



Shire of Dardanup

Major Review of Strategic Community Plan
- Draft Framework for Council Consideration

April 2026



1.0 BACKGROUND

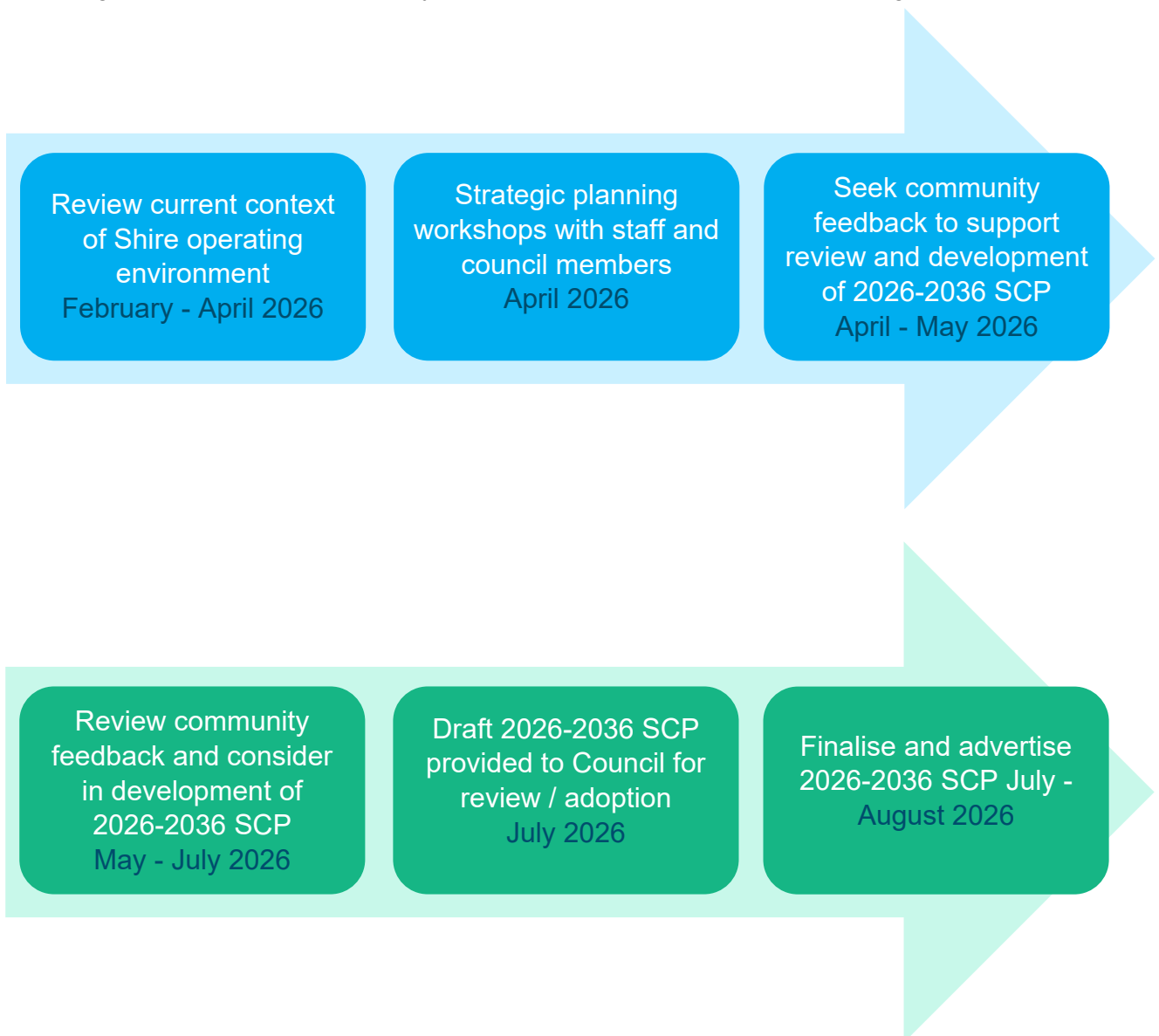
The draft Strategic Community Plan Vision, Mission, Guiding Aspirations and Key Priority Areas and Objectives detailed in this document are the outcome of workshops with the Shire of Dardanup executive team, key staff and council members on 8 April 2026, as part of the major review of the Strategic Community Plan.

These will be presented to Council for consideration on 29 April and presentation at the Town Hall meetings in May for community feedback.

Following the town hall meetings and community feedback these will be reviewed and updated to ensure alignment with community aspirations.

Strategic Community Plan Major Review Timeline and Milestones

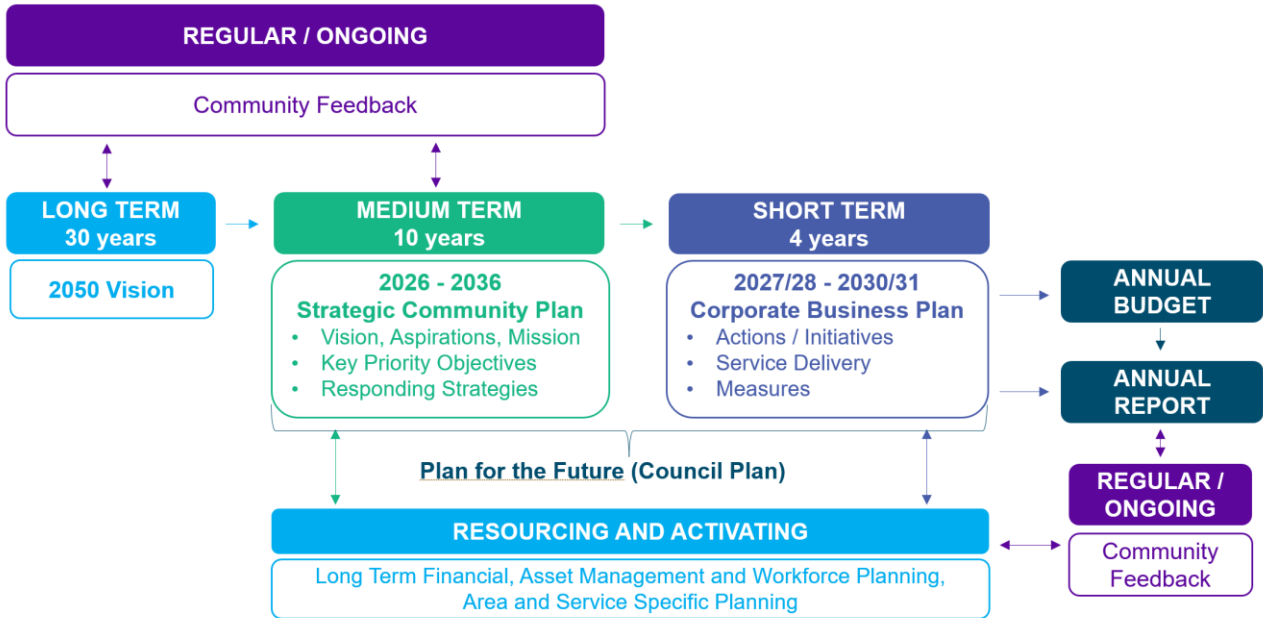
This major review is essential to confirming the Shire's strategic direction for the next ten years. The following shows the process currently undertaken, where we're at and following steps.



1.0 BACKGROUND (CONTINUED)

Strategic Planning Framework

The following diagram illustrates the Shire of Dardanup’s strategic planning framework. This document addresses the high level elements of the Strategic Community Plan major review and development of new 2026-2036 Strategic Community Plan.



2.0 DRAFT STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLAN

The following will be presented at the Town Hall meetings for consideration and feedback from community. Following the community engagement the feedback received will be reviewed and these areas will be amended, if required, to ensure alignment with community aspirations and Council's delivery commitments.

VISION

The Shire of Dardanup is a healthy, self-sufficient and sustainable community, connected and inclusive, and where our culture and innovation are celebrated

MISSION

The Shire aims to provide effective leadership in encouraging balanced growth and development of the shire while recognising diverse community needs

GUIDING ASPIRATIONS

Healthy

The health and wellbeing of the Shire of Dardanup community is cultivated and supports a positive and balanced lifestyle. Residents benefit from the Shire's location and natural environment, strong community connections, sustainable practices, and access to reliable and appropriate services, all of which contribute to improved health outcomes.

A focus on healthy living, supported by accessible health services, recreation facilities, and locally produced food, helps build a connected and supportive community. By reducing barriers to maintaining good health, the Shire fosters a vibrant and healthy population.

People choose to live and remain in the Shire because of the availability of health services, strong community connections, and the overall quality of life it offers.

Self-sufficient

Residents of the Shire of Dardanup have access to a reliable supply of locally produced food and materials, with a strong preference for locally sourced products over imports.

This is supported by the continued growth of traditional farming, the development of local processing and value-adding opportunities, and investment within the Waterloo Industrial Park. Together, these activities strengthen local supply chains and support a resilient local economy.

A strong reputation beyond the Shire for sustainably produced goods helps maintain consistent demand for local products. This demand supports tourism, construction, forestry, manufacturing, and export industries, creating employment opportunities and reinforcing the Shire's long-term self-sufficiency.

2.0 DRAFT STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLAN (CONTINUED)

GUIDING ASPIRATIONS

Sustainable

The Shire of Dardanup is recognised across Western Australia for its commitment to sustainable living. Sustainability is embedded in the way we plan, build and live.

This commitment is reflected in the built environment, particularly in the City of Wanju, where renewable and low-impact construction materials such as timber are widely used. Sustainable practices are further supported through the uptake of alternative energy sources and a circular economy model reducing waste and enabling materials to be processed locally for reuse and recycling.

The Shire's natural environment plays a central role in supporting a sustainable lifestyle. Its ongoing protection and conservation are valued, actively managed, and celebrated as part of the community's identity.

Connected

The Shire of Dardanup offers a range of welcoming and active community spaces and programs designed to bring people together and support strong community connections.

Community spaces, facilities, and programs play a central role in daily life across the Shire. They are thoughtfully designed to support multiple uses, encourage interaction, and build community spirit. Inclusive and creative programs ensure participation is open to everyone, regardless of age, income, ability, location, or cultural background. All residents have the opportunity to feel valued and contribute to their local community.

The Shire's diverse townsites and neighbourhoods are physically connected through a modern transport network. Extensive walking and cycling paths, help people stay connected to places, services, and each other.

Innovative

The Shire of Dardanup is recognised as a leader in research, development, and innovation across food production, energy, and advanced manufacturing.

A forward-thinking and adaptable approach enables the community to respond quickly to change and confidently adopt new technologies. Innovation is evident across communication, transport, energy, waste management, food production, and construction, supporting more efficient and sustainable ways of living and working.

The Shire's reputation for innovation is strengthened through industry clusters and strong partnerships encouraging collaboration, skill-sharing, and learning. These opportunities attract investment, support local businesses, and deliver positive economic outcomes for the region.

Innovation and collaboration are further supported through the use of Smart City technologies, data, and digital tools. This includes accessible platforms, such as online community dashboards, providing timely feedback on environmental performance, including water and energy use, water quality, and carbon emissions, helping the community make informed and responsible decisions.

2.0 DRAFT STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLAN (CONTINUED)

KEY PRIORITY AREA OBJECTIVES

Leadership

We provide future-focused leadership that is fair, open and responsible. We build the capability of our people, processes and technology to engage the community, deliver transparent and accountable governance, support informed decision-making, and enable effective long-term planning for the Shire.

Through strong advocacy, sustainable resource management and active community engagement, our leadership builds trust and supports sustainable growth for the benefit of current and future generations.

Environment

We protect, enhance and responsibly manage the Shire's natural and built environment by safeguarding biodiversity, waterways and green spaces, maintaining valued rural and urban landscapes, and embedding sustainable, climate-resilient practices into planning, development and operations.

We deliver effective waste management and environmental health services, plan for climate resilience, and work in partnership with our community to foster shared responsibility for the environment. Our approach ensures the Shire's natural character and quality of life endure for future generations.

Community

We support a healthy, inclusive and resilient community by delivering and facilitating accessible services, programs and spaces that keep people connected, safe and supported, strengthen vibrant townsites, and promote wellbeing, recreation, learning and cultural expression.

We foster belonging through events, volunteering and active community participation, ensuring families, young people and seniors feel valued and included. The Shire is recognised for supporting wellbeing, emergency preparedness and participation across all ages and abilities.

2.0 DRAFT STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLAN (CONTINUED)

KEY PRIORITY AREA OBJECTIVES

Prosperity

We support a diverse, resilient and innovative local economy by working in partnership with industry, government, regional and community stakeholders to strengthen rural industries, grow local employment and unlock the potential of strategic growth areas.

We promote tourism, attract investment and support local businesses through innovation, entrepreneurship and workforce development, building long-term prosperity. We advocate for the housing availability and infrastructure needed to support sustainable economic growth.

Amenity

We plan, provide and maintain affordable, accessible and well-designed infrastructure, facilities and public spaces enhancing liveability and reflect the distinct character of the Shire.

We manage growth sustainably by balancing new development with the rural identity and natural character valued by our community, while ensuring assets remain fit for purpose, sustainable and responsive to community needs. We deliver connected transport networks, quality parks and open spaces, and plan for housing diversity to support a growing population.

3.0 SERVICE DELIVERY LINKAGE

Services and facilities provided by the Shire are linked with the relevant priority area of the Strategic Community Plan in the following table. The table provides a connection between the services and facilities and the desired outcomes and community vision for the Shire of Dardanup.

Services/Facilities	Key Priority Area	Directorate
Community Development	Community	Community & Economic Development
Community Events	Community	Community & Economic Development
Eaton Recreation Centre	Community Amenity	Community & Economic Development
Economic Development	Prosperity Leadership	Community & Economic Development
Library	Community	Community & Economic Development
Place & Community Development	Community Amenity	Community & Economic Development
Customer Service	Leadership Community	Corporate & Governance
Financial Services	Leadership	Corporate & Governance
Governance	Leadership	Corporate & Governance
Information Services	Leadership	Corporate & Governance
Information Technology	Leadership	Corporate & Governance
Business Solutions	Leadership	Corporate & Governance
Building Services (Regulatory)	Leadership Amenity	Development Services
Community & Emergency Management Services	Leadership Environment Community	Development Services
Environmental Health Services (Regulatory)	Leadership Environment Amenity	Development Services
Planning (Statutory and Strategic)	Leadership Amenity Prosperity	Development Services
Ranger & Emergency Services	Leadership Environment Community	Development Services
Asset Management	Amenity	Infrastructure
Cemeteries	Amenity	Infrastructure
Collie River Foreshore	Amenity	Infrastructure
Community Buildings	Community Amenity	Infrastructure
Drainage, Storm Water & Bridges	Amenity Environment	Infrastructure
Infrastructure Planning & Design	Amenity	Infrastructure
Mick Bennett Make-It Space	Community	Infrastructure

3.0 SERVICE DELIVERY LINKAGE (CONTINUED)

Services/Facilities	Key Priority Area	Directorate
Parks & Environment	Community Environment Amenity	Infrastructure
Playgrounds	Community Amenity	Infrastructure
Recreation Facilities	Community Amenity	Infrastructure
Roads, Verges & Footpaths	Amenity Environment	Infrastructure
Trails & Pathways	Amenity Environment	Infrastructure
Waste Management & Sustainability	Environment	Infrastructure
Works (Operations)	Amenity	Infrastructure
Communications & Marketing	Leadership Community	Office of the CEO
Human Resources	Leadership	Office of the CEO
Regional Collaboration	Leadership Prosperity	Office of the CEO
Work Health & Safety	Leadership	Office of the CEO

4.0 DRAFT TERMINOLOGY

As part of the Context Paper and recommendations, a glossary of standardised terminology is to be confirmed to be used in future planning and delivery documents development.

The following tables are to support document development and are not part of the information to be provided at the Town Hall meetings but are rather an administrative process. However, these need to be clearly articulated in any documents to assist the reader understand intent.

Strategic Community Plan, Corporate Business Plan and Council Plan

The following table identifies the terminology used in the Strategic Community Plan (SCP), Corporate Business Plan (CBP) and Council Plan (CP).

TERMINOLOGY	DEFINITION
Vision and Aspirations	Broad, long-term statements articulating the community's desired future for the district, informed by community engagement and documented in the Strategic Community Plan.
Mission	A clear statement of the Shire's purpose and role in working toward the community's vision and aspirations.
Priority Area	Key themes identified through community engagement that reflect the Shire's core areas of responsibility and align with the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> requirement to promote economic, social and environmental sustainability. The Shire of Dardanup's priority areas are: Leadership, Environment, Community, Prosperity and Amenity.
Priority Area Objective	A clear statement describing what the Shire seeks to achieve within each priority area over the long term.
Responding Strategy	Statements describing how the Shire will work toward achieving each priority area objective over the life of the Strategic Community Plan. Multiple responding strategies may support a single objective.
Activation	Specific initiatives and activities delivered through the Corporate Business Plan which give effect to responding strategies over the short term (typically four years) and progress achievement of the objectives.
Performance Measure	Clear indicators used to assess progress toward achieving objectives and implementing strategies, with results reported in the Annual Report of the local government.

4.0 DRAFT TERMINOLOGY (CONTINUED)

The following table identifies the different roles the Shire may undertake, some initiatives and activities may require more than one role. The role/s the Shire intends to take will be indicated for each activation item.

TERMINOLOGY	DEFINITION
Advocate	We lead and represent the community on key issues
Facilitate	We coordinate local groups and agencies to achieve positive community benefits
Partner	We form strategic alliances in the interests of the community
Provide	We provide community infrastructure, essential services and community engagement activities to meet local needs
Fund	We help to fund organisations to deliver essential community services
Regulate	We enforce statutory requirement

The following table identifies the delivery terms to be used across all planning and delivery documents the develops.

TERMINOLOGY	DEFINITION
Long Term	10 + years
Medium Term	5 – 10 years
Short Term	0 – 4 years
Ongoing	Ongoing

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