# **ANNUAL PLAN** 2024 / 2025



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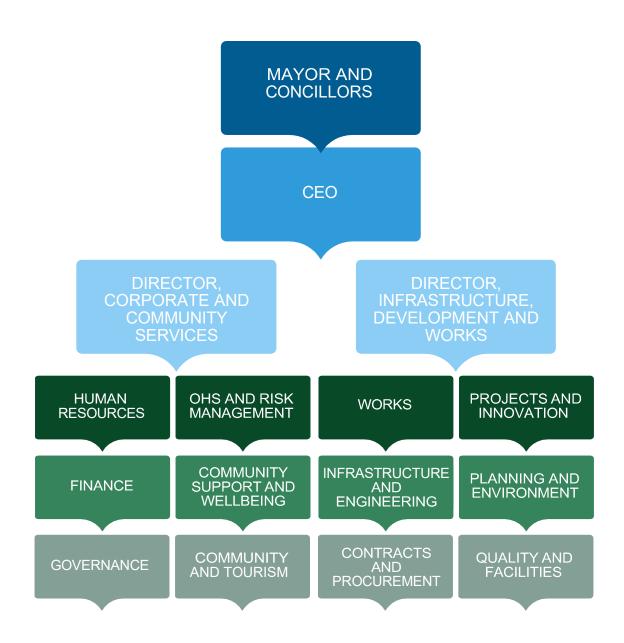
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## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

West Wimmera Shire Council respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land, and pays respects to their elders, past, present, and emerging.

## ORGANISATIONAL CHART WEST WIMMERA SHIRE COUNCIL

Council is the governing body that appoints a Chief Executive Officer (CEO). The CEO has responsibility for the day-to-day management of operations in accordance with the strategic directions of the Council Plan. Two general managers/directors and the CEO form the Senior Management Group.



## **MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR AND CEO**

It is with great pleasure that we present to you the 2024-2025 Annual Plan for the upcoming year, outlining our vision and commitment to the continued growth and prosperity of our beloved community.

Reflecting on the past year, we are proud of the strides we have taken in advancing the wellbeing of our residents and enhancing the liveability of our region. As we embark on the journey of the next 12 months, we are filled with enthusiasm and determination to build upon our achievements and address the evolving needs of our community.

Infrastructure enhancements will be a focal point in the coming year. We are dedicated to improving our recreational facilities and community spaces. This year, we will focus on the delivery of new AFL lighting at the Kaniva and Harrow Recreation Reserves, providing residents with enhanced opportunities for sports and leisure activities. Additionally, we are committed to completing essential projects, such as the Edenhope Aerodrome upgrade, installing new accommodation cabins in many of our caravan parks, and extending the Lake Wallace Boat Ramp. These initiatives will contribute to the safety and accessibility of our recreational amenities.

We are currently awaiting the outcome of several funding applications. If successful, we will be upgrading several key community hubs, including accessibility upgrades at Kaniva Memorial Swimming Pool, and upgrading the Edenhope football change rooms. Innovation and project development are integral to our planning process. We recognise the importance of harnessing innovation and community input in shaping the future of our shire.

Our budget includes provisions for projects to transition from the Innovation Platform through our project framework, ensuring thorough planning and alignment with community needs before seeking funding.



Looking ahead, 2024-2025 will mark a significant milestone with Council elections in October. Concurrently, we will embark on the development of a new Council plan, setting the strategic direction for the years to come. The community's participation and feedback will be invaluable in shaping the future of our shire.

Our commitment to maintaining and enhancing our road network remains steadfast. In addition to our annual re-sheeting and shoulder resheeting program, we will undertake significant works on key roads. These upgrades will improve connectivity and ensure safer travel for all residents. In line with our ongoing commitment to supporting families and working parents, we remain dedicated to providing highquality childcare services across our shire. We extend our gratitude to the dedicated councillors, community members, and Council staff whose tireless efforts contribute to the vibrancy and resilience of West Wimmera Shire Council. Together, we will continue to build a stronger, more inclusive community that we can all be proud of. We look forward to working together to bring our shared vision to fruition.

#### Mayor Tim Meyer and CEO David Bezuidenhout

## ABOUT THE ANNUAL PLAN

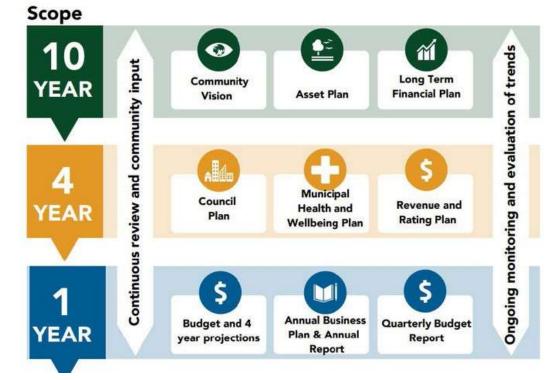
The Annual Plan sets out the activities that Council will undertake during the year to deliver the outcomes of the Council Plan 2021-2025. The annual plan works in conjunction with the Annual Report and the Budget for the financial year 2024-25. Together the following integrated documents form the local government's system of financial management:

- Council Plan 2021-25 incorporating
   Community Vision
- Long-term Financial Plan and Yearly Budget
- 2024-25 Annual Report and Annual Plan

The Chief Executive Officer must present a written quarterly progress report to Council outlining progress towards implementing the Annual Plan. Council may amend the Annual Plan during the year by resolution.

## OUR PLANNING FRAMEWORK

Our planning framework comprises the key plans that guide our work and decision making and connects the long-term community needs and aspirations. The Council Plan is aligned with the 2041 Community Vision. The Annual Plan sits within our one-year scope and is an annual document Council will develop to ensure that we are moving towards our goals.



# **OUR SHIRE SERVICES**

West Wimmera Shire Council is responsible for delivering more than 70 services across many areas, including:

#### FOR OUR COMMUNITY FOR OUR FAMILIES Playgroups Building Services and Planning Permits Kindergartens Libraries Family services Sporting Facilities School crossing supervisors · Parks, Gardens and Playgrounds Social support for youth Council-run events • Eary years support · Community grants for activities Maternal Childrens health services · Waste and recycling services Childcare - Edenhope Road and footpath maintenance Graffiti removal FOR OUR OLDER PEOPLE AND · Environmental sustainability initiatives **PEOPLE WITH A DISABILITY** · Local amenities and facilities maintenance • VIC Roads Agency Services Animal Control · Referral for aged care and disability services Pet Registration Social support groups Provision for seasonal swimming pools · Personal care and home care Tourism development Emergency support

- Street cleaning
- · Fire prevention and pest control management
- Accommodation
- Volunteer support
- Street lighting and signage

- Property maintenance
- · Living at home assessments
- Delivered meals (meals on wheels)
- · Community transport programs
- Respite care

### FOR OUR BUSINESSES

- · Food and Health businesses registration and regulation
- Business Support and education
- Business networking opportunities
- Business permits
- · Food safety regulation programs

## **OUR VALUES**

Our values guide our behavior and decision-making and how we lead and support our community.

We will proactively respond to change, are optimistic about our future and pursue continuous improvement in everything that we do.



We will do everything in our ability to encourage and form trusting relationships, to work together as one team to achieve our goals and advocate for "One West Wimmera".

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We will be responsible, take ownership of our actions and are committed to good governance, excellence, transparency and advocating for our community.



We will actively and openly consult with you and work constructively with community organisations, agencies, business community and other levels of government to our community's benefit.

# COUNCIL VISION

Our Council Plan sets out the four-year vision for the shire and the outcomes Council wants to achieve over that period. These outcomes align with key directions identified in the West Wimmera Community Vision 2041.

### GOALS

| 1 | Liveable and healthy community  |
|---|---|
| 2 | Diverse and prosperous community  |
| 3 | Sustainable environment   |
| 4 | Good governance   |
| 5 | Our commitment - we will proactively drive and live in our values:<br>Innovative, Accountable, United, and Collaborative. |

### 1 Liveable and healthy community

- 1.1 Create a healthy, active, and vibrant community.
- 1.2 Support a safe and inclusive community.
- 1.3 Provide well planned and sustainable community infrastructure.
- 1.4 Deliver quality services that support community life.
- 1.5 Support and encourage our events, cultural and arts communities.
- 1.6 Support a prepared and resilient community.
- 1.7 Improve the liveability of the shire to assist in growing our population into the future.

### 2 Diverse and prosperous community

2.1 Encourage and support the establishment and expansion of innovative, creative, and sustainable businesses.

- 2.2 Promote the Shire as a great place to visit, live and invest.
- 2.3 Facilitate the development of the local economy and jobs.
- 2.4 Create vibrant and attractive town centres.
- 2.5 Enhance the local road network and explore transport options.
- 2.6 Provide infrastructure to sustain economic activity.

### 3 Sustainable environment

- 3.1 Preserve and enhance the natural environment.
- 3.2 Promote sustainable environmental management practices.
- 3.3 Protect and promote public open space and natural assets.
- 3.4 Pursue alternative and sustainable energy sources.

### 4 Good governance

- 4.1 Ensure long term financial sustainability.
- 4.2 Engage with the community in a timely and respectful way.
- 4.3 Advocate for our community on issues important to our future.
- 4.4 Develop a high performing accountable organisation.
- 4.5 Maintain a rigorous risk management framework.

## **BUDGET** INFORMATION

| 2021-25 Council Plan goals             | FY24/25 Budget<br>(\$'000) |
|--|----------------------------|
| Goal 1: Liveable and healthy community | \$3,495                    |
| Goal 2: Diverse and prosperous economy | \$12,699                   |
| Goal 3: Sustainable environment        | \$1,713                    |
| Goal 4: Good governance                | \$2,376                    |
| Goal 5: Our commitment                 | \$0                        |

Goal 5 is not linked to any specific Council service areas. It is, instead, an overarching commitment by Council to proactively drive and live our values: Innovative, Accountable, United, and Collaborative.

# KEY FOCUS AREAS 2024-25

\* Major Initiatives in 2024-2025 Budget # Key advocacy focus areas for 2024-2025

| GOAL                                      | 1: Liveable and healthy  |  |
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| Relevant<br>Council<br>Plan<br>initiative | 2024/2025 Action   | Department                             |
| 1.1.1<br>*                                | Continue to roll out our community grants program (Quick Response Grant,<br>Sponsorships, Community Strengthening and Community Support Grant)   | Corporate and<br>Community<br>Services |
| 1.1.3                                     | Implement Fair Access policy   | Corporate and<br>Community<br>Services |
| 1.1.3                                     | Move 2 actions per zone through phase 1 from the municipal sport and recreation strategy   | Corporate and<br>Community<br>Services |
| 1.1.4<br>#                                | Advocate for the need for qualified early years staff across the shire   | Corporate and<br>Community<br>Services |
| 1.1.4<br>#                                | Advocate for oral health community support sessions  | Corporate and<br>Community<br>Services |
| 1.1.4                                     | Support and advocate for ongoing dental services in Kaniva and Edenhope  | Corporate and<br>Community<br>Services |
| 1.1.5                                     | Work with WWHS and Yarriambiack to assess assessable spaces across the shire   | Corporate and<br>Community<br>Services |
| 1.1.5                                     | Instigate regular meetings with Wimmera Sports Assembly  | Community<br>Services                  |
| 1.1.6<br>#                                | Work with local mental health service providers to ensure a wraparound approach to community wellbeing and mental health by networking with, supporting and promoting local wellbeing services   | Corporate and<br>Community<br>Services |
| 1.1.7                                     | Complete participation plan roll outs and reporting in Apsley and Harrow for netball/tennis court and lighting upgrades  | Corporate and<br>Community<br>Services |
| 1.1.8                                     | Support and recognise volunteers across the Shire with annual volunteer morning teas   | Corporate and<br>Community<br>Services |
| 1.2.1                                     | Delivery of supported playgroups program   | Corporate and<br>Community<br>Services |
| 1.2.1                                     | Support existing community playgroups with resources, advice and<br>promotion. Increase facilitated playgroups with the aim of identifying<br>potential leaders to set up community playgroup (transitioning with<br>support). Encourage playgroups who want a facilitator to apply for<br>community grants. | Corporate and<br>Community<br>Services |

| 1.2.2 | Engagement of youth program with schools   | Corporate and<br>Community<br>Services   |
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| 1.2.2 | Apply for Freeza and Engage Youth Funding for programs across the Shire  | Corporate and<br>Community<br>Services   |
| 1.2.2 | Deliver Freeza and Engage Youth Funding in line with funding agreements  | Corporate and<br>Community<br>Services   |
| 1.2.3 | Facilitate 16 Days of Activism Campaign with local events in November  | Corporate and<br>Community<br>Services   |
| 1.2.3 | White Ribbon training for staff  | Corporate and<br>Community<br>Services   |
| 1.2.3 | Support pilot programs - Kaniva Community (Kaniva Katch Up ) with mental health awareness groups with consideration to expand to other towns | Corporate and<br>Community<br>Services   |
| 1.2.4 | Staff training for mental health (in the community) and basic emergency management training  | Corporate and<br>Community<br>Services   |
| 1.2.4 | Review and implement process for referral and support services (MCH, early years, Kindergartens, youth, aged care)                           | Corporate and<br>Community<br>Services   |
| 1.2.5 | Active participation of Community of Respect and Equality (CoRE) Alliance membership   | Corporate and<br>Community<br>Services   |
| 1.2.6 | Road safety awareness at kindergartens for parents and children  | Corporate and<br>Community<br>Services   |
| 1.2.7 | Intergenerational playgroup/gardening program in Edenhope  | Corporate and<br>Community<br>Services   |
| 1.2.7 | Intergenerational pop-up playgroups  | Corporate and<br>Community<br>Services   |
| 1.2.8 | Annual Working with Children Check audit   | Corporate and<br>Community<br>Services   |
| 1.3.1 | Deliver West Wimmera cabins project  | Infrastructure<br>Development &<br>Works |
| 1.3.1 | Training for Committees of Management (DEECA) and Modern Rules for Committee Training  | Corporate and<br>Community<br>Services   |
| 1.3.1 | Information sessions for community committees (Funding opportunities and general information)  | Corporate and<br>Community<br>Services   |
| 1.3.1 | Support for community groups with cabin operations (Harrow, Lake<br>Charlegrark and Goroke)  | Corporate and<br>Community<br>Services   |
| 1.3.2 | External painting of Kaniva Shire Hall (seek funding if available), Windmill Café<br>in Kaniva, and Goroke Men's Shed                        | Infrastructure<br>Development &<br>Works |
| 1.3.2 | Upgrade fire-fighting facilities at Edenhope Aerodrome (funded)  | Infrastructure<br>Development &<br>Works |

| 1.3.2      | Complete asset inspections as per plan   | Infrastructure<br>Development &<br>Works |
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| 1.3.2      | Seek funding for solar on government-owned buildings (if available) –<br>Potentially can be used for Kaniva Community Hub, and swimming pools  | Infrastructure<br>Development &<br>Works |
| 1.3.2<br># | Advocate for upgrading rail crossing signals at Serviceton and pedestrian crossings at Maddern and Farmer streets, Kaniva  | Infrastructure<br>Development &<br>Works |
| 1.3.2      | Deliver Kaniva Depot upgrade, Wannon Avenue house renovation.<br>Seek funding for Kaniva Pool all-abilities water play splash park and Kaniva pool<br>upgrades for accessibility   | Infrastructure<br>Development &<br>Works |
| 1.3.3<br>* | Deliver Kaniva Rec Reserve lighting, Harrow Rec reserve lighting, Kaniva Rec<br>Reserve facility design, and Edenhope Recreation Reserve Changerooms<br>upgrade (subject to funding)   | Infrastructure<br>Development &<br>Works |
| 1.3.4      | New footpaths as per capital works plan<br>1. Budjik Street, Farmer Street to Webb Street - Kaniva<br>2. Elizabeth Street, Anne Street to Churchhill Street - Edenhope<br>3. Compston Street, Barrack Street to Church Street - Goroke | Infrastructure<br>Development &<br>Works |
| 1.3.5<br># | Advocate for the requirement for school bus services for all school children   | Corporate and<br>Community<br>Services   |
| 1.3.5      | Continue to run/support and promote volunteer taxi service in Kaniva and Centre for Participation bus  | Corporate and<br>Community<br>Services   |
| 1.3.5      | Continue to run/support and promote companion transport program in Harrow, Kaniva and Edenhope   | Corporate and<br>Community<br>Services   |
| 1.3.6      | Undertake condition assessment of all buildings  | Infrastructure<br>Development &<br>Works |
| 1.4.2<br># | Continue to advocate for improved childcare services across our towns  | Corporate and<br>Community<br>Services   |
| 1.4.2<br># | Advocate (if required) for federal funding for Kaniva childcare service to continue past 2025  | Corporate and<br>Community<br>Services   |
| 1.4.3      | Investigate service providers, funding and need for childcare in Goroke  | Corporate and<br>Community<br>Services   |
| 1.4.5      | Training calendar on Council's website with business training opportunities  | Infrastructure<br>Development &<br>Works |
| 1.4.6<br># | Understand key priorities for schools and how Council can assist (non-<br>financial) and look for continuous improvement opportunities with links<br>between kindergartens, schools, and youth services.                               | Corporate and<br>Community<br>Services   |
| 1.4.7      | Continue to provide perinatal mental health service (including infant loss support)  | Corporate and<br>Community<br>Services   |
| 1.4.7      | Continue to roll out mother and baby information session and practical classes including baby massage  | Corporate and<br>Community<br>Services   |
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| 1.4.7      | Work with By Five Wimmera Southern Mallee project  | Corporate and<br>Community<br>Services   |
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| 1.4.9<br># | Advocate for the requirement for potable water in Harrow, Goroke and Apsley  | Infrastructure<br>Development &<br>Works |
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| 1.4.10     | Provide support and encourage headspace events and mental health training to be run in West Wimmera Shire  | Corporate and<br>Community<br>Services   |
| 1.5.1      | Active membership of Wimmera Libraries   | Corporate and<br>Community<br>Services   |
| 1.5.2      | Continue to seek funding for a community arts strategy   | Corporate and<br>Community<br>Services   |
| 1.5.3      | Develop an annual events program   | Corporate and<br>Community<br>Services   |
| 1.5.4<br># | Encourage event organisers to consider West Wimmera Shire as a great place to hold an event  | Corporate and<br>Community<br>Services   |
| 1.6.1      | Develop community fire awareness, through social media and Wimmera Emergency Management Team   | Corporate and<br>Community<br>Services   |
| 1.6.2      | Attend meetings and actively participate in the Wimmera Emergency<br>Management Resources Sharing Partnership and work with the staff or the<br>Wimmera Emergency Management Team        | Corporate and<br>Community<br>Services   |
| 1.6.2<br># | Advocate for multi-agency depots at Kaniva (CFA, SES, and ambulance) and Goroke (CFA and SES)  | Corporate and<br>Community<br>Services   |
| 1.6.3      | Attend and actively participate in the planning of the Grampians Regional Emergency Management team regional and local plans   | Corporate and<br>Community<br>Services   |
| 1.6.4      | Plan for and deliver emergency services as required in conjunction with REMPC. as per the three tiers of emergency management planning in Victoria and the Emergency Management Act 2013 | Corporate and<br>Community<br>Services   |
| 1.7.1      | Continue involvement in Wimmera Southern Mallee Development Housing<br>Project and West Wimmera Housing Opportunity  | Infrastructure<br>Development &<br>Works |
| 1.7.5      | Active membership with Wimmera Southern Mallee Development   | Infrastructure<br>Development &<br>Works |

| GOAL                                      | 2: Diverse and prosperous   |  |
|---|---|--|
| Relevant<br>Council<br>Plan<br>initiative | 2024/2025 Action  | Department                               |
| 2.1.1                                     | Marketing campaign on social media and Council website to attract businesses and families to West Wimmera Shire   | Infrastructure<br>Development &<br>Works |
| 2.1.3<br>*                                | <ul> <li>Begin implementation of recommendations from planning scheme<br/>Review, including: <ul> <li>Policy neutral planning scheme amendments</li> <li>Update flood controls for Harrow and Chetwynd</li> <li>Rezoning commercial area in Edenhope</li> <li>Rezoning commercial area in Kaniva</li> <li>Targeted settlement plans for larger towns (Edenhope, Kaniva,<br/>Goroke, Apsley and Harrow)</li> <li>Edenhope flood investigation</li> <li>Apsley flood investigation</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | Infrastructure<br>Development &<br>Works |
| 2.1.4                                     | Continue to deliver Business Assistance Grants Program  | Infrastructure<br>Development &<br>Works |
| 2.1.4                                     | Support industrial development across the shire   | Infrastructure<br>Development &<br>Works |
| 2.1.4                                     | Continue to deliver Streetscape Grants Program  | Infrastructure<br>Development &<br>Works |
| 2.1.5                                     | Support Birchip Cropping Group's Young Farmers Network (West<br>Wimmera Group)  | Infrastructure<br>Development &<br>Works |
| 2.2.2                                     | Active membership to Wimmera Grampians Tourism (Visitor Economy Partnership)  | Corporate and<br>Community<br>Services   |
| 2.2.3                                     | Seek enabling tourism funding for the Glenelg River Walking Trail (if available)  | Corporate and<br>Community<br>Services   |
| 2.2.3                                     | Seek enabling tourism funding for the Serviceton Railway Station (if available)   | Corporate and<br>Community<br>Services   |
| 2.2.3                                     | Plan and develop a West Wimmera Shire lake water level app P2/P3  | Corporate and<br>Community<br>Services   |
| 2.2.3                                     | Audit of West Wimmera lakes supporting infrastructure   | Corporate and<br>Community<br>Services   |
| 2.2.3                                     | Scope, plan and seek funding to extend boardwalk in Apsley to Newlands<br>Lake  | Corporate and<br>Community<br>Services   |
| 2.2.3                                     | Audit of West Wimmera tourism signage   | Corporate and<br>Community<br>Services   |
| 2.2.5<br>#                                | Advocate to attract the required skilled workforce to the region  | Infrastructure<br>Development &<br>Works |

| 2.3.1      | Continue to work with WSMD on housing availability in West Wimmera Shire  | Infrastructure<br>Development &<br>Works |
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| 2.3.4<br># | Support aquaculture proposals in West Wimmera Shire   | Infrastructure<br>Development &<br>Works |
| 2.4.1      | Seek external funding to implement Kaniva and Edenhope streetscape plans  | Infrastructure<br>Development &<br>Works |
| 2.4.5      | Undertake review of streetscapes in Harrow, Apsley, Serviceton, Dergholm and Goroke.  | Infrastructure<br>Development &<br>Works |
| 2.4.6      | Seek funding for Edenhope Lions Park project  | Infrastructure<br>Development &<br>Works |
| 2.5.1      | Review Road Management Plan (required within 12 months of new Council)  | Infrastructure<br>Development &<br>Works |
| 2.5.2      | Complete Road Management Plan Inspections   | Infrastructure<br>Development &<br>Works |
| 2.5.2      | Develop reseal and resheet program  | Infrastructure<br>Development &<br>Works |
| 2.5.2      | Deliver reseal program  | Infrastructure<br>Development &<br>Works |
| 2.5.2<br>* | Deliver 2024/2025 resheet program   | Infrastructure<br>Development &<br>Works |
| 2.5.3      | Develop the 2025/2026 Annual Capital Works program  | Infrastructure<br>Development &<br>Works |
| 2.5.3<br>* | <ul> <li>Deliver 2024/2025 Annual Capital Works program:</li> <li>Mooree Road (reconstruction and widening)</li> <li>Kadnook-Connewirricoo Road (reconstruction and widening)</li> <li>Brooks Road (Reconstruction)</li> <li>Goroke Nurcong Road (reconstruction and widening)</li> <li>South Lilimur Road (reconstruction and seal)</li> <li>Elizabeth Street (parking lane construction)</li> </ul> | Infrastructure<br>Development &<br>Works |
| 2.5.5<br># | Advocate for additional external funding for roads and bridges  | Infrastructure<br>Development &<br>Works |
| 2.5.6      | Advocate for VicRoads to improve the quality of state roads throughout our shire  | Infrastructure<br>Development &<br>Works |
| 2.5.7      | Seek funding if available for Kadnook-Connewirricoo Road and others depending on eligibility  | Infrastructure<br>Development &<br>Works |
| 2.6.1<br># | Advocate for improved access to quality digital connectivity  | Infrastructure<br>Development &<br>Works |
| 2.6.2<br># | Advocate for West Grampians Pipeline  | Infrastructure<br>Development &<br>Works |
| 2.6.3<br># | Advocate for improved water pressure within towns   | Infrastructure<br>Development &<br>Works |

| 2.6.3<br># | Advocate for improved water pressure within towns                          | Infrastructure<br>Development &<br>Works |
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| 2.6.4<br># | Advocate for the improvement of roads to meet requirements for road trains | Infrastructure<br>Development &<br>Works |

### GOAL 3: Sustainable

| Relevant<br>Council<br>Plan<br>initiative | 2024/2025 Action   | Department                               |
|---|--|--|
| 3.1.1                                     | Develop concept for Waste Management Plan  | Infrastructure<br>Development &<br>Works |
| 3.1.7<br>#                                | Improve infrastructure (i.e. tables, chairs, signage) on public land across<br>West Wimmera Shire                            | Corporate and<br>Community<br>Services   |
| 3.2.1                                     | Roll out annual corella management plan  | Infrastructure<br>Development &<br>Works |
| 3.2.1<br>*                                | Deliver Council roadside weeds and pest program  | Infrastructure<br>Development &<br>Works |
| 3.2.1<br>*                                | Review corella management plan   | Infrastructure<br>Development &<br>Works |
| 3.2.2                                     | Landcare facilitator - Capacity building and support for local Landcare groups and roadside weed management across the shire | Infrastructure<br>Development &<br>Works |
| 3.2.2                                     | Work with partner agencies on roadside vegetation management on road construction projects                                   | Infrastructure<br>Development &<br>Works |
| 3.3.1<br>#                                | Advocate for additional access road into Lake Ratzcastle for fire safety   | Corporate and<br>Community<br>Services   |
| 3.3.4                                     | Deliver boat ramp extension at Lake Wallace.<br>Seek funding for hand rail project   | Infrastructure<br>Development &<br>Works |
| 3.3.4<br>#                                | Advocate for ongoing funding for maintenance at Lake Wallace (including weed cutting when required)                          | Infrastructure<br>Development &<br>Works |
| 3.4.1<br>#                                | Promote alternative and sustainable energy projects in the shire.  | Infrastructure<br>Development &<br>Works |
| 3.4.2<br>#                                | Investigate the potential for micro-grids in industrial areas and towns  | Infrastructure<br>Development &<br>Works |

| GOAL                                      | 4: Good governance  |  |
|---|---|--|
| Relevant<br>Council<br>Plan<br>initiative | 2024/2025 Action  | Department                               |
| 4.1.1                                     | Review and update long-term financial plan  | Corporate and<br>Community<br>Services   |
| 4.1.5                                     | <ul> <li>Continue to seek suitable grant funding as it becomes available for community infrastructure projects, including <ul> <li>Edenhope Recreation Reserve oval lighting</li> <li>Goroke tennis/netball court upgrade</li> <li>Goroke Rec Reserve oval lighting</li> <li>Kaniva Bowling Club - new green</li> </ul> </li> <li>Additional projects to be added as they are approved through the PMO</li> </ul> | Infrastructure<br>Development &<br>Works |
| 4.1.5                                     | Advocate for and seek funding for shovel ready projects   | Infrastructure                           |
| #   | Advocate for and seek funding for shover ready projects   | Development &<br>Works                   |
| 4.1.5                                     | Maintain Grant Guru subscription to assist council staff and community members to source suitable grant funding   | Infrastructure<br>Development &<br>Works |
| 4.1.5                                     | Support community members to source suitable grant funding with<br>Grant Guru   | Corporate and<br>Community<br>Services   |
| 4.1.5                                     | Scoping and planning for Kaniva, Edenhope and Goroke pools  | Infrastructure<br>Development &<br>Works |
| 4.1.5                                     | Upgrade grants tracking register  | Corporate and<br>Community<br>Services   |
| 4.1.6                                     | Council services review   | Corporate and<br>Community<br>Services   |
| 4.1.7                                     | Continue to deliver and support the Innovation Platform   | Infrastructure<br>Development &<br>Works |
| 4.2.1                                     | Review community engagement policy  | Infrastructure<br>Development &<br>Works |
| 4.2.3                                     | Continue to deliver regular communication via Council website and channels  | Infrastructure<br>Development &<br>Works |
| 4.3.1                                     | Prepare a document setting out key advocacy issues for West Wimmera Shire   | Infrastructure<br>Development &<br>Works |
| 4.3.2<br>#                                | Actively participate on regional and sector bodies and forums   | Corporate and<br>Community<br>Services   |
| 4.4.1                                     | Develop new four-year workforce plan in line with <i>Local Government Act</i> requirements  | Corporate and<br>Community<br>Services   |
| 4.4.3                                     | Review procurement policy   | Infrastructure<br>Development &<br>Works |
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| 4.4.6      | Develop the 2025/26 Annual Plan   | Infrastructure<br>Development &<br>Works |
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| 4.4.6<br>* | Develop the 2025-2029 Council Plan  | Infrastructure<br>Development &<br>Works |
| 4.4.6<br>* | Develop the 2025-2029 Health and Wellbeing Plan (included in Council Plan)  | Infrastructure<br>Development &<br>Works |
| 4.4.6      | Complete 2023/2024 Annual Report  | Corporate and<br>Community<br>Services   |
| 4.4.6      | Complete 2023/2024 Annual Financial Statements  | Corporate and<br>Community<br>Services   |
| 4.4.7      | Training and implementation of the project management framework across all departments  | Infrastructure<br>Development &<br>Works |
| 4.4.9      | Compliance with new <i>Aged Care Act</i> (pending outcome from Bill still to pass in Parliament)  | Corporate and<br>Community<br>Services   |
| 4.4.9      | Plan for the implementation of 30 hours of pre-prep 2027  | Corporate and<br>Community<br>Services   |
| 4.4.9      | <ul> <li>Review the following policies:</li> <li>Environmental policy</li> <li>Street tree policy</li> <li>Tree plantations on unused road reserves policy</li> <li>Tree planting on WWSC road reserves policy</li> </ul> | Infrastructure<br>Development &<br>Works |
| 4.4.9      | Municipal Fire Prevention Officer (MFPO) training   | Infrastructure<br>Development &<br>Works |
| 4.4.9      | Review fleet policy   | Infrastructure<br>Development &<br>Works |
| 4.4.9      | Roll out quality management plan with each manager  | Infrastructure<br>Development &<br>Works |
| 4.4.9      | Review and understand future involvement in Serviceton Railway Station.   | Infrastructure<br>Development &<br>Works |
| 4.4.9      | Document and roll out transition of assets process  | Infrastructure<br>Development &<br>Works |
| 4.4.9      | <ul> <li>Review the following policies:</li> <li>Social media and communications policy</li> <li>Community contributions policy</li> </ul>  | Infrastructure<br>Development &<br>Works |
| 4.4.9<br>* | Facilitate the 2024 Local Government Elections under the direction of the VEC   | Corporate and<br>Community<br>Services   |
| 4.4.9      | Annual insurance renewals   | Corporate and<br>Community<br>Services   |
| 4.4.9      | Rollout annual random drug and alcohol testing  | Corporate and<br>Community<br>Services   |
| 4.4.9      | Conflict of interest training for new councillors   | Corporate and<br>Community<br>Services   |

| 4.4.9          | Conflict of interest training for staff  | Corporate and<br>Community<br>Services                                    |
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| 4.4.9          | Staff Training - Protection of and access to Public Records  | Corporate and<br>Community<br>Services                                    |
| 4.4.9          | <ul> <li>Review the following policies:</li> <li>Asset capitalisation policy</li> <li>Investment policy</li> <li>Rate recovery policy</li> <li>Financial hardship policy</li> </ul>  | Corporate and<br>Community<br>Services                                    |
| 4.4.9<br>4.4.9 | <ul> <li>Review the following policies:</li> <li>Councillor Code of Conduct</li> <li>Councillor and staff interaction policy</li> <li>Review the following policies: <ul> <li>Asset management policy</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | Corporate and<br>Community<br>Services<br>Infrastructure<br>Development & |
| 4.4.9          | <ul> <li>Development of an asset acquisition policy</li> <li>Review the following policies:</li> <li>Support for public art policy</li> </ul>  | Works<br>Corporate and<br>Community<br>Services                           |
| 4.4.10         | Roll out organisation wide OHS and risk training.<br>OHS and RISK budget includes training on snakes, manual handling, first<br>aid, HSR rep training, and white card  | Corporate and<br>Community<br>Services                                    |
| 4.4.10         | Facilitate skin cancer checks, flu vaccines and others as required   | Corporate and<br>Community<br>Services                                    |
| 4.4.10         | OHS inductions and reinductions  | Corporate and<br>Community<br>Services                                    |
| 4.4.11         | Digitise old shire rate books from 1957 onwards, and minute books (there are 29 books from 1870-1990)  | Corporate and<br>Community<br>Services                                    |
| 4.4.11         | Develop records management policy and strategy   | Corporate and<br>Community<br>Services                                    |
| 4.4.11         | Post implementation of cloud records management system training  | Corporate and<br>Community<br>Services                                    |
| 4.5.1          | Hold four scheduled Audit and Risk Committee meetings  | Corporate and<br>Community<br>Services                                    |
| 4.5.2          | <ul> <li>Internal audits planned for 2024-25:</li> <li>Properties and property owner database</li> <li>Plant and fleet asset</li> </ul>  | Corporate and<br>Community<br>Services                                    |
| 4.5.4          | Annual review of Council's statutory obligations (Nov)   | Corporate and<br>Community<br>Services                                    |
| 4.5.4          | Caretaker period rollout, including induction of new councillors   | Corporate and<br>Community<br>Services                                    |



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