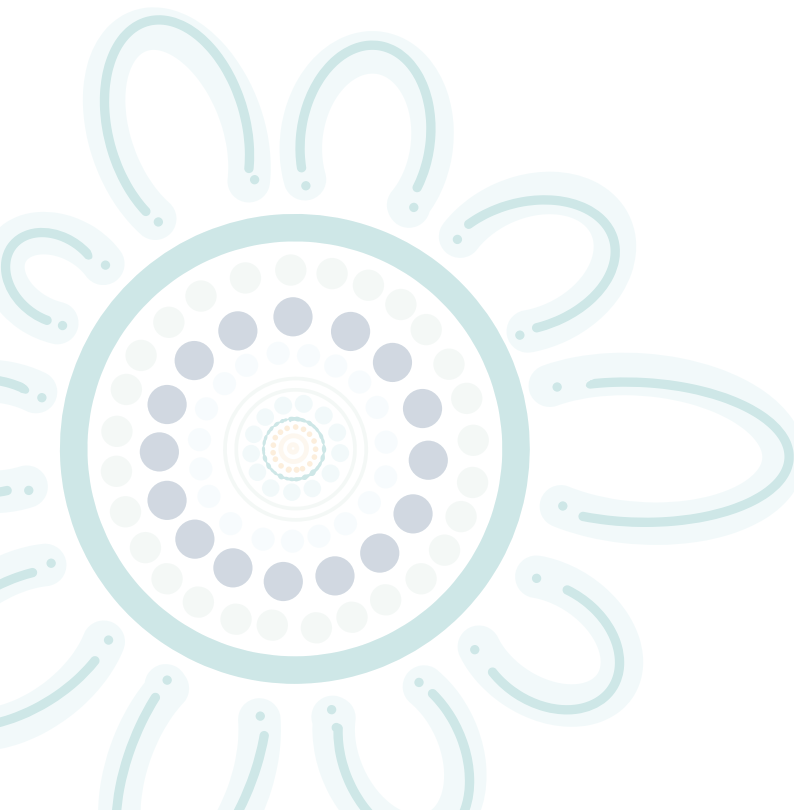
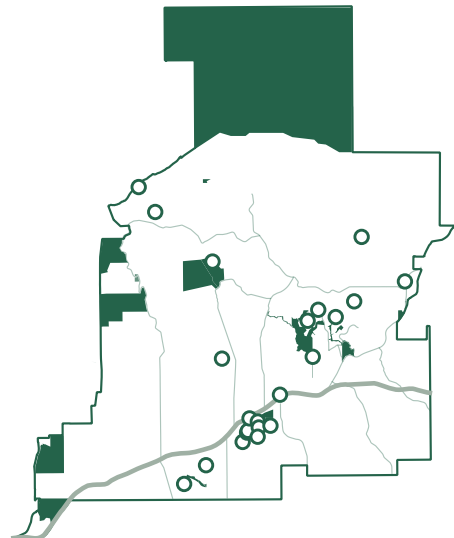
Protect and raise awareness of natural assets

Key themes

- Upgrade existing park facilities and incorporate wetland landscaping at FR Berry Reserve and Reserve 2145
- Expand local bridle and pedestrian trail network and improve community's link to nature
- Protect trees from clearing
- Protect biodiversity from development.

Sustainable environment – City projects

- The City provides funding and support to local Friends Of groups to enhance parks such as Reserve 2145 and FR Berry Reserve
- Renewed walk trail signage at Noble Falls is planned to be installed in 2024/25
- The City's Rural Revegetation Program provides free trees to properties 4,000sqm in size and larger. In 2023, the City gave away 45,600 tube stock varieties of shrubs, ground covers and climbers
- The City is a partner in the Perth Hills Tourism Alliance and raises awareness of Tourism businesses and natural attractions such as wildflowers, walking and bridle trails.





Priority 5

Support and champion community

Key themes

- Improve security and usage of the Showgrounds and Percy Cullen Oval
- Support more community events in the townsite
- Upgrade or replace key community facilities

Infrastructure that meets community needs – City projects

- In 2022, the City partnered with Vibe Xpress to provide gate key access to Percy Cullen Oval
- In 2022/23 the City provided community grants to support events such as the Anzac Day ceremony, Gidgegannup ODE, Men's Shed anniversary and the Gidgegannup Agricultural Show
- The City has partnered with the Gidgegannup Agricultural Society to deliver the Australian Rustic Farm Art Awards 2023 at the Gidgegannup Agricultural Show
- In 2023, the City completed the Gidgegannup Equestrian Pavilion design, with the project included on the City's advocacy priority list for funding
- In 2023, the City consulted with Gidgegannup Men's Shed to consider a new location and design
- The City is delivering elements of the Gidgegannup Showgrounds Masterplan, including a new playground, and Agricultural Hall refurbishment.



Priority 6

Provide bushfire mitigation education

Key themes

- Support and collaborate with local bushfire brigades to ensure our approach is up to date
- Help residents control bushfire hazards such as firebreaks and asset protection zones on their land
- Amend verge maintenance schedules to prevent overgrowth following winter
- Improve our approach to hazard reduction burns.

Safe and healthy community – City projects

- The City's Fire Hazard Inspection Officer provides free property protection advice to locals on request
- The City held hazard reduction burn and firewise garden design workshops in 2022/23
- The City provides free digital and paper guides on several facets of bushfire mitigation to locals
- Since 2021, the City has offered funding and training to local fire brigades
- In 2020, the City was among the first local governments to launch an online and streamlined automatic burning permit approval system
- The City undertakes strategic verge maintenance and hazard reduction burns in an environmentally conscious manner.



Priority 7

Support local growth of shops and businesses

Key themes

- Encourage the local rural townsites feel by promoting increase in appealing small shops
- Increase local employment
- Improve parking configuration for traffic and pedestrian safety in the townsites

Planned and facilitated growth – City projects

- The City provides support for local small businesses and home businesses by linking them to free training from the City and State Government
- The City supports local businesses in the tourism sector through involvement in and by partnering with Perth Hills Tourism Alliance
- The City supports businesses to participate in free programs including:
 - Digital action plan consultations
 - Business Awards in partnership with the Swan Chamber of Commerce
 - Jumpstart online business mentoring.

Annual updates

The City will provide an annual update on these priorities which will be available on the City's website.

An annual update will be provided every year until the LAP document is required for a full review (2028).

Head to the Swan Engage website to find out more about the Gidgegannup annual updates.

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