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Council Newsletter

SHIRE OF WYALKATCHEM



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Council's Vision

That Wyalkatchem is an inclusive, dynamic community where all share in a thriving economy and a sustainable, safe and valued environment

Our Purpose

The Council of Wyalkatchem works with the community to protect and enhance the quality of life for current and future generations.



Main Street Discussion

The Wyalkatchem Shire has received \$140,000 as a special, one-off Federal Government contribution towards revitalising Railway Tce. On 9 March, two open community workshops were held to identify improvement opportunities. The following improvements were suggested;

1. Enhance the memorial wall
 - (a) Protect acknowledgement of tidy town organisers
 - (b) In addition to farming pioneers, also recognise early retailers and service providers (eg teachers, doctors, nurses, etc) and the region's aboriginal heritage
 - (c) Extend region to include Korrelocking
 - (d) Provide a linkage to other town sites, things to see and do
 - (e) Wyalkatchem history – a timeline of significant town & regional events
 - (f) Repair mosaics (replace or change)
 - (g) Time capsule – protect
2. Provide story boards around town showing history of earliest shop sites & other town features
3. Encourage people to gather/visit the memorial wall with tasteful shade and seating
4. Establish a Working Group to oversee 1, 2 and 3 by issuing an EOI in the Wylie Weekly seeking volunteers. It's proposed that the Shire provide secretarial support.
5. Basic repair and repaint Railway Terrace shop fronts, subject to owners agreement – potentially provide paint and painting labour, to be confirmed.
6. Resurrect "hay" mural previously displayed at the Railway Terrace / Gamble Street corner. Touch-up other town murals, as necessary.
7. Waterwise Garden – Redevelop garden and explore seating, table/s & shade, subject to not blocking view of mural and site owner consent.
8. Renew existing pergola and BBQ, construct a nature playground inside a pleasant, low care area and link this east and west with a pathway/s.
9. Install solar lights to mark the path from the Caravan Park to the main street precinct.
10. Upgrade asphalt and mark up a car park.
11. Consider creating an RV friendly zone (and dump station) in the vicinity of the existing toilet block.
12. Investigate installing a pedestrian footpath linking CRC to the east. Renew & identify native plants along the Pioneer Trail Walkway.
13. Strategic placement of plants & landscaping.

The Shire will now further develop and cost these ideas. It is likely that delivery of all these ideas will exceed the available budget. Therefore a second round of consultation is likely once the costing is available to assist in prioritising final elements for delivery.

The Shire of Wyalkatchem thanks all those that have contributed their ideas and looks forward to the successful delivery of this project during 2021.



Shire Easter hours

The Shire office opening hours for the Easter long weekend:

Good Friday 2nd April - Closed

Easter Monday 5th April - Closed

Tuesday 6th April - Open 8am

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