



Let's Talk

Community Vision Plan Community Engagement Findings Report

January 2021

Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge and pay respect to the Traditional Custodians of the land and waters, the Ngarrindjeri & Ngarkat People whose ancestral lands are on which we meet.

We acknowledge the deep feelings of attachment and relationship of Aboriginal people to country and pay our respects to Elders past and present. We also extend that respect to all First Nation People.

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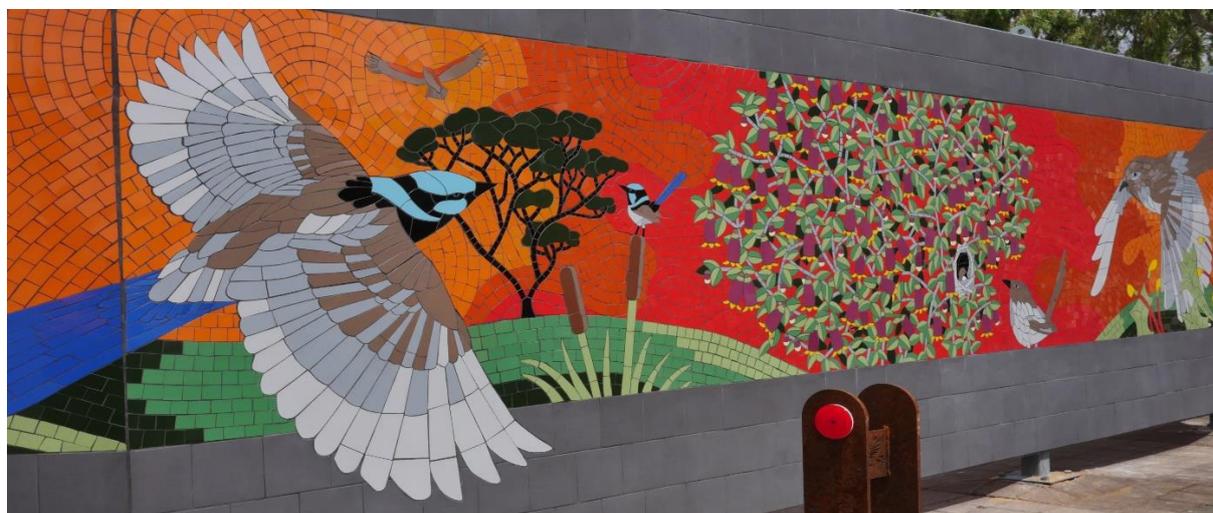
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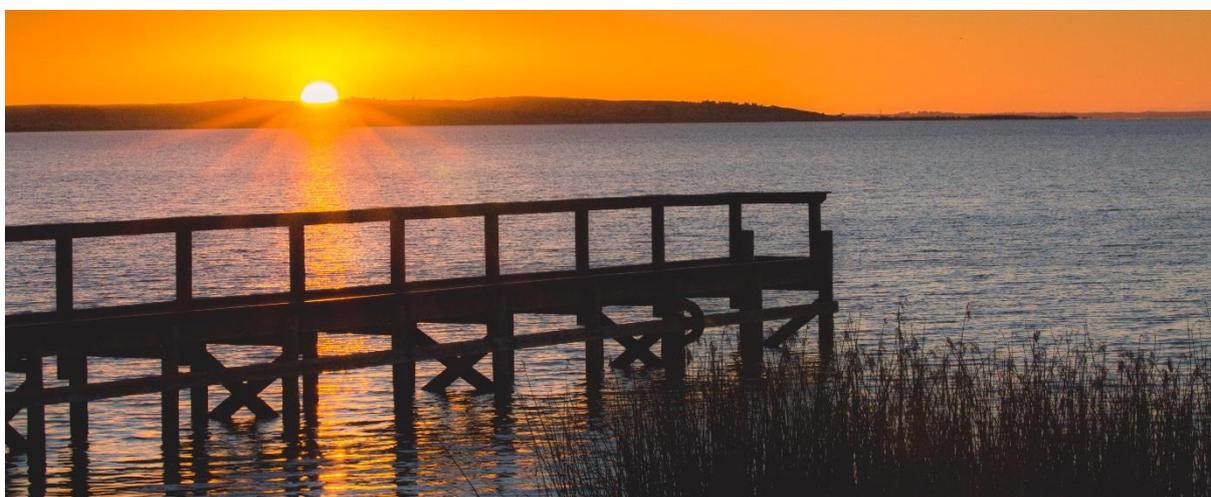
Background

Council is required under the Local Government Act (1999) to develop a strategic management plan.

Coorong District Council has developed an overarching four-year Community Vision Plan to inform its asset management plans, capital works program, workforce development plan and annual business plans for a four-year period, 2021-2025. The Plan also considers, and influences, other regional plans and strategies.

The Community Vision plan is used to:

- help set a clear vision and objectives for the district, in consultation with the community, and builds a framework on how it will work towards these;
- addresses issues important to the community;
- address issues of importance for Council;
- manage its resources, people and assets in a sustainable way;
- align its efforts with the wider Council district and also the vision of the South Australian and Australian governments.



A snapshot of the region

The Local Government Area

The region that makes up the Coorong District Council area is one of the most diverse in South Australia.

Spread over 8,832 square kilometres, it comprises three distinctively different zones; the tourism and grain gateway of Tailem Bend, wetlands and waterways of the Murray and Coorong and the food-bowl of the Upper South East. Each is connected to the other but is unique in its character, and together they combine to present opportunity for current and future generations.

This community spans a diverse age range, with approximately 25% aged 19 years or younger, a similar percentage above 65 and a median age of 46 years. A third of households have young children, and 28% are sole occupants across a 50:50 split of male and female. This balance is better than the Australian average.

Our region's environment highlights world-class diversity, covering 883,500 hectares of land and 46,800 hectares of lakes. The district is home to a number of significant areas including:

- Murray River, Lakes and Coorong – Australia's greatest waterway linked by a mixture of wide open spaces
- Coorong and Lower Lakes Ramsar sites – both considered nationally and internationally significant
- Aboriginal lands including Raukkan Community, Camp Coorong and Wilderness Lodge
- The Murray Mouth

The region displays economic diversity across 720 businesses covering tourism, service, motorsports and agriculture contributing to over 2,400 jobs and a gross regional product of \$326 million. Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing employs 39% of the 5,429 residents and generates \$220 million for the region.

Demographic Profile

Coorong District Council

- Median age of residents = 46 years of aged
- 50% Males
- 49 % females
- 22% of the population are aged 65 plus
- 27% of the population are aged 19 years and under
- 6.1% of the population identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

- 680 (30.3%) households with children
- 28% of the population are lone households
- Median weekly household income = \$922
- Median weekly mortgage repayments = \$202
- Median weekly rent = \$133
- 27% of the population have a mortgage

Agriculture employs more of the area's resident workforce than any other industry sector and employing more than 39.7% of the districts population.

In 2016, Coorong District Council area had a higher proportion of children (under 18) and a higher proportion of persons aged 60 or older than RDA Murraylands and Riverland region.

The age structure of Coorong District Council area provides key insights into the level of demand for age-based services and facilities such as childcare and residential care. It is an indicator of Coorong District Council area's residential role and function and how it is likely to change in the future.

Community Engagement

In accordance with Council's Community Engagement Policy, initial engagement for the Community Vision Plan 2021 -2025 was undertaken over a six (6) week period. During this time community members were invited to participate and contribute to the development of the plan through either completing a submission form, providing feedback direct via email, phone and face to face or attending a community workshop.

The workshops and submission form were developed around the themes of Infrastructure, Environment, Economy, Community and Leadership. The submission form also sought and encouraged additional feedback.

Six community workshops were conducted across the district with approximately 97 community members attending and providing valuable input and putting forward their thoughts for the district.

Council developed two (2) versions of the submission form which included an online version and a printed version. Access to these forms were made available via Council's website, links via electronic and social media distribution, as well as printed copies located at all Council offices and local post offices.

The findings and feedback obtained from 251 participating community members and stakeholders has been used to guide and assist in the development of the strategies outlined in this plan.

Community participation

Over 251 people contributed to the community engagement period:

- 97 people participated by contributing to community discussions held during 6 workshops held across the district.
- 19 people completed the online submission form
- 93 people completed a printed copy of the submission form
- 2 people made written submissions
- 23 Council Staff and Council Members participated in workshop presentations
- 17 key stakeholder, community groups and service providers were consulted over the phone

Communications

Council commenced an extensive campaign to encourage participation and this was carried out via various methods including:

- Media release distributed to over 37 regional media outlets
- Online digital submission form developed and distributed

- Media release and submission form promoted via two editions of e-newsletter (distributed to over 1,300 subscribers and further shared to over 6,500 Facebook followers)
- One separate e-newsletter distributed to over 1,300 subscribers and further shared to over 6,500 Facebook followers
- Facebook posts scheduled:
 - 13 November 2020 – reached 867 people
 - 24 November 2020 – reached 617 people
 - 26 November 2020 – reached 273 people
 - 27 November 2020 – reached 147 people
 - 30 November 2020 – reached 139 people
 - 30 November 2020 – reached 972 people
 - 1 December 2020 – reached 144 people
 - 4 December 2020 – reached 151 people
- Facebook events created and shared
- Direct mail campaign to over 3,150 ratepayers
- A3 Posters created and displayed at high traffic points across the district (ie. post office, supermarket, bank, community notice board)
- Six Community planning workshops held across the district:
 - Meningie – 28 community members attended
 - Narrung – 7 community members attended
 - Peake – 8 community members attended
 - Tintinara – 23 community members attended
 - Coonalpyn - 10 community members attended
 - Taillem Bend – 21 community members attended

Findings from the community engagement process are used to guide development of the 2021-2025 Community Vision Plan.



Above: Community members taking part in Community Vision Plan workshop at Meningie, 30 November 2020.

Summary

Community engagement participants provided feedback and input into five (5) key areas including Infrastructure, Environment, Economy, Community and Leadership.

Within each of these themes emerged a range of sub-themes and these sub-themes will drive the strategies and actions implemented to be undertaken over the coming four years.

Engagement results

- An estimated 7% of the district's ratepayers contributed to providing feedback
- 46% of participants attended a workshop
- 54% of participants completed a submission form
 - 17% were completed online
 - 83% were completed as hardcopies
- Over 64% total respondents were aged 55+
 - 59% of respondents to the General Survey were 55+
 - 75% of respondents to the Easy-Read survey were 55+
- Community participation was at its highest with 26.3% of feedback received from Meningie residents
 - 23% of feedback came from Tailem Bend
 - 16% of feedback came from Tintinara
 - 9% of feedback came from Coonalpyn
 - 6.3% of feedback came from Wellington East

Engagement feedback

The community was asked to provide feedback on the following themes (Infrastructure, Environment, Economy, Community and Leadership). The topics and information contained below is a synthesis of feedback captured during the workshops, conversations and via submission forms.

Infrastructure

Infrastructure top captured priorities

Road Maintenance & Construction

Town Beautification / Town Entrances / TB Highway corridor

Footpaths / Footpath lighting

Parks and Garden Maintenance

Infrastructure / Programs to support Tourism / Visitors

Access, Activate and Infrastructure for Riverfronts, lakes and wetlands

Toilets

Traffic Management

Water Supply & infrastructure

Telecommunications

Activate empty buildings

Trails development

The following comments appear verbatim¹ as submitted on feedback forms:

- Footpaths Lighting. Telecommunications in Narrung, Salt Creek and across the area
- Infrastructure very good, carpark behind Foodland at Meningie would be good
- More footpath works need to be done, paths are rubble and uneven.
- Roads need to be sealed in particular Jaensch Rd. This road has two business on it that have a dirt road that becomes slippery in winters, dust ridden in summer.
- The Salt Creek Road could be upgraded 'badly' very rough and deteriorating. The island in between DPTI and Council could need an upgrade of better management. Toilets 'let us discuss'
- Put a tunnel under road from Kulde Road to main street, people have to walk a long way around and gophers have difficulty crossing railway line
- Needs more trees planted all over Taillem Bend area to replace those trees that were destroyed.
- The railway crossing by the main street needs work as vehicles tyres are being damaged by the crossing
- Becker Terrace footpaths need clearing up especially between Carcuma Rd and High Street. Brick paving would look good but between the path and road is untidy and does not look good.
- Also get somebody to repaint the stobie poles which have our history planted on them. Plant some trees, looks too bare.

¹ some minor editing has occurred to remove names and inappropriate comments

- "Footpaths and roads are well maintained, except the rail crossing by the community centre is hard on the car and is getting rougher for all vehicles.
- Needs more trees planted in the parks and gardens"
- Seal the Parkin Hall Rd out to piggery entrance. This section is constantly used by heavy vehicles supplying feed and transporting pigs. It is a link road for locals going to Peake and Sherlock.
- From Beehives/ On the Lucerne & Canola & Almond Crops & Trees & National Parks. We'd love to have our silo's (wheat) painted. E.g. Honey/Beekeepers represented as there are a lot of business beekeepers in Tintinara. It would be different to what is found around the country and also bring people into Tintinara (Tourists)
- Lack of footpaths around Jallarah. When the Narrung Road footpath was resurfaced 2 years ago, the surface is corrugated, too rough to ride a push bike on. Council should check on contractors work before signing off.
- Lions Park shelter & BBQ area needs upgrading.
- Outside of kindergarten is very busy & may need parking area e.g. angle parking.
- Footpaths need good lighting not from the other side of the road
- Upgrade country roads to encourage tourism
- Toilets! Desperately needed in Taillem Bend. Long delayed is there a problem with finding a contractor? If so, budget allocated immediately needed to be raised. Health hazard especially in Covid times. A blot on town for tourists. Meningie has wonderful toilets. Why is Taillem neglected. Worst toilets in entire region and South East
- As reported numerous times/years we need park benches and tables in Tennis/Playground area. Nowhere for mums and grandparents to sit down/eat lunch/breast feed etc. We need art gallery (in Council Chambers Tinti & Meningie 9-5, no weekends) for art on weeks and public holidays. Travellers travel on weekends and public holidays. Old hall in Taillem Bend near Police Station.
- What happened to cement footpath, hot mix dumped on the surface is not lasting and looks cheap and ugly
- To keep Lucas and Two Wells Road maintain roads in Tintinara
- Main infrastructure important to us is drinkable water piped to our homes
- I would like more footpaths for safe working. Railway Tce - Highway
- Speed reduced at the corner of Policeman Point old roadhouse where there is a turning into housing estate
- Dump Point for RV & Caravans. This needs to be in the main street near the toilets. Set up a 'free' camp here as well. This will encourage people to stay a few days and spend money. Development more tourist pop up shops
- Empty buildings (next to ANZAC Memorial Park) on Narrung Road. Perhaps something for youth of town?
- Boat ramp pier lighting. Park adjacent boat ramp by vacant block next to boat ramp from owner and add to park.
- Beautify town area. Service station, a must have
- Peter Rd is in very bad disrepair. Hasn't had any real work done since the early 80s. The road is like a sheep trough, especially the 5km in the middle area of Peter Rd. Paid rates for 50years, little reward
- the infrastructure in the town looks beautiful. The Lions Parks, everything, but we're a little disgruntled regarding the way our driveway tar drip all over our new concrete

edging. Quarry rubble on medium strip that was driven over and compacted the land. We're trying to make our house look nice, but we would really like you to fix it.

- Maintain the growth between the Pelican Path and the lake better. It's a snake haven. But generally, the park is really nice and well looked after
- Seal road past my place up to town rail entry to reduce dust due to increased heavier vehicle traffic. Don't need recycling or green waste bins so a reduction in waste charge
- Development and beautification of Princes Hwy median strip and town entrance. More shade along footpaths in all townships.
- Development of area opposite Foodland next to old Taillem Bend Station Masters house into nice outdoor seated area. Upgrade the old station masters house to history museum or a place of community interest and visitor interest. Shift art gallery here etc.
- Please make toilet upgrade a priority upgrade this year for our main street.
- No decent footpaths. Every street and road should have at least one that is safe to walk on without walking on weeds & fallen debris
- More development of river frontage in particular the area behind the hospital, was partially done many years ago as a work skill program and also more management of Fred's Landing, even a bitumen bike/walking trail from the town to Fred's Landing along the cliff
- The buildings in the street including the town hall look dirty. I hate the weeds from the footpath & highway blowing in my yard. I work very hard to keep my yard nice and weed free, if Council don't maintain it, it makes it very hard for me. I would like to see more plants in the main street.
- Continue to maintain all assets to a high standard and upgrade when finances allow
- Footpath and wetlands walkway between George Mason Road and Wellington ferry via Ferry Road and across wildlife wetlands. Clean water (filtered) for Wellington East. The existing water is very dirty. Non-potable is okay but needs to be filtered of sediment
- Reserves are maintained well. We do however have a lot of vacant land between George Mason St & Pangarinda Dr. This area is seen as a great place for off road bikes, unregistered vehicles etc to 'hoon around'. Council placed an 'unauthorised vehicles prohibited' sign each side of the land but access around them is easy. Some are holiday makers, but some offenders live here.
- We are appalled at the lack of control and management of grant funds and their usage. The netball courts toilets at Peake are a typical example of how funds are spent without accountability for results. Who is responsible and who pays for the poor workmanship? It should not be ratepayers and councillors & Council management should be made accountable
- Provide better lighting for Coomandook footpath. Truck parking facilities opposite side of highway away from houses in Coomandook
- Footpaths all the way up Railway Terrace to the silos
- Looking around our district, why does Taillem Bend have so few footpaths. We are the most populated and pay the most rates & taxes of the towns
- Footpaths so if we feel the need to exercise i.e. Walk safely without falling on dirt, rocks etc rather than having to walk on the road.?
- On the old CFS Stations. What can be done with this building and land?
- Generally everything the council maintains is to a good standard. The lawns near the sailing club were prickly & dry but are improving as the sprinklers are used more

often. One disappointing aspect is the beaches (at the park & near the sailing club) I understand that erosion is a factor, however the rocks & sandbags used to stop erosion make it difficult to use these beaches for recreations (especially with smaller children)

- Would be nice to see all the walking trails and disc golf course maintained. Needs regravelling and trees trimmed. Signs re-erected
- Peter Road particularly between our house (940 Peter Rd) and my brother and nephews place (towards Sherlock) badly needs work done on them. As when it is wet, the road is like a quagmire - dangerous
- Would like to see all roads within the residential area sealed and kerbed
- Bituminise Nine Mile Road as it gets worn down during harvest with B Double trucks going along all day long.
- Pretty keen for upgrade entry both ends of Tailern Bend. Information in main street
- New toilet block would make the town look more attractive
- Public toilets all need to be updated. Toilets at football club are old and un-hygienic and toilets in main street are an embarrassment
- Need jetty at boat ramp to make it easier to use. Need public toilet at boat ramp
- Toilets, On Adelaide side of town - picture of tree indicated parking bay 2kms ahead. The other side of town have a picture of a camera indicated that there is something of significance worthy of photo.
- I believe an interpretive centre on the Meningie lake shore near the current recreational facilities would create interest & visitation and hold people in the area. The emphasis would be on the aboriginal heritage of the area as well as general history.
- Wellington East really needs the proposed recreational area to go ahead as it is taking this draw card and community space for such a pleasant area near the boat ramp
- "Most of our population centres are characterised by mature-phase landscapes that are affected by a gradual decline in canopy trees. This is occurring at a time that the intensity of heat events and associated health implications is rising. A strategy for landscape management including succession plantings and canopy maintenance is required. Note that the Meningie Lake frontage is a prime example, but the strategy should apply across the Council."
- "It would be good to see some of the community assets being utilised for youth in the area and to attract younger (professionals) families to the area by offering incentives (cheap land, rate reductions, youth projects). Most towns have good infrastructure. Council could lobby for regulations on empty buildings (new purchaser to renovate within a year perhaps with the incentive of a reduced rate).
- Under-utilised council facilities could be given a second purpose"
- "Living on Yarindale Road, I am of course very concerned with the repair and maintenance of the unsealed roads in the area. Yarindale Road is a busy road, with a lot of heavy vehicle traffic, as well as school bus, and many families accessing not only the Meningie school bus, but also the Link bus, meeting that on Macintosh Highway. For the safety of all concerned, the road needs regular maintenance, and not just the dust scraped over potholes- which lasts a few days and then is just as bad again."
- "Always on the list is improved roads.
- Canoe Polo and swimming carnival infrastructure in at Lake Indawarra.

- Outdoor Gym equipment at the Brownie park would assist older residents and young mums to stay fit and socialise in an environment that has an inherently lower risk for infectious disease spread, particularly if an agreement was reached with local service groups to keep the facilities disinfected.
- Some form of additional council support to the CFS to make their lives easier (waterpoints, machinery etc) as climate change means we get hotter, more frequent fires.
- Construction of a shelter and repair jetty/ install a kayak launch point at Salt Creek"
- "great to see work done on the pool, it's a unique community asset.
- The main street of Coonalpyn with two abandoned Service Stations looks dreadful"
- Work with Federal and State governments to replace the barrages with a world class engineering 'wonder' which is trafficable and a tourism draw card.
- Completed Coonalpyn pool and building refurbishment and update the RV park
- "There are quite a few substandard footpaths in Coonalpyn. Some have been recently upgraded, but others are woeful. E.g., there is no easy walking from George Terrace to the main part of the town!"
- Roads are not bad. Town is generally untidy, and properties have been allowed to get overgrown with weeds with no consequences.
- Entries to the town are shocking with two abandoned buildings adding to the general bad look.
- Roads in the area not bad. Parks, like Tauragat Well are generally bad. Have been upgraded recently through Lions Club."
- "I would like to see the numbers at houses upgraded. My husband is a SAS volunteer at Coonalpyn and says finding some numbers at night is terrible I would think CFS would have same problem too.
- Coonalpyn doesn't have flowers extra but just nice shrubbery that's watered and looks respectable
- The 2 townhouses each end of the town are an eyesore and don't give confidence to the locals or travellers
- Should be encouraged to keep neat and tidy
- The archives at Coonalpyn Hall need to have some money spent to keep our history safe a computer to have another form of history keeping would great with extra hard drivers off site for safety
- The caravan park toilets and showers are terrible need to have upgrade if you talk to travellers thats the first thing they say and also more time for cleaners to clean"
- A sensory garden and 0 to 5 friendly nature play space is needed in our area. All other public playgrounds are aimed older
- "Replacement of the current BBQ shelter and adjoining shelter, located in the Lions Jubilee Park, Princes Highway, Meningie, as discussed and planned back in late 2017 and on-site inspections with previous council-manager/staff on 14th March 2018, a band aid fix up with old BBQs with the replacement of Designated New stainless-steel BBQs allocated for this project that didn't get off the ground"
- "suggest council takes a collaborative approach with the railways department to clean up the look surrounding railway tracks/buildings which is clearly visible to the community as it is a distraction from the town for locals and tourists alike.
- I also would like to see a consistent maintenance schedule for weed control, street scapes and the like. It seems that too many things are outsourced to contractors for this job and hence the town and surrounds are looking disgraceful.

- Consistent lease arrangements for all council assets would also benefit the community and council saving council issues of trying to work out which rebates and compensations apply to various user groups. This could be done by a percentage method to make it equitable."
- "I have had discussions with Council regarding the installation of a diesel generator as a back up power supply for the Wellington East non potable water supply.
- I believe Council should look at installing a floating pontoon at the Wellington East boat ramp to make retrieval and launching much safer and easier especially in windy conditions.
- I also believe the Developer of the Marina was forced by Council to put in the necessary plumbing etc to enable Council to erect a toilet block at the boat ramp.
- I understand from discussions Council were going to construct a road (I believe this is probably the goat track Weber Road) to reduce the traffic on George Mason Street. None of these items seem to have been constructed by Council. Reducing the traffic on George Mason Street may help to alleviate the problem of drivers far exceeding the current speed limit."
- "Darren does an amazing job (contributing after hours and caring for the community) but he needs help. We are understaffed for outside community facilities for geographical location.
- Taillem Bend looks terrible the weeds are out of control heading into fire/snake season.
- Mowing standard is poor, and the footpaths are dangerous with tripping hazards.
- The main street, rail corridor and Highway are disgraceful.
- The football club entrance floods, amenities are unsatisfactory which is promoted as a tourist RV destination. Our community deserves better."
- "We think it would be good to have a name and sign for the dirt road between Pangarinda and George Mason roads.
- Also, we would like to explore supplying potable water to Wellington East"
- "Sealed road condition over whole council area -many overdue for resealing. Edge & shoulder work has been nearly non-existent, more potholes than acceptable. Due to a lack of money spent over last 6-7 years to meet required maintained requirements (as shown in Councils own reports) these problems are becoming more & more urgent. to continue to neglect this problem will reflect badly on this management.
- Weed control & fire prevention on council lands should be done as soon as required as to set an example to the rest of the community in a positive manner."
- "Would love to see some seating and landscaping, including bins and doggy bags on lakefront land in front of Meningie museum, adjacent caravan park.
- Also, footpath cracks repaired. Area gets used by both locals and tourists staying at nearby caravan park."

The following comments were expressed at the six community workshops:

- Need a no parking sign on the silos side yellow lines between the Pub and the PO need updating
- Get the pool going earlier...it is never ready for the first hot weather
- Pavers between PO and Pub
- Ramp at PO and Pub
- Roads and footpaths need upgrading to help prevent slips and trips...we are ageing
- Hard rubbish collection to assist with tidying the town
- Stormwater upgrade – corner Peake and Malcolm
- Storm water upgrade...really bad in some spots
- Toilet blocks
- Parks and gardens need beautification
- Not what we want...but need to get rid of...servos x 2 + supermarket
- Gardens to improve the aesthetics
- Abandoned buildings and blocks need to be tidied and made presentable
- Unsafe fencing needs to be remediated.
- Re-fence old dam area...current is unsafe and inadequate
- Keep the grass down around the entrance signs
- Tree maint + removal of dead trees
- Footy club...support the club to keep it green over summer
- Sprinklers at toilets ...change the watering pattern
- BMX track needs some love
- Maintain the existing...need more manpower...too much time lost in travelling
- Kindy angle parking – Edward Street
- Buildings – old CFS 2nd hand furniture...fund raiser
- Community Bus
- Lights along footpaths
- Footpaths – one in every street (Jallarah to main street- Jallarah Court to Sth Tce – to surgery and day care
- Footpaths around the local aged care facility and units
- Water frontage needs to be user friendly - reeds
- BBQ in Lions Park upgrade + remove existing building now
- Pedestrian crossing at hospital
- Pink Lake Fence – need better parking and safer environment – rails on road edge
- 2 fences...one to protect the lake and another to protect the visitors
- Road edges/Shoulders need upgrading
- Repairs to the Princes Highway – coming from Meningie just before the dip + just north of Narrung turnoff-very undulating
- Dirt Rds. – e.g. Yumali Rd – just grading...don't cut it
- Seal Parnka Pt Rd
- Sealing of 7-mile rd. + add bike path
- Sealing of 7-mile road + bike track to Princes Highway
- Yarrindale Rd upgrade
- Oval Precinct upgrade with toilets and shade and ½ court
- Community – bike racks in the main street
- Sun shelter for children's playground

- Picnic tables and Shelter on 7-mile road
- Shelter at Browns Beach
- Shelter and Toilets at 7-mile Road
- Toilets at CCI – (unisex) as they are back-ups for community toilets
- Finish off toilet in park...get wet when rains
- Lakeside landscaping north of Meningie...Browns Beach
- Clean up the pig pen on Warangie Dr.
- Clean up Faulkner St + other rubbish
- Council to influence DPTI re speeds around school
- Bike path around lake and across the barrage
- History trail down Main Street
- Interpretative Walking trail next to 7 mile rd.
- Wadmore House and surrounds-for community garden
- Play water fountain musical
- Need for water stations for travellers
- Lake Albert signage
- Signage at McGrath Flat
- Bird Hide and viewing areas
- Additional Boating facilities to accommodate Goolwa to Meningie
- Jetty/Floating pontoon + boat ramp
- Bringing tourists from Goolwa
- Broaden Tourist exposure – Jock V and Coorong Cruise
- Enhance the experience
- Roads – shoulder repairs – Meningie to Narrung Road
- Grain Truck access – Loveday Bay Rd
- Bitumen access to Coorong
- Hire car access to Coorong
- Limited Internet – more reliable phone and internet – needed to run modern day machinery and farm management system
- Reduce isolation due to connectivity - telemedicine
- Aquatic Env't/Infrastructure – circuit road Raukkan- Narrung
- Touring Route - infrastructure, safe speed limits, safe parking
- Cemetery - fix up fences, restoration of site – preserve the site (Story of Narrung)
- War Memorial---who is responsible?
- Replace the Barrages
- Bridge from Narrung to Goolwa
- Asset updates
- Coonalpyn pool
- Coonalpyn Dog Park
- Lighting footpaths
- Footpaths
- Improved Nature Parks
- Improve Highway...Meningie to Taillem Bend, Ki KI to Coonalpyn
- Improve up track to Culburra, Macintosh rd.
- Trilby Rd upgrade
- Improve 7 mile road + Carcuma and Maley Rds
- Bituminise the through roads

- Update RV parks
- Shelter at Lions Park
- Telecommunication 'black spots'
- Toilets
- Heavy mass limit as standard for roads
- Four Lanes to "The Bend"
- Wadmore House
- Cleaner water to East Wellington
- Signage
- Town Infrastructure...roads, footpaths, access
- Give Princes Highway a Birthday
- Roads and buildings up to scratch
- Presentation of Infrastructure
- Suitable water tank access and signage for fire fighting
- More regular maint of parks and gardens and cemetery
- Regular trimming of hedge in Peake parking Bay
- Parks and gardens regular mowing throughout the area including towns of Sherlock, Jabuk, Peake...parking bay and cemetery
- Trimming the war memorial hedge in the Peake parking bay at appropriate times of the year
- Playgrounds
- Local playground opposite hall
- Road Construction methodology
- Extend cattle road to Jabuk rd. for fire access
- Construct a bitumen road from the Mallee Highway to Peake cemetery
- Roads to support agriculture activity
- Road maintenance and construction
- Strengthen roads to handle larger trucks
- Regular main of unsealed roads
- Regular ongoing maint of unsealed roads ...reconstruction and grading
- More bitumen along Netherton rd.
- Bitumen rd. to cemetery
- Better phone reception
- Clean up around the Viterra site
- Township water...more storage + generator for power outages
- Overpass or better traffic management at the bend
- Arts amphitheatre
- Footpaths needed
- Footpath repair is needed
- Coorong District has 2 greatest assets...river and lake...need proper utilisation of the existing assets
- Tunnel under highway for pedestrian and gopher access
- Seal and perhaps kerbs in residential areas
- Move caravan dump point in TB
- Parks with exercise equipment/fitness
- Exercise equipment
- Medium strip is disgusting

- Posts are still there after the green hose was taken down
- Liaise with highways to improve median strip on highway
- Community hub...improve facilities and community involvement...looking for a project manager to take over the role
- Combined sports club
- Improvement to mobile phone coverage
- Toilets...they are disgraceful at clubs a public area
- Main roadway through TB requires major facelift
- Develop land under hospital...make it child safe
- Presentation of the entrances at each end
- Town entrances...improve outlook, highway, ferry, Karoonda Rd, light up tower as a statement
- Trucks...monitor grain trucks through the township...divert traffic
- Bus service
- Water supply to Wellington East
- Better signage
- Weed spraying when they are short
- Railway reserve - weeds and trees
- Youth activity centre in old CFS building...have a safe place for kids to go...maybe redevelopment of BMX /Skate Park
- Water availability for fire fighting
- All small communities require financial support to service utilities
- Maintenance person based in Tinty
- Fire breaks around town
- Fire water points
- Continual implementation of Lake Plan
- Power supply upgrade at Apex park
- Community – quality of grassed areas + increased maint of community facilities
- Front garden of the Tinty Health Centre – plan to lawn...not shrubs
- Upkeep of Median strips – watering, mowing and weeding
- Landscaping and maintain of Health centres
- Look after gardens in area
- Swimming infrastructure in lake to have lessons. Carnivals
- Roads – increase spending on bitumen
- Roads – ensure dirt roads can carry heavy duty vehicles
- Don't grade roads when it is dry –or not required – dust scaped into holes that then disappear but then quickly return
- Bituminise Carcuma Rd to Target Well Rd – feedlot
- More bitumen in the approach to Viterra Silos and within the silo area
- Dust problems for RV users
- At least one sealed road around townships for heavy vehicles in case of accident
- Salt creek picnic shelter and ramp
- More bins in parking bays please
- Internet – preparation for the internet of things
- Phone – better phone service
- Phone service
- Toilets

- Beautify main street
- Town landscaping
- Upkeep of entrances and footpaths
- Re-align Northcott Tce and Fulwood Ave intersection – accident waiting to happen
- Improvement of water quality
- Rework the watering system in the cemetery
- "Greater improvements to be made in the smaller communities - not just the larger towns of Meningie and Taillem Bend.
- In Tintinara there are many streets without adequate and safe footpaths, and public toilets that need upgrading.
- The Tintinara - Woods Well Road, which is a designated detour road when the Dukes Highway is closed is in major need of repairs and maintenance, holes are appearing, the road is slumping and greater signage is needed before a significant incident happens."
- "Resheet more rubble roads.
- Seal some roads or parts of every year in every wards
- Spend more time keeping the town clean and tidy and Mowed & trimmed" Some are getting rough in places. Suggest that in some places the trees are over hanging
- "I think the Council do a good job overall, it is always neat & tidy gardens, Parks, Roadsides etc
- There is always room for new initiatives and improvements in the Community"
- Roads are a priority for us - Country Gravel Roads
- Footpaths are quite good and have improved greatly over the years. Some area's around the lake are quite well maintained but other areas of public access are overgrown with weeds. The Southern Ramp and soft rock wall is hazardous to the public
- Potholes around the streets need attention - Water not draining away properly. Humps on the footpath, not good especially for older folk who walk and those riding in wheelchairs etc
- "The Lions Parks Toilet Block - it needs some sort of battery backup when there is a power outage.
- Some ""Council scrub parks"" not only need mowing but how about a whiper snip around bases and the removal of fallen or stacked up branches, Great fire hazard"
- Before Amalgamation Council had road sealing program of up to 5kms. Now with supposed amalgamation efficiency, no sealing of country roads happens. In my opinion the crushed rubble is not very good, if it was sealed otherwise, I believe it is expensive dusty, slippery at times. People in rural area's deserve much better than that are receiving. Streets in the towns are sealed now do the rural areas
- We already have the Pangarinda Botanic Arboretum.
- Finish the Bitumen roads, would have more development
- "Better cell phone reception in Wellington east needed - only Telstra connects without a problem, very bad reception with Optus etc.
- Wellington East boat ramp looks very bare - needs some new trees and border plants and maybe a picnic table for people waiting for boats to arrive (in the Shadow Area's under existing trees)"
- Would be great to have all dirt roads within the township bituminised. Dirt roads in town be graded and bought up to standards.
- At least one side of every road in township have a footpath

- Stop buying fiberglass animals and spend the money on things for kids/ youth to do
- We have no footpaths, i.e. concrete.
- Most people walk on the road. We have no potable water, as for the 20th December we had no water for 24 hours. This is unacceptable and a health hazard. No drinking water was supplied by council for those who don't have tanks for their water
- In the past lots of dead branches and bark accumulate under trees which is an enormous fire hazard. At present it's fairly clean
- Grass cutting.
- Resurface of Tynan rd.
- I believe that our town appears "shabby" on entering from both ends. Tatty and untidy weeds and no landscaping efforts evident.
- The town area footpaths overgrown, dangerous and uneven. Sometimes footpaths non-existent
- "Narrung Road is in a shocking and unsafe condition due to the breaking up of the edge of the road. Requires urgent attention (proper job, not just a patch up)
- Complete sealing of the Yumali road.
- Seal the Seven Mile Road to encourage Tourism. Improve boat ramps (Coorong and Lakes)"
- Main street parking can be difficult (Meningie) due to highway regulations is off street parking accessible for future town progress
- We should encourage business owners to paint premises fronting highway
- To retain the old CFS shed - could be used for second-hand furniture. Needs new guttering and frontage-built use \$20,000 cost of demolition to fix - hospital aux used \$30,000 in shed over 7 years. I already have a group to clean-up and set it up. So perhaps open for 2 or 3 half days a week or Wadmore house is another option
- The roads and parks in my opinion are very important to Meningie providing a wonderful place for locals but also people travelling through to rest and enjoy. I think their upkeep has been to a great standard and important this is maintained
- "Further allocations of funds to bitumising road in the Wellington East area.
- Footpaths, parks and gardens in the council area are reasonable to good"
- Keeping footpaths clear of motor vehicles
- "Thank you for mowing in Peake. Could tidy the native vegetation along the roads/ streets to make it more appealing and less dangerous for vehicles and fire danger season.
- Replace trees at cemetery that have died and keep cemetery weed free"
- "Upgrade footpaths so they are even - No trip from uneven surfaces
- More mowing around town - high grass is a fire danger
- A town looks more inviting if well presented. Maybe more local groups could help. Appeal to owners and renters to be proud of your area"
- Hopefully keep constructing footpaths in Coonalpyn. High Street Coonalpyn Needs them - when the budget can allow it
- As stated on previous surveys the footpaths on South Terrace (Meningie) need work to make it safe for aged care residents to access medical facilities
- "More under 5 playground equipment. The playground does not have enough Safe play equipment for under 5's. I don't like taking my 3-year-old grandie there.
- Some dirt roads aren't the best.

- Parks are lovely, gardens well, the council office garden needs beautifying for sure, it's not pretty. Bright hanging pots or big pots of happy bright flowers, pretty flowers, flowering shrubs"
- Brumfield Road need to be watered. Residents took grain off and road was a dust storm. Our House and tanks bore it, so did the next ones down the road
- Tintinara would benefit from the establishment of shade trees along the streets of the town, especially the main street
- "A walking path (Track) on cliff top between medical centre and ferry road.
- Would like to see the dump open to the public twice a year for larger hard rubbish free of charge.
- A recycling depot in main street for batteries, plastic bags small electrical items which don't belong in normal recycling home bin"
- I feel the footpaths along Kulde road disgraceful. This is one of the gateways in and out of Tailem bend. Apart from that they are unsafe for walkers or scooters with some trees lifting what footpath there is, should be concrete both sides of Kulde Road
- "more manicured lawns adjacent to Princes Hwy for people passing through, prune the trees etc, make a good impression.
- Build a boat ramp near the ferry
- Extend the 60km zone to the Caltex (Princes Hwy)"
- Some public Toilets and Bin collection at Salt creek would be of great benefit to the region, along with some good signage for the 4WD Sector
- I think we could explore the idea of a bit of a boat launching facility at the fence line at Pelican Point.
- With that a toilet block and fish cleaning facilities. Free camp option. This land I believe is crown land currently and not national park except for beyond the water line
- It would be good to see more walking/cycling trails near the river in the Wellington East/Tailem Bend area, as some are not currently accessible by bicycle. I know that there are plans for some communal spaces at Wellington East, which would be great. All infrastructure work should respect aboriginal sites and take environmental concerns into consideration.
- It would also be nice to widen the footpath on Railway Terrace in Tailem Bend so that cafes/bakeries/other eateries have space to have seating outside, which would enable them to have more customers and give a more community feel. The road is wide enough for there still to be parking on both sides
- Street signs need checking some are nearly unreadable and pointing in the wrong direction
- It is a top priority that all roads be repaired and properly maintained. This includes the trimming of overhanging trees to ensure safe travelling. Look after what resources we have and cut out unnecessary spending.
- Some more outside staff to help keep up on the appearance of the town.
- Electric Vehicle charging stations located within main street areas.
- fencing off pink lake near Meningie and creating a boardwalk
- Fire Water Tanks
- night-time lighting in gardens / trees
- Tailem Bend beautification on highways, centre strips, banners on light poles.
- Hotel accommodation by private sector
- Sealed Road program

- footpaths
- water / wastewater for increased populations
- Growth Strategy that advises on investment model
- footpaths - meets Disability Inclusion Plan
- The district has a lot of aging infrastructure(buildings) that needs to have significant money spent over the next few years to ensure they can continue to service the community.
- Sealing Tourism related roads e.g. seven-mile road
- Designated fire refuges
- tourist hub, info hub at Salt Creek. lots of folks stop here on their way to places, would be good to capture them here for a walk in, bathroom break, quick look around, possible grab n go style non-fresh food items.
- 4 Lane Dukes Highway by government
- SA Water for Wellington East
- tree trimming
- Infrastructure management that lowers risk from impacts of Climate Change/ Climate Change risk assessment and mitigation strategy
- Creating community spaces e.g. community centre
- Rural bin banks
- Dickson reserve precinct, possible playground down there
- Upgraded Princes Highway
- Footpath program
- toilets
- Infrastructure for visitors and tourists / five-year plan within Financial Business Plan
- "Infrastructure - pretty happy with what council is doing so far; they are doing a great job currently with the resources they have
- Council needs to employ a Grants Officer to actively find funding to pay for what they need.
- Need more rates. Or find other ways to generate funds, e.g. through tourism or other economic growth. Want council to help bring people together to build the new central sporting facility (Hub). "
- Infrastructure- generally pretty good but the ICT connections at Tinty and Coonalpyn are poor...impacts on Telehealth
- Rural unsealed roads are the main concern, need to use better quality material when building their roads
- Engage someone who can actually build roads
- Roadside vegetation needs to be cleared more proactively – narrows road corridor, traffic roads, not cost effective to cut trees (instead need more permanent solution)"
- Very happy with development in last 12 months, updated toilets and town hall fixed up, big encouragement to us as volunteers
- Getting musical experience up and running, updating the hall "
- Beautifying the roads to make it more appealing as you come into Taillem Bend (understands Department of Transport's responsibility)
- Footpaths need to be improved – need to exist and well-maintained
- Toilets need to be redone, more public toilets in Taillem bend – one in main street and one somewhere else as well (perhaps closer to the playground), Offered to put hand-dryers in the bathroom, council refused
- Roadworks always needed – helps with the resale value of property

- Need development on riverfront by the ferry "
- On council agenda for several years – toilets in the main street, supposed to be fixed promptly, particularly due to the increase in visitors
- Toilets regarded as a disgrace by visitors and locals. Don't give the town a good reputation
- Generally happy with the playgrounds, parks, community centre, dog yard (well-maintained facilities) "
- Both ends of the town need to be upgraded, signage needs to be upgraded. First impressions are important!
- Where the rotunda is – make friendlier for picnics e.g. shadier areas
- Basic cleaning up – railway yard gets to be a total mess sometimes
- Couple of dirt roads within the town need to be bitumen
- Some horrific footpaths with trees in the middle of them (e.g. Cubby st, Upton st)
- Frustrating thing is there isn't enough guys on the grounds
- Playground needs to be extended, a skate park could be incorporated
- Native garden doesn't get looked after
- Would love to see something happen to the station masters house – e.g. gallery, meeting place, information centre, community area, aboriginal group could use it as an exhibition hall "
- We've put money into improving the entrances of Tailem, the actual medium strip in the middle of the road however needs beautifying
- Town hall in Tailem Bend is good for the moment"
- Proper crossing for the highway – Coonalpyn and Keith both have an underpass"
- Keep improving the roads"

Environment

Environment top priorities

Pest and Weed Control

Fire Prevention & Support

Waste Management Services

Tree Maintenance / Removal / Succession planning

Town Beautification / Greening / Tidy Towns

Parks and Gardens Maintenance

Promotion / Education - Community / Youth / Visitors

Sustainable Methods and Practices

Infrastructure / Programs to support Tourism / visitors

Water Security / Supply

LAP Program

Protect Flora & Fauna

Access, Activate and Infrastructure for Riverfronts, lakes and wetlands

Protect, Manage & Promote waterways including Coorong National park

Dogs Parks

The following comments appear verbatim² as submitted on feedback forms:

- Advocate carp management (not virus). Lobby pests and weeds.
- Lobby for CFS support for bushfires
- Very good generally although I believe heritage areas of scrub should have greater firebreaks adjacent to them and approved control burns on a regular basis
- The council has not looked at its bushfire management plan. Road verges (Council land) has undergrowth up to a metre high this is a major fire hazard and in consideration of previous years fires, 2 in particular on the Princes Highway, the Council is not fulfilling its obligations.
- Because all land is privately owned, the Council should come down and discuss as a whole with community, about ideas and where Council land begins and ends. How the environment in this small town can be upgraded
- Rainwater tanks to be mandatory.
- Control dog owners to pick up after their dogs. Plant drought resistant plants & trees
- Massive tree planting would be an asset to the district and would be good for the environment. We need more shade everywhere. Council needs to complete street tree trimming down Mawson Avenue.

² some minor changes have been made to improve readability.

- Mow the streets more often. They are too long between mowing. Especially the medium strip. Keep our towns appearances up and show we care.
- Also, the Tintinara town entrance need mowing. Show some pride.
- Massive Tree planting would be good to stop dust and create a better environment
- Continuation of planting of ground and middle level vegetation on roadside verge.
- Removal of Aleppo Pines that have spread on the southern side of the Dukes Hwy down to the area school.
- Keep grass cut frequently as it gives a clean approach to the area of Tintinara
- A large amount of money was spent on removing Aleppo Pines. The program was completed and now the pines are coming back. Control of weeds, rabbits and foxes.
- Get rid of Corellas. They are not native to this area and destroy the habitat for native bird life.
- Rabbits and weeds need careful management. African lovegrass & bridal creeper are an obvious problem
- Unhealthy use of poison in controlling weeds. A health risk with high Rates.
- Council would be better to employ own staff and regularly whipper snip weeds instead of poisoning on footpaths. Good job on creating vegetation on roundabout near school.
- With so much of Australia's wildlife decimated this year, please stop corella eradication efforts
- Need to control weeds and identify who is responsible for them.
- Control foxes, rabbits and kangaroos
- Playground as above needs regular whipper snipping. Grass taller than children and do around fencing inside and out. Put gate back on. Make us known as green council/caring for trees/birds. 2 of the tallest trees in town (200+ years old).
- Bring in Council rules i.e. Greening/Shade/Birds etc. Old gums chopped with no notice for suppose septic/problems. Haven't done a thing to said septic in 2 years and my garden has suffered, no shade.
- Less time worrying about the lawns and gardens, more time on building rural roads and maybe even sealing some
- To get grants to solve soil erosion on sand hills on farming land to control rabbit on roadsides.
- No matter what management needs to be done priority should be the use of sustainable methods and protection of native flora & fauna
- The toilet block in Tailem Bend Railway Terrace is disgusting. It needs modernising
- Stop people from using Coorong Waters Drive as a toilet area now roadhouse pub is closed. Poo in National Park is not good
- Grab an idea/subject unique to Tailem Bend e.g. River, Railways etc and expand it. Get people to stop a few days instead of driving through
- Whilst Council doesn't own ' Meningie Waters' failed development on Warrengie Drive, surely a 'flora and fauna park could be developed there and could attract tourism dollars for the township. Even enlisting local Ngarrindjeri peoples help with bush tucker flora as part of this attraction on this 'marina'
- 40km speed limit in Wellington East. Better maintenance of Council road verges in Wellington East. E.g. George Mason St boat ramp area, very poor
- Trim or remove trees on Peter Rd from around 600 to 1000 for moving machinery
- Trees should be tested for diseases and dead ones completely removed.

- Reduce charges at refuse centre to hopefully reduce roadside dumping. Hard rubbish collected would be handy. Rubbish collection (household) is very good now.
- As above
- Provide occasional hard rubbish collection bins throughout the town so that persons without trailers can dispose of larger items. This would prevent old furniture items etc being left out on the roadside.
- Keep a clean track along the river front edge from the Jervois ferry past the medical centre, hospital, water town for safe access to the homes wanting to mow their land. This is currently overgrown.
- Weeds everywhere & I mean everywhere.
- Control of weeds around town seem to have fallen away. I often walk around the town and shake my head. Parks and gardens seem to be left to themselves to grow and when it gets too long, it gets mowed.
- Weeds very overgrown in the railway yard, looks horrible. The highway and the front of the school is a rubbish & weed eyesore.
- Weed control and tree planting should be a high priority
- Management of Wellington East Wetlands (Ferry Rd) should be improved, perhaps through volunteer and Council collaboration. As above these people are ripping up the ground, destroying the walking path through next to John White Wetland.
- Generally, well maintained. It is important as we live here and should know about where we live.
- It seems there are
- Seems well managed
- I believe the Council and associated parties have acted very responsibly with regard to the environment despite some challenges
- "LAP team are doing a good job. More education about sustainable practises would be appreciated. Why not have a recycling station at the rest-stops in our council area? We could even have one that adds bonus points for 'members' with incentives (vouchers with local business?)
- Our Coorong is the most beautiful bit of world :-) Let's promote it more and make it more beautiful/sustainable."
- "Weeds and foxes, rabbits etc are always needing control. I have noticed Lincoln weed, African Lovegrass and False caper getting more out of control each year. They spread so quickly, and it turns a small job into a massive job by letting it go. Unfortunately, I think the grader is sometimes responsible for spreading the weeds- but I don't know the answer to that one."
- "Regular water quality testing for recreational use at Lake Indawarra, Taillem Bend water frontage and Meningie Foreshore.
- Removal of young pines and other woody weeds in the Tinti Triangle"
- Return of Dump vouchers.
- An ongoing program to improve the main streets of towns on the highway e.g. Coonalpyn Toilet upgrade
- "See above. Environment needs a lot more work done for fire safety. Richards Terrace by cemetery is badly overgrown with masses of dead wood and dead trees. A lot of dead or dying trees in the town area including in the Main Street."
- Encourage people to do fire preparation
- "The natural environment in our area is a huge asset. both for business and tourism.
- Sustainable practices need to be focussed on"

- "To provide an updated shelter not only for locals to enjoy, but allow the travelling public to use facilities, relax and enjoy a break in travelling, the design of the new structure would blend in with current structure designs (toilets) and excellent seating/tables around this area."
- "Unlike some other Councils, Coorong Council does not allow food scraps etc. to be placed in the Green Waste Bin, and currently these scraps are going into landfill."
- I believe recycling within the Council area would be improved if Council reduced some fees at their Waste Transfer Stations. Taxpayers will not pay money to dump waste, unused or broken items, tyres etc. Small household appliances finish up in General Waste Kerb Side Collection bins.
- I believe Council advised Ratepayers some time ago that the median strip on the Princes Highway through Taillem Bend would be landscaped. Existing vegetation was removed but nothing further has happened?"
- "Employ more outside staff to help general maintenance is four years behind we need to double outside workforce for twelve months to get back to an acceptable standard"
- As above

The following comments were expressed at the six community workshops:

- More bins around district, including recycling bins.
- Caravan park
- Encourage people to clean up yards
- Forced clean-up of private yards ...tidy street competition
- Inequality across the district with maintenance of sporting facilities
- Need a safer fire area
- Clean up vegetation/make access tracks along railway lines
- Better maint of heritage/park areas...Tauragat Well
- Clean up of fire hazards close to town...a lot of debris in the scrub lines
- Bird control and management
- Move dog park to this side of the railway lines
- Storm water collection
- Increase tourism using our native veg walking trails
- Bike routes that link native veg/council areas...like the Mawson trail
- Bike route following the old Gold Escort Route
- Tree maintenance
- Council workers drop rubbish all of the time
- One free hard rubbish collection per year for townies
- Free recycling
- Option of buying one off voucher to use at the dump (to discourage roadside dumping)
- Water cost for greening areas?
- Bird life
- Food source for bird Life – remove pines then replace with banksia
- CDC to declare a proper climate emergency + action plan
- Coorong national park – strengthen connection

- Better guidance/literature for tourist – better understanding of water
- Better understanding to use native plants in gardens and roadsides
- Better literature on climate change
- Bird Identification along lake frontage – interpretive signage – frog identification
- Endangered species – micro bat monitoring
- Fire risk reduction on roadside
- Tidying up vacant blocks in town
- More bird roosts to offer vantage points for tourists to watch birds
- No carp virus
- Weed management
- Animal management info on invasive species
- Weed control
- Rabbits, foxes, deer control
- Corella control
- Remove feral pines + weeds
- Remove box thorns
- National parks – control weeds + cold burns
- Pink Lake – signage, fencing, board walk fencing
- Electronic signage for real time measures of salinity and water levels
- Great to protect flora and fauna but have to keep balance
- Collaboration with neighbouring councils around RAMSAR
- Develop roadside planting and revegetation
- Agriculture has improved sand drifts
- CDC to push harder on seal issue
- Remove seals
- Setting the standard in the region
- Replace dying trees with mature trees
- Wadmore house to be a plant nursery
- Green top bins – investigate composting
- Sustainability plan for green waste and compost
- Continue to fight for water in the lakes
- Water security – demonstrate usage for sustainable environmental species
- No carp virus
- Windmill Farm
- Solar Farm
- Keep on top of Box thorn – Land management programs
- Tell the good stories – outcomes from the millennium drought
- Signs and fencing to protect Aquatic areas
- Revegetation has a positive impact
- Water allocation is 9-12% - insufficient – more needs to be allocated to support community and environment.
- Bridge over 'the narrows'
- Carp control...impact + impact on tourism
- Water for fires
- Educate the community re who is responsible
- Irrigation water into Coonalpyn
- Lake Albert/Coorong Connector

- LIDAR mapping to provide warning re changes
- Look after what we control
- Better weed control
- Vermin control
- Proactive re Climate
- Recognise RAMSAR sites
- Recognise the diversity of the environment
- Native re-vegetation
- Salinity...Cooke Plains + Coomandook
- Rest stop at Salt Creek
- More green/irrigated spaces in town
- Water tanks...residents to be self sufficient
- Education walk for students to build awareness
- Bushfire prevention and recovery
- Feral cat mgt
- Removal of dead trees along roadside
- Removal of dead trees along highway and roadsides
- Removal of dead trees – safety and fire hazard
- Grants to plant native veg on unproductive land
- Soil preservation
- Activities written for students...school and uni
- Continued support for LAP programs
- More bins in public areas
- Provision of more rubbish bins (at least some more behind the hall at Peake)
- Have dog owners pick up droppings
- Encourage growing drought resistant plants and trees
- Promote sustainable lifestyles at home
- Workforce dedicated to protecting the environment
- Have a greater focus on the trad owners of the land – beliefs and customs – through signage
- Water catchment areas to be better managed
- Infrastructure - new housing division...room to grow
- Ferry entrances – get rid of weeds and trim trees at entrance + improve entrance to TB from East Wellington
- Weed control + rabbits and foxes – box thorns, rabbit proof fence, eradicate rabbits
- Turtles...save the turtle
- Revamp native gardener primary school in TB
- Cycle track on cliff from BP to Fred's landing
- Hard rubbish day
- More options for public recycling
- Greater environmental water allocations
- Water supply to roadside and central reservation of main road through TB
- Make rainwater tanks mandatory
- More controlled/slow burn offs in parks
- Slow burns in reserves during winter
- Park mgt - needs improvement with controlled burns at correct times
- On farm firefighting storage

- Water – better access to emergency water
- More work on local lake to improve and increase interaction
- Continual maintenance of lake – sediment removal
- Improve capacity for LAP to do sustainable farming
- Beautify main streets
- Maintain native triangle
- African Lovegrass and other noxious weed removal
- Cull rabbits, roos
- Cull cockies, rabbits and foxes
- Control of bridal creeper along roadside veg
- Weed and pest control in Tinti triangle
- Trails – maintaining and increasing exercise and nature trails
- Trees – maintaining and reveg of large trees in township
- Water median strip
- Continue works for water security works
- Tanks in strategic areas of community
- Main street signage for give ways and direction of traffic
- Control visitation at Boothby rocks educational signage at natural/heritage locations
- Signage regarding collection of firewood at Boothby rocks
- I care and managed the environment in my area well
- It's a high priority
- Need good fire access through National Parks, graded, cleared tracks for controlled burning
- We are fairly aware of our beautiful environment here and we want to look after it. The Council does a fairly good job in regard
- Clean up the dead and falling branches around the elderly folk's unit, can be a fire hazard
- Where are the rest of the nice new metal bins for main street? Thought more were "supposed" to be put up/down the street
- Unnecessary until the above is done
- I believe that the council should relax the building regulations in the Wellington East area as the current provisions are restricting development. The Council would still have control of what is allowed, but at least the allowance of an outbuilding before a residence would help. Owner builders would be able to securely store building tools & supplies safely
- Food scraps should be accepted in the green bin
- Instead of mowing the "dirt and Weeds" change to spray unit to spray weeds on footpaths, side of road etc
- "P/U yellow bin weekly I'd recycle better
- fix holes in driveways across the verge, your side of fence"
- We as residents of Wellington East care very much about our environments but does council really - this is not the 1800's we are in the 21st century and yet we do not have mains water - why does the council not provide extra pumps filters whatever it takes to keep us in water, even if we can't drink it at least do not keep us without water for over 24 hours. Most of us like to shower once a day and flush the toilet even if it is river water. would you like to live like that!!!
- the storage of wood treated with creosote should not be stored in the middle of the main street of Tintinara, as the air is often polluted with the smell, especially on hot

days. We keep our windows shut for this reason. A google search shows it's toxic & the EU banned it sometime ago "because of concerns around the impact of Creosote on human health and the environment". The international agency for research on cancer has determined that Creosote is probably carcinogenic to humans. It should be stored some kilometres away as the smell pollutes the air for quite a distance

- Township properties, make strict enforcement of removing car bodies from backyards, properties fined for non-compliance
- Going well, parks and gardens look excellent
- The walking trails and bicycle trails are wonderful, again and attraction for tourists to stop and put money into the local community by staying at Meningie. The importance of the boat ramp maintenance is also to be considered
- "More weed slashing on road verge to minimise fire risk
- More trees planted in the council area"
- Encourage people to keep their properties clean and tidy. Do Not run a business in a residence area, particularly car repairs. Can cause rats, mice and snakes which would not be good for the environment, so this isn't allowed to expand further
- Roadside weeds always need addressing
- Sometimes the trees need branches taken off them before they fall and damage something, not sure if that's your department
- "I'm not good with thoughts etc. Birdlife is fantastic. Pelicans, people love them. Get rid of dangerous big trees and get smaller nicer ones and safer ones, more colour, but I think the environment has been very much improved, here, but while lakeside looks lovely, it's really snakey but that goes with the reeds.
- Community Garden would be nice. A frog pond, still I guess that's near the school, maybe enhance that for tourism etc and kids"
- I Think you should poison or remove invasive weeds
- "More shade trees are desirable.
- The yellow recycling bin collection service should also be extended to properties outside the main towns, especially farms located along sealed roads. We pay significant council rates, sometimes for little perceived benefit"
- Caring for environment doesn't mean stopping people from improving riverbanks and roadsides
- Need to continue roadside spraying of false caper and Box Thorns
- Toilet in this area (Pelican Point) would make environment better (with a bin) less rubbish. We need to ensure the Coorong fishery is in top health so rec fishers' numbers can grow
- The health of the river system is paramount for our communities to continue to thrive, so every care should be taken when developing in this area. I seem to remember that there was a program set up to remove willows from the river banks to save water - not sure what happened but it doesn't seem to have reached the lower Murray area - maybe it was state level and the state govt ran out of funds?
- I would like to see the council buildings cleaned up, landscaped and painted. This will make a better feel and be a good example to private owners.
- We are unaware of what Council do for our environment especially in reducing greenhouse gases.
- More natural area interpretive signage.
- Ensure that council continues to lobby the state and federal governments to maintain river flow levels into the lower lakes

- Community gardens
- Enhanced opportunities to capitalise on our unique environment for tourism and recreation
- Healthy Murray for all stakeholders
- Greater access to Coorong National Park
- nicer gardens at each entrance to the towns (Murray bridge for example)
- Climate Change Strategy/ developed in house
- More First Nations cultural interpretive signage at relevant points.
- Collaboration with national parks to create boardwalks around things like the old mill in national park
- Improved practical understanding of how to respond to climate change in our local environment
- Tree Planting whole of community and Government
- Interpretative centre for Coorong National park
- cleaning of dams in WWTP
- Planting trees more and more / in house
- Improved visitor facilities i.e. eating shelters, picnic tables, chairs etc.
- Improved practical understanding of how to retain carbon in our local environment
- Carp Processing plant at Meningie
- Council's energy use and costs reduced every year / renewables, hybrid vehicles, LEDs etc
- Environment - already doing quite well here. But perhaps council could support greater revegetation projects to support biodiversity, particularly in farming areas. Could do more to affect salt affected soil.
- "Environment... huge emphasis is required on the lakes and Coorong – need to get the water licencing sorted – they are holding too much water upstream, and that causes problems for downstream. We are seeing fish and birds dying because of it. Coorong should be viewed as important as the Great Barrier Reef is.
- TBCC feel disconnected from Council – the previous Council did not have good relations with us at the Community Centre.
- Environmentally – town looks terrible. We got all of our volunteers together to proactively clean up the area – we weeded the intersection in front of the Community Centre. There is too much red tape to get things done in the area.
- More emphasis on consolidating services – with the Hub, getting everyone in one area will make it easier for the council to focus on just one area."
- Environment – always concerned by radiation emitted by equipment + creation of biomedical waste
- Good set up of environmental sustainability offices, big plus
- Secure external funding, happy with where the funding is going"
- Rubbish disposal, waste and recycling – encourage people to make that easier, need to not have to travel as far to dispose of waste or recycle
- Grateful for red bin provided, but would like to be able to recycle as well
- Water saving measures – a rainwater tank and gutters on the new toilets to catch the rainwater and reduce mains usage"
- Hard waste pickup? necessary unless you have a trailer or ute, a lot of people who don't anymore
- Collect cans and bottles, have trouble with general public putting things in the wrong bins, perhaps need general education about what should go in what bins

- Keeping the roadways clear of rubbish – shouldn't need to rely on volunteers, should be done by council"
- Beautiful corellas
- The pontoon by the ferry, encourages people to moor their boats
- Not too many problems, traffic on the main highway produces a lot of fumes but not too much that can be done about that"
- Tidy the town up, have it more welcoming, need things to attract people here "
- Fine in Taillem – we should plant as many trees as possible and we should encourage community groups to do that. Our club and members would be interested in that "
- Deepening the lake is a good thing – it's too shallow so the water goes stagnant. Good it's getting upgraded
- The grounds are generally well kept"
- The water price is currently high enough; don't increase it more.
- Salinity in the region is an issue that needs to be combated with research"

Economy

Economy top captured priorities

Business & Industry Attraction, retention and support
Infrastructure / Programs to support Tourism / visitor economy
House and land access, affordability, approval process
Wayfinding and Signage
Job Creation / Employment / Training
Town Appearance
Support / Develop - Local services / facilities
Grants & Funding / Council Grants Officer
Council employment / locals
Access, Activate and Infrastructure for Riverfronts, lakes and wetlands
Telecommunications
Transportation
Youth programs and activities
Rating policy / Reductions
Council spend / Cost savings

The following comments appear verbatim as submitted on feedback forms:

- "Tourist growth.
- Seal tourism roads, Long Point Rd etc.
- Signposted attractions across district.
- Work with Regional Development.
- Growth of community"
- Remove carp with biological control
- More needs to be done to attract large businesses to provide local jobs.
- We have a coffee van and we employ some of the locals, but there is not much in the area. Roadhouse, owner won't sell business so no economy.
- No doctors, no school/childcare/kindy, no shop with groceries- 60km one-way travel for nearest township.
- Lobby for natural gas connection to Tailem Bend & district to promote larger industry development
- More infrastructure at Wellington are e.g. shops, servos etc
- A lot of towns on entering display business names and services to attract people. Also like many Councils there is too much red tape for business start-ups and new buildings. Hall hire, if you compare it with Coonalpyn is too high to attract people using it. It should be used more.

- Our medical centre needs support to get doctors here at the moment the cost is too high, and Council should be active in this area. Other than the above, the Council does a good job in supporting the community.
- Shops needed at Wellington Area
- Paul and his team have done splendid work in bringing the finances under control. They have identified areas of unnecessary expense (e.g. car/pool) and implemented cost savings
- Having the silos painted would provide extra tourists & boost to heart of the parks
- Better signage for tourist attractions.
- Seal problem for fisherman.
- Incentive for new industries.
- Industry encourage industry could be encouraged with cheaper land
- Promoting Taillem Bend for tourists - including toilets adequate built and cared for. Information Centre realise volunteers alone may not be enough. Council to supply a paid worker for general back up, occasional serving. Info Centre sometimes has to close currently.
- Employ own on the ground staff in Coorong Council for weed etc eradication rather than contractors
- Give ratepayers value to their rate dollars so they can grow business and employ more people
- Whomever bought old grocery shop near bakery then put up massive fencing which is now falling over & chopped beautiful huge multi branched gum down - for what. Left feral tree & overgrown weeds.
- Having SALA display in Tinti's matchbox Council office entrance is a joke & only open a few hours a day. Good CWA hall next door
- Less office staff. Less managers
- To keep Council rates low. To have grants to have business growing. To have a plan to create more jobs in the districts.
- Paint silo like every other town in Australia. Selling local arts and crafts and supplies
- Much more tourism in my area.
- Reopening of roadhouse at Salt Creek
- Tourism - develop Fred's Landing/Ferry area so that tourists can get close to the beautiful river. Put in toilets. Yes, they have to be maintenance, but it will encourage people to stick around for more than a few hours, just like in Meningie
- Regions such as ours need to attract more manufacturing to this area to bring more families, create more jobs and increase student intake at the regional schools.
- Service station in Wellington East/ Park at boat ramp
- More practical work, less top heavy
- More advertising for tourism in Adelaide papers. More things for younger family who want to stay in Meningie like the skatepark. Our son is 25 and all his friends had to skateboard at the back of the hospital or netball courts.
- Allow more solar farm Industries
- I would like to see some form of project to utilise the Mallee rail track e.g. tourist rail car type trip when there are extra visitor on motor race days. Could go out to shearing shed for demonstrations or be a dining type experience
- More development of river frontage to attract people
- If the town looked better, more people would come here increase tourism
- Meningie is lacking new industry to created employment.

- To encourage newcomers, rates need to be reduced
- Reduce staff levels and sharing with other Councils
- We need to do more to support local business. There may be others, but I have been disappointed to see both Taillem Bends butcher and my hairdresser close this year. I think the Taillem Topics could have made info each month on what we have in our own town. So many people we know go to Murray Bridge for services.
- Get some people with business sense on Council
- The drought conditions have impacted the town, and this will take a while to repair. Farms becoming bigger and dairies closing has also impacted employment opportunities in the town.
- There is a changing demographic that we need to cater for, remembering the fact we still are an agricultural/fishing-based economy. As older people shift into the area for retirement, we need to continue to support our young ones and their sporting and recreational needs. We need young people to stay
- Access to gas main pipeline would encourage industry. Encourage intensive farming activity in rural areas - Emphasise the premium location for such developments. Reduce red tape
- Promote the Coorong National Park at Taillem Motor Sport Park Events
- New development should be encouraged. Council should get behind any investment. Approval process should be shortened.
- Better signage to direct travellers off highways to local shopping areas. Maps at parking areas in advance of towns It has been said we should be promoting tourism in Taillem Bend. The Lions Club contributed to the information bay with several info boards but there is still one vacant spot. On this vacant place, I would suggest we write "How to spend 7-day holidays in Taillem Bend" egg Dickson Reserve, World class motorsport track, children's playground, railway museum, information centre, Old Taillem Town, free ferry crossing, Pangarinda, Uneek Animal Park.
- Tourism is the principal opportunity given some unique features and history, particularly surrounding the Coorong, Lakes and?
- "We are seeing the outward migration of youth that is often characteristic of rural economies. However, there is a very good proportion of youth with an interest in staying on farm and being part of our community. In order to build support networks and highlight prospects such as new technologies, local entrepreneurs, women-in-agriculture, support services, online trainings etc the Council could champion an inaugural Youth Forum; 'Our Farming Future'. There are great examples of youth in our area showing their initiative plus this would attract the interest of State and federal agencies, industry associations, sister forums etc. (e.g. AFSA is current revamping online training to keep farm workers and their environment safe). I would see this as a genuine example of leadership."
- "We have interesting and unique businesses in our council area needing support with waste management, permits and information.
- Council has done a great job so far with providing training (food safe) to workers (please more of these!). We also liked the visibility campaign with the flags - well done! An idea would be to supply new businesses in the council area with a 'welcome and support kit' which includes basic information on where to start, business plans, and contact details of marketing ppl, business advisors etc. Maybe not council business, but strong businesses are cornerstones of a strong community. Most business owners have no business training unfortunately."

- "Farmers would benefit by not having to pay such very high Council rates, they are the highest of anywhere in South Australia that I have asked people for comparisons."
- "Greater support for LAP to develop carbon trading markets and provide agricultural extension works, particularly around long-term resource efficiency or cost reduction works such as industry innovation (all of our good ideas started that way), weather-station installation, clay spreading and water security measures.
- Accommodation is an ongoing issue for employers in the area. Assisting to facilitate a worker's co-op type housing program in the area (even if it is just encouraging renting out 'the old house' on larger properties) would make it easier for landholders and other employers in the area to take on more staff."
- "We recently went on a bicycling holiday from Riverton to Clare to Burra on the Mawson cycling trail. Could Council look at engaging a tourism consultant or using Trails SA to map out ,promote and name a cycling trail in the Council area using existing scenic back roads to link up the towns, with a vision of linking up with other Councils perhaps to Mt Gambier"
- Build tourism 'zones' and play to our strengths. Meningie for tourism, Tintinara and inland as the food bowl and Tailem Bend as the administrative hub. Create a planning solution for the district which makes it easier and quicker to build low cost 'alternative' housing. e.g. tiny homes, container homes, log cabins in 'pockets' around the district. Hold a developers' forum inviting builders to the district to ascertain what they need as an attractor to encourage them to develop.
- "We had quite a thriving tourist area, but in the last few years this has deteriorated to non-existent. Toilet block is not maintained, is often not cleaned to a reasonable standard. The caravan park has been poorly maintained and is not offering good amenities to encourage overnight or longer-term tenants. The shops struggle because people are no longer stopping to use the toilets. We don't have after hours fuel available nor on weekends when there are more travellers."
- "At the moment we are a town where retired people come to live whether it be rent buy a house or build. My suggestion not to discourage people from building be more helpful We want these people as they are a great new part of our community"
- "This project was on the drawing board, funding disappeared to other projects, and this project was lost in staff changes and other proprieties. need to have these types of projects to be reviewed each year and moved up along the list to be completed within 2-3 years"
- Improving the economy needs Council to attract more businesses to the area, and they must be successful businesses
- "Starting with Council how many administration roles are required to apply for grant funding to leverage opportunities. This should be a minimum employment criteria for at least one position within each Department. Strategic planning and effective grant project management is essential. The Drought funding lacked community consultation, calculated delegation and effective governance. Mismanagement of these funds was detrimental to the economic benefit of the Coorong Region.
- Why did CDC re-instate the community grants initiative? Karoonda East Murray modelled best practice opportunities using community grant funding to engage a consultant to write grants. They achieved numerous large-scale projects in 18 months which reduced financial burden on Council, improved economic benefit to the region and meeting community expectations."
- Improved roads would encourage businesses to establish in our rural areas

- "With better facilities, people will come. Already noticing regular people at Lake Albert Caravan park deciding to buy land and property. Been 3 regular guests this year alone."

The following comments were expressed at the six community workshops:

- Employ local people from the community...more empathy
- Better signage for business
- Promote local businesses to local youth or unemployed
- Make better use of our assets – silos, mosaics, encourage hospitality, bike trail, swimming pool
- Maintain road network suitable for extra heavy vehicles
- Turn Coonalpyn shop or Hoods into a pop-up arts shop where artists can display and sell their products
- Bike/walking trails linking native vegetation – like the Mawson trail
- Revamp the RV fest
- Use footy oval for group hire i.e. FWD and motorbike enthusiasts
- Signage 5-10 kms out of town so people can prepare to stop
- Lighting on silos...at Highway footy oval entry, Main Street, toilet
- Incentives to businesses-cheap land – to start up
- Review all zoning to remove inconsistencies e.g. Faulkner Street and Yumali Rd and Narrung Rd
- More facilities for Aged Care
- Attract Retirees – Lifestyle Village
- Explore how other town's attract industry
- Bring tour operators to area
- Council connect brochure + attractions
- Seal and Carp processing plant
- Community garden
- Tourism - QR codes for sites and then readily update info
- Job Creation – seed collection and plan nursery for native veg
- Technology – for farm use and then keeping young people in area
- Pink Lake - safety for visitors, parking,
- Interpretive Centre in Meningie – arts, crafts, board walk
- Local Artists festivals + invite outsiders in order to upskill
- Very clear signage and definition of Lake Albert and Coorong
- Emphasis on the importance of RAMSAR sites
- Attract new types of employees to the area + remote workers
- Improve communication technology
- Promote the positive aspects of the area such as good medical infra
- Look at what will attract migrant workers
- Support local fishing
- Build on what we already have
- Encourage sustainable business
- Reduce cost of water
- Foster a focus on shopping locally

- Traineeships in Disability and Aged Care
- Look at ways to retain existing population
- Improved connectivity in order to do business
- Manage tourism and visitation – signage and wayfinding
- Agriculture is #1 – infrastructure to support it
- Water access – boat ramp and pontoons to allow canoeing and sailing
- Not really keen on population/building growth
- Growth is required...how to do this...prospectus?
- Better Branding and marketing
- Reducing red tape...helping business cope with it
- Updating the rating policy
- Affordable Housing
- Retaining what we have
- Activity for Children
- Harvest carp
- Advocacy for telephone and internet
- Closer role with RDA
- Remove perception re planning e.g. Riverland
- New Housing Blocks and Stock
- Capturing those passing through
- Maintain services
- Advocating for Migrant Housing
- Be known as a 'Can do council'...act with a common voice
- Synergies with neighbours
- Breakeven operations...reduce rates
- Maintain transportation...bus services
- Employment...therefore we need large businesses
- Increase communication
- Affordable housing
- Council as an Employer rather than using external contractors
- Encouraging young families to come to region
- Housing availability
- Incentives for business to start up in towns
- Incentives to encourage younger families to help start/take up business in the area...shops, post offices, garages etc
- Designate housing areas + light industrial – re-zone
- Encourage industry to re-look at big olive land
- Free camp at Fred's landing
- Make Main Street happier...more flags
- River trips from wharf
- Business signs at Dickson reserve
- New toilets
- Dog park sign at playground
- Requires increase in population
- Decent transport system
- Industrial park
- More events in the main street

- Get behind investment – remove red tape blockages
- Improved tourism and marketing of local attractions
- Training and employment – resume writing, computer programs
- Council needs a dedicated grants office to track down grants
- Improved transport
- Support Viterra
- Lobby to get gas connection to TB for industry
- Install a by-pass from Kulde Rd to Silo entrance to avoid truck movements
- Improve tourist facilities with additional toilet near playground...further south of existing block
- Grants – providing grants for arts and culture + assistance in applying for grants
- Housing – business finding it difficult to accommodate staff + affordable
- Speakers + workshops relevant to local businesses
- Support and encourage existing local businesses – advertising, marketing
- Simplify red tape to start a business or expand
- Quicker planning and development approvals
- Too much red tape and too many roadblocks
- Need more housing
- Hotel
- Farming and fishing community need support
- Commercial fisheries in the south lagoon aren't what they used to be
- Programs that support whole industries and not just individuals
- Support innovation
- Workers housing co-op
- Things to keep young people here
- Support local businesses
- Make township more attractive for visitors to stop and shop
- Council grounds person to be located in Tinty
- Keep Tinty Council office open and staffed
- Improved efficiencies in development application
- Support for businesses to grow
- Be proactive in drawing diversity in industry
- Easier to sub-divide residential properties
- Better internet is a must
- "Encourage and support buy local first, help important and vital businesses to stay in our area.
- Be proactive, create a sense of community and pride beyond the Council rooms in Tailem Bend."
- I Doubt council can really have any effect ion on this "I think ""The Bend"" has been a fantastic injection into the community promoting a lot of small business and employment. This should be further promoted into the future"
- Some businesses in the area struggle. The lack of banking facilities is a problem. We keep adapting to new ways
- Make Meningie a little more presentable for tourists and the community - that helps the economy no end. Do more "advertising" when, as a community, we have functions on. We, Meningie get left out by council sometimes
- Sealed Roads would be a big held

- A caravan park at Wellington East near the deck café would be a good idea for the local economy. Maybe provide a free RV Park
- Tourism Operators like kayak / bike rental would be good to attract more visitors
- Beautification of the median strip (Along Highway) which will then people may stop in the town, spending money. If a town is well presented people will stop, otherwise 9 out of 10 will just keep going!!
- Again, the excessive amount of \$\$\$ spent on fibreglass everywhere. Why do we have a rhino here?
- It costs more to live here because the water ruins washing machines, clothes, hot water services, dishwashers taps and plumbing
- Not sure what to say - our rates and fees are higher than some upmarket city suburbs that have much more provisions of facilities and overall care, as well they have significant landscaping of environment
- When the new pontoon is finished, we should organise a barbecue and children activities on the lawns adjacent to the jetty and invite all the boaties and interested people from Goolwa and elsewhere to join the people of Meningie to say Goodday. Charge a reasonable fee to make a profit for the Meningie Progress Association
- Tourists and people passing through Meningie are always stopping as it is a great place with lake to stop. It is important that local businesses can take advantage of this at peak times. Support with promotion, advertising on Council website could possibly aid the economy
- "Promote small businesses, assist i.e. signage to attractions, shops main street on main roads.
- Highway, Princes Highway, hall Café, Pangarinda Park, Bakery on Murray Street.
- Be more proactive"
- Try to control spending, keep rates reasonable
- Don't spend money you don't have. Do you lease equipment
- We need more things for people to visit shops, coffee shops, 2nd hand shops, bigger supermarket. But then locals have to support these things not just tourists. Our Locals shop more at Mt Barker and the Bridge than Meningie. We need more tourists so they can stay 1 or 2 days longer. Get the skateboard park further ahead, more to do for 8-10-16yr old's. pin ball arcade or something
- Advertise on TV
- The Local progress association already does a good job. Council could assist by providing more and better signage to attract travellers and local businesses
- Make the town look more appealing
- Get the School / Education department to stop taking the buss's off the community as it is just driving more kids and families out of the town. There will be no kids at Meningie Area school if the bus decline continues
- With the above-mentioned idea's and train of thought. A strong little economy would be bolstered by more tourism to the Meningie - Pelican Point area. Some rec fishers may travel this way to launch rather than utilise the very busy Mundo channel boat ramp
- Encourage small businesses to set up in rural areas by offering some kind of incentive, to get empty premises filled and people supporting and shopping in their local towns.
- Offer more grants
- With the loss of businesses and families in rural areas, as well as less services, Council will need to work towards becoming business smart and reduce

unnecessary spending. This includes projects and programs that have no long-term benefit for all the people of the area. Rising council rates are hurting rate payers and could even drive more residents out of the area. The economy of Coonalpyn could be improved by not allowing businesses to be sold just to be left fenced off so that no-one else can use them. Being charged a high fine each year they remain vacant could deter people from doing this and encourage them to either get the business up and running or sell it to someone else who could have a go. The two empty roadhouses in Coonalpyn are great examples of this. It's difficult to improve our economy when these businesses are allowed to sit vacant and look run-down.

- Encourage more small business to start up in area.
- Continue to encourage investment from the likes of Thomas Foods and OTR
- Tourism as above
- Support to small business and agriculture through info updates
- market in Tailem Bend / local and state suppliers
- special liaison officer for local businesses
- Increased Tourism, Business and Government
- Focus on Retirement village
- market days to promote business in area
- Growth Strategy to guide investment (both Council and other) to stimulate growth / strategy by experts with Council and community review and input 2021/22
- encouraging growth to our townships - growth strategy
- Make putting in plans easier for more building and development to happen.
- Community events to bring people into the communities
- Support to small business and agriculture through road improvement
- boost tourism for flow on effect for businesses
- New Industries business supported by Government
- Build on success of MSP
- local produce scheme?? Every local purchase, tree is planted.
- Council develop a Coorong Prospectus detailing what and why investment in our district is smart.
- further encouraging tourism to our district - higher end tourist accommodation and promoting our beautiful natural environment to encourage more visitors to our region
- Support to small business and agriculture through improved mobile phone coverage
- host events for flow on effect for businesses
- Big business e.g. Viterra have offices in District
- Support entrepreneurs-create a business focussed grants program to support start-ups.
- Economy - recognise that CDC has a difficult position in that they are a planning regulator as well as facilitator of development. So, the two things don't necessarily work well together. But believes CDC could work more closely with Regional Development Australia to increase focus on the Coorong. Coorong and Tailem Bend have probably not fully maximised the Motor Sports Park, so would like to see more aggressive start.
- Next to no economic presence or knowledge in the area; people don't know where to get business support or advice. And then when they do get advice it's immature (e.g. just 'where do I get an ABN?')

- I think CDC should work closer with RDA to develop strategies, namely Coorong specific strategy, Motorsport Park strategy, digital economy strategy.
- Too many kids moving away because there is not enough opportunity here. Need to encourage them to stay through things like business start-up loans."
- Economic – health is a major employer...attracting and retaining staff into the region is difficult if there is inadequate housing and insufficient work for partners. Most staff at Meningie are not from Meningie ...becomes a problem when emergencies arise, or people are on call.
- Council needs to keep getting funding from environmental sustainability offices
- Major restructure in how people do business at the moment, towns people going to regional centres instead of their local towns, not much council can do "
- Roads need upkeep to help with reduction of accidents and wear and tear on vehicles, increase ease of people getting around
- Many roads could do with some money spent, farmers struggle with condition of the roads
- Providing jobs to locals where they can be rather than people from other districts
- Reducing fire hazards"
- Council needs to make sure they don't put the rates up more than the cost of living
- Need to help smaller businesses that are struggling, not good for them to be constantly sold, should talk to these businesses "
- Motorsport: Some benefit to the community, maybe not as much as would have been hoped
- Farming: controlled by the weather, this year has been a good year
- Market for meat has been good
- Viability of businesses is good, try to support those business in 'Tailern Topics'
- Get more/improved signage to get people off the highway and into the town (proposal put up to council 4 or 5 years ago, didn't get very far)"
- Goes back to getting people off the highway to come into the town
- Develop the tourism industry, promote areas around us like Meningie and Langhorne Creek
- If there was more here, people would want to stay
- Difficult cause there's a lack of accommodation, caravan park is tired, no more room for new shops"
- The structural part of the council, needs to be improved from within, needs to be sorted so we can focus on other things
- Support smaller businesses on a wider range, motor sport park has had a lot of support which is fine, but smaller businesses could use rate help or something to assist them, particularly after COVID. Should act proactively. "
- A lot of shops within the community are doing fairly well, there's not many of them but that seems to mean they get all the business "

Community

Community top captured priorities

Community hub/ centre/ shed development & support
Youth Activities and programs
Transportation
Health and Wellbeing
Event development, attraction and support
Volunteer, community group and sporting club support
Town beautification / Town pride
Connected Communities
Community Engagement
Inclusive communities
Community Group financial assistance / grant and funding programs
Local government role and responsibilities
Coonalpyn Pool
Elder Activities, Programs & care

The following comments appear verbatim as submitted on feedback forms:

- Assist with projects, community spaces and housing
- Great community
- There is none, too far, we are left to defend for ourselves. We feel left out, and nothing is available for a small community
- Keep the bus service for people to do their shopping once a week. Encourage more people to volunteer in sporting clubs and other organisations to help the needy in our community.
- More youth facilities and extended children's programs, especially during school holidays
- "More youth programs especially during school holidays as well as extended children's programs.
- Drop-in centre would be great asset to the community. Also extending the foodbank delivery as some people can't get into Murray Bridge"
- We are accessing government and local council groups that offer assistance to people of our age
- Disappointed people of Tintinara from no doctors or banking. This has taken people to go elsewhere and spend.
- Inclusion of Children's university trail into local infrastructure, a pelican path & museum
- Tafe courses e.g. IT for older residents
- Senior citizens are well cared for

- Any positive liaison with the community centre as requested.
- Art Gallery in Tailem a definite plus.
- Resume programs like suicide preventions programs with Covid scare
- More community progress for Meningie not all in Tailem Bend. A community centre or hub that workshops can be done at. Technology or computer instruction classes
- Council fellows seem to be under big pressure - not enough time/machines/staff? I.e. Coomandook stripped out ferals/rubbish etc in bush near railway and kept it pristine - looked like a park - same as Tintinara now looks 1/2 done. Please tidy truck layby - Carob trees need dead stuff removing, trimming to soft shape and remove bottom branches to stop rubbish accumulating underneath
- To have money available for social events.
- To have money available to start up new sporting clubs and other clubs.
- Our community system is awesome. Tailem Bend Community Centre
- Great service is the Country Health service transporting persons to medical appointments, shopping etc
- Have new ideas to fill empty shops.
- More investment for families to have work e.g. Foodbank would be very handy here as we have a lot of underprivileged people that live here
- Encourage more funds for Jabuk oval i.e. fire refuge, fire tank and sprinkler funds about \$6,000
- Great services being provided out of the Tailem Bend Community Centre. Encourage Council to continue working collaboratively with the Centre. Congratulations to Council for making grants available to the Community. Keep doing this.
- Continue to allow ratepayers the choice to pay rates in instalments. Thankyou.
- Continue to look proactively at community health needs and projects which can benefit community as well as be affordable and accessible.
- Tailem Bend Community Centre is an amazing service and deserves to be partially funded by Council.
- Also sporting facilities need programmes like starclub for most valuable support for volunteers and communities.
- More transport options, I don't drive. I sometimes feel stuck on weekends because I can't go anywhere.
- Council should not take on responsibilities of state or federal politics
- Improved public transport options for Wellington East (and other areas of Coorong)
- Limited sadly & not much info of what each place does
- Too much emphasis on term community. We have lots of individual and small communities with varied and diverse interests. Don't try and put them all in a single basket
- A youth program for teenagers in Tailem Bend run by the youth, supported by the Salvation Army
- Access to a bus suitable for wheelchairs and community rental is one need that needs to be serviced in our town.
- Access to social workers/mental health practitioners is also a growing need. Our local medical centre is fantastic but readily available family, youth/elderly social worker services would be great
- Have appreciated the upgrade to our hall and surrounds that have been able to be achieved because of the availability of grants

- What happened to the fresh fruit and veg idea?
- Older community members who can no longer drive rely on others.
- More 'Come and try' activities in local communities. Kayaking, Friends of the Coorong, Introduction to birdlife etc. Indigenous Life Promotion. food and lifestyle talks
- It appears to us that there are 'favourites' rather than trying to be equitable over all areas. This seems to be somewhat historical
- I believe they are adequate
- "There are many grassroots organisations that can do with additional support (not necessarily monetary, but advisory and promotion).
- Youth/young people have hardly any outlets and often have to travel a fair bit to get the opportunities they deserve. More is needed to attract and keep our young people in the region.
- Lobbying needs to be done by council to get more mental health services to the region to aid people with mental health problems and addictions"
- "The funding supplied by Council towards the Skate Park for the young people at Meningie is very much appreciated. Anything that helps youth play sport and gives them opportunities to 'keep them off the streets and out of trouble', is very welcome."
- "There are a number of lower income, new residents in the community. Support for things like a grow-free cart or veggie swap-meet may be of assistance both through cheaper food and socialisation into the community.
- On that note, the use of the retirement units to home those with troubled backgrounds is unfair to them, as it puts these families in a small community that has no drug and alcohol support services, public transport, mental health support or charity organisations."
- Update the rating policy to better address land and business uses and make affordable housing more cost effective for low socio-economic ratepayers.
- "The people in the town who have been here for some years have learnt to be self-sufficient as much as possible. Unfortunately, we have a high relatively itinerant population which seems to be actively involved in the drug scene. We had no local police officer for many months which did not help. We hope we can keep our new officer to try and return some controls to the area. Coonalpyn Hub does their best to cater for programs for the community, but often struggle to get funding.
- We have no public transport and the so-called community bus to enable our non-car owners to get to appointments rarely is able to cater for local needs.
- Job opportunities are very limited."
- Coorong Dis council needs to actively advertise the Pool is for everyone in Coorong Dis Council to use and volunteer for
- "There are not enough community groups focussed on positive outcomes for our infants and young people. The community has a growing number of young families and they are very isolated currently."
- "Talk to the community and service groups, support applications, regular contact on how applications are going, maybe have service groups support the council with applications for special funding, as the locals know local conditions to support any applications"
- "It is important that the governance and sustainability of community clubs be a priority. It is no good building assets for a club if the clubs are not being run correctly. Therefore, it is very important that council continues to It is crucial that

there is a continual investment in programs that support this. Clubs are the fabric of the community for health and wellbeing which in turn has economic benefits to the area.

- Council should continue to take a collaborative approach with other surrounding councils with this thus leveraging economic value and outcomes."
- "I think the Tailem Bend Community Centre does a fantastic job within the Community, especially for older people. Council should assist the Centre wherever possible with funding requirements."
- "Sadly, there's a toxic relationship between Council and community which needs to be resolved."
- Empowering community to achieve more is the key to positive outcomes. However, is difficult to action when Council staff do not reside in the Coorong.
- Youth needs to be a key priority in the future Kids are doing so much in the community, cooking bbq's at footy, working in canteens and providing outstanding IT support to service clubs we should be supporting them and encouraging them to share their skills, time and vision for the future. They want to be heard if asked in the right way."

The following comments were expressed at the six community workshops:

- Happy maintaining local support & developing ideas suggested by the community
- Nicer parks and gardens.
- Safer footpaths including lighting. I.e. footpath between Fiebig Rd and Wangerie Rds Meningie.
- More activities for youth ...sports, crafts, youth centre, heritage and interest walks, gym
- Main street/town decoration for special events e.g. Christmas
- Flag raising every day in the main street
- Involve local police in youth and community
- Improve community cohesion...health and wellbeing (ink community bus) community events, social/sporting events, local show, yurt and snail farm
- Improve street lighting to ensure it is safe for people to walk around at night
- Got to get something going with youth
- Longer swimming pool hours
- Improve lighting at the pool
- Encourage people to show pride in their dwellings
- Regular community get-togethers – family based
- Currently there are no community groups for youth
- Men's shed...currently no men's group
- Insurance coverage is expensive and a dampener on events
- Consistency of speed limits around the sailing club
- Signage – Tourist signs
- Community website
- Need publicity between clubs and groups
- Encourage major events
- Markets e.g. Easter
- Major Motor Bike Rally

- Gopher + Scooter rally to add to Lawn Mower race
- Fly ins
- Skate Park
- Family pictures in the park
- TAFE courses in town - e.g. computers for farms
- CDC to support Meningie to be a multicultural community hub...utilise Wadmore House and precinct
- Promote visiting Arts and Cultural events ...consider residency or exchange ...stronger promotion of events in outlying areas
- Community Bus
- Murray Mallee Transport - \$80 per trip
- Artist Forum – idea exchange
- Forum for Youth – rural technology – farming futures
- Investment for retired demographic – small houses e.g. gated villages – this also supports existing health services
- Indigenous community build collaborative and respectful approach to community objectives
- Insurance is a major stumbling block
- Wadmore House Community centre – workshops, men’s shed, community nursery
- Uniting the Indigenous and non-indigenous communities
- Skate park and oval precincts, toilets, water stations, shade
- Remove Dry zones
- Mental Health
- Removing reeds in front of park to encourage people to gather
- Shelters at Warrengi Drive, Browns Beach to create a friendly atmosphere
- Community Garden in park or on verges
- Have Tennis courts, netball courts open to the public
- Security of local schools?
- Connectivity – access to Goolwa via barrages
- Visitor servicing – needs to be better coordinated
- Yacht anchorage map
- Volunteering
- Attract new people
- Zoom meetings
- Understanding the community
- Connectivity across the towns
- Townships vs Rural folk
- Location to connect
- Advocate for the community
- Work with them...seek their advice
- Better use of technology
- Connect to the next generation
- Welcome people to towns
- Assist with insurances
- Make all towns attractive
- Pool to be better advertised
- Community safe place in the event of a fire

- Succession planning for groups
- Council youth leadership program
- Communication across the district
- Collective insurance
- Adapt to a new system of community + processes
- More men's sheds
- Health and Wellbeing classes at Sherlock
- Football club is the community hub
- Encouraging people to come into the community to run health and fitness classes
- Proper firefighting gear for private units
- Encourage people to come to the community to run health and well-being programmes...e.g. exercises...perhaps at Peake and Sherlock so that those interested don't have to travel too far
- Council needs to have a strong voice within the region for the benefit of its rate payers
- Support sporting clubs – promote active lifestyles
- Beautification programs
- Better maintained walking trails
- Improve morale in community - a better relationship between council and community
- Give youth the chance to lead and have a voice...even if no money ...feel heard
- Get back to basics
- Host fun day at river where clubs compete
- Put a community centre at places like Tinti and Meningie
- Better transport between Coorong towns especially school hols and long weekends for the public
- Sporting hub
- Bringing together the community from all walks of life
- Teach pride in the community...we have lost it
- Highway median strip tidy up
- Training program for volunteers to encourage participation
- Write up history of first nations people and recognise notable people...queen, last initiated man
- Expand TBCC
- Pride in town...tidier
- Encourage voluntary membership of community clubs/service clubs
- Keep in touch with neighbours and offer assistance
- Community bus service to be promoted more
- Health connect – maintain domestic services to need residents
- Support markets and community events
- Support aged care programs + availability
- More Cabarets
- Support Tennis Clubs
- More sponsored events
- Be proactive, welcoming and inclusive of new residents
- Fix the pub...it is the hub
- Swimming pool?
- Maintain playgrounds

- Support all communities equally
- Continue great job with Lake Indawarra
- Water Park for the children
- Toddler wading pool like Tusmore Park
- Improved health services in the town
- Social and medical supports for people in the units
- Outdoor fitness equipment in Brownie Park
- Invest in proactive engagement with community groups and promote their collaboration
- Make the lake great again
- Council maint crew to be based in the town
- Support of community gyms
- "The most significant issue is poor mobile phone service and internet. It is not unusual to have no mobile phone service in the Tintinara
- District and internet is poor at best. How are residents able to conduct their daily lives, live and work when mobile service is not accessible. The same goes for internet. I have had to drive into the nearest town so that I can access enough service to complete this survey. What about putting in new towers, what about ensuring that all residents have access to these services?!"
- Help keep the Coonalpyn Hub funded to provide for those who use it. Help keep the Coonalpyn Oval green all year round. Seek to assist emergency services in the council area any way you can. Stop spending so much time and money on art
- More Community Events which could be timed when other larger events are in progress, while there is an influx of tourists
- We believe that we need to maintain some hall in the district, but not all of them. Look at how often they are used and help communities to maintain well used halls
- As I said previously - Council tends to forget Meningie when it comes to these opportunities - Do they as a council want us to become "Tailem South" before the promote "our" programs and events & make the main street more inviting
- Community Needs to develop these themselves
- Put things in for teenagers to do. Put a roller-skating rink next to town hall or in the town hall
- There is not a great deal that I am proud of our community because there doesn't seem to be a lot of services here - we don't have a mail service, we do not have reliable drinking water
- "A return bust trip to Adelaide once a week would be great as we have no public transport
- Last year, arriving from Kangaroo Island there was no way I could continue my journey home to Tinty the same day. I had to stay overnight in a hotel to get stateliner next morning because there was no other way"
- Tennis Association - to keep going
- Meningie park well maintained. Meningie Streets well maintained
- Only part-time resident but services that have been used are well run
- The Tailem bend Community is fantastic with so many social groups promoted through newsletter. The Newsletter should include updates on council initiative and future goals strategy
- "maybe more health days/nights for both me and women.
- Financial advisors for the community"

- We have quite a few different courses through our Coonalpyn Hub (Jane does a good job in getting those) We also have a leisure group once a fortnight from Meningie, providing us with entertainment and a lovely meal provided by the Meningie Hospital
- There is no access for community members to access events if they need disabled friendly transportation. This affects shopping, social and medical appointments. A community bus could be shared by several community groups
- "As we have aging community, men's shed/ women's shed.
- Something for young ones (10's to teens)
- And spur us onto use these if we had them, Taillem bend Community Centre is fantastic"
- All good
- Provisions of a bin collection service along Woods Well Road is long overdue. This is a sealed road, servicing a number of farms physically located near the roadways. Rather than simply burying everything in a hole, farmers should be encouraged to divide waste types and dispose of it in designated bins for regular collection
- Have a program to green the highway through Taillem bend and prune all trees
- Busses for school again
- Keep the Community Grants program going, maybe increase funds available for bigger community events or projects
- We have not been in the area for long but have seen that our local communities have a lot of services on offer and help to support local people, so no suggestions in this regard.
- The library at Coonalpyn is a very good service.
- "Avoid outlaying council funding for programs and projects that are a 'once-off' and of little long-term benefit to the whole community.
- In Coonalpyn the two roadhouses are empty 'eye-sores' of the town. These could be encouraged to be reopened to service local people and travellers with fuel and food.
- It is important that the repairs to the town toilets are completed asap as it is a well-used service."
- Provide coordination for public events
- Help with sporting groups, e.g. sponsorship.
- This is going to be tough and a huge challenge moving forward given the aging population and shrinking younger population. Unsure how this can be rectified, but investment and economic growth and build on the tourist dollar will help.
- Family/ community events e.g. shows, pageants
- Through emergency event and drought recovery support
- welcome packs for new residents to the area
- host more events that are community driven
- Employment - growing existing business & supporting new ones
- Communication
- Mental Health and well-being focus / emphasise the services and features of the district that are good for mental health and well-being i.e. trails, relaxing by river, open spaces, community that cares.
- Supporting sporting clubs with reduced fees and fundraiser support
- Through holding regular forums/surveys to hear from the Coorong District Community

- Improve relationship w. ratepayers. get CRAG leader on-side w. Council and work with them to turn around perspective on Council
- Focus on Youth
- Time Banks
- Support wider understanding of Indigenous Culture and bringing our ancient environment into the perspective of residents and visitors. Twice a year have a Coorong Council, relevant indigenous organisations get together sharing stories, plans, hopes and aspirations. Creating enduring relationships.
- Consistency within each community
- Support to community events where appropriate
- visit regions quarterly or visit specific groups quarterly, i.e.: CFS volunteers morning tea, men's sheds BBQ etc
- Focus on building NFP capacity
- Regular town-based sessions asking how are things? Follow up on key priorities, build closer relationships and avoid Taillem Bend getting most of our energy and attention.
- Community - football clubs in area are central to the wellbeing of their communities, in that they are an opportunity for people to connect, socialise and play sport. But there needs to be a broader strategic look at how football and netball clubs can sustain themselves in the long term. Fear the football club will fall over in the next year, because it (as does netball) need greater resourcing and thoughts about how to get people connected. CDC could take a community facilitation role to find out how people can connect and remain active in their communities even with less people. Since the millennium drought, there have been lots of changes. So, we need to look at what the new model needs to be.
- Need to have the right person to engage volunteers – because in the last 10 years the Council has disengaged and discouraged volunteers."
- Community Services are currently provided in MB, Tinty, Coonalpyn and Meningie...less reliance on 'in-hospital' service. This may change the Meningie service.
- Ensure safety and welfare of community
- Remain active in engaging the community
- Improve job prospects in the town"
- Difficult due to COVID rules, like to have more get together's, difficult to know what is allowed and what isn't
- Venues and get together's are important to keep community spirit alive, as well as to look after people's mental health
- Share localised information to get centres up to date on COVID rules
- Continue support so we know what is available (e.g. grants, awards): looking for ways to fundraise and improve how we look after each other, support what we have and maintain it"
- COVID is having an impact, out of our hands, nice to be able to organise things without having them cancelled
- Keep age appropriate activities running by Lion's club"
- Have first class community centre, provide many services
- Good Christmas pageant
- Ageing population is a big problem for everything, including getting members into clubs, people aren't being replaced when they pass

- Disgrace that Victoria have been paying for railway between Victoria and Adelaide to keep running (understands this is a government/political and not a council matter, but thinks the council should express their opinion)"
- Enhancing what parks we have
- Promoting the river front, the pontoon is great but it's not advertised, need to get creative.
- Getting more people into the town
- Church been handed to aboriginal group, would love to see it used for whatever their purpose is
- Grant to get young people involved in fixing town entrances "
- There is some really good and active community group within Tailem. The council should support them to the best of their ability (they already do in a lot of ways)
- Difficult to hold fundraising events etc. on council land, council needs to help community groups and make it easier for them to hold events within the community where they can. "
- Its quietening down a bit on that front because of COVID"
- keeping the local shop open at Coomandook would be good (but he understands that this is hard to council to have a say over) "

Leadership

Leadership top captured priorities

Community & Stakeholder Engagement / Consultation / Communication

Cohesive Council

Youth support programs

Community Collaboration and support

Volunteer & Community Group Support

Council services and operations

The following comments appear verbatim as submitted on feedback forms:

- Advocate with state/fed who do not respond to individuals
- I'd say good leadership
- Councillors need to consolidate as one body to support the ratepayers not openly slander each other to residents
- No one cares for small townships that have less than 200 people in it. We don't see leadership in this township.
- To have trust in the leadership of the Council and hope the right decisions are made for everyone
- I commend the current Council for having our areas interests at heart
- Our leadership is ageing, we need to have school programs to get the young involved with community programs.
- Become a leading participant with SA LGA on environment matters. Keeping SA green image re nuclear waste transport & GM free. Better to not assume American model have a 'team' approach to elections.
- How about picking up from the last pack of useless staff and getting us back up the chain for government handout/grants to get more money from state and federal government when needed
- no comment
- Would be good if ward councillors provided contact re any issues in their respective wards
- Be more proactive no reactive
- More communication with residents. More people from Meningie to do manual labour jobs to keep up on the town. Employment for residents
- Let's not go there
- It would appear that better relationships have been developed in recent times since last elections and change in leadership roles. Important to keep communication flowing.
- Council reusable energy programme I applaud. Council needs to be more proactive with weed control and making railways accountable for their land and promoting active living
- I don't know any of them, never met them
- Council should not be involved in state or federal politics

- Maybe make better use of State/Federal government shared programmes
- Council should be seen as the first point of reference for many things and isn't
- I am appalled at the lack of skills by at least half of the Councillors and Council staff. We have a business to run, not a home for the incompetent. Let's get some real business skill.
- Please come together for the community. Too much bad blood
- We provide a vital corridor to many travellers. It would be good to promote our locations importance to them as they travel
- Present Mayor and CEO doing a great job with what they were left to work with
- We are grateful for the injection of funding into the swimming pool. Thankyou
- I am not sure that Councillors take a global view of the whole area, rather, they seem to be driven by minorities
- The Council can play a very important coordinator role and in particular seek funding for tourist infrastructure
- More help for voluntary organisations
- "The council has an important role to play in pulling our communities together. Like the beautiful mosaic mural in Coonalpyn, we're all different pieces that, if cemented in correctly, can make an awe-inspiring display of skills, ideas, creativity, craftsmanship, friendships and connectedness. Any division between towns should be cut in the butt. At a larger scale; if we are a strong community that pulls together, with strong leadership; we can achieve more goals such as: Lobby for improved transport to city and Murray Bridge
- Attract larger businesses to our region (improve employment opportunities)
- Attract residents (homeowners)
- Attract / improve tourism
- Improve education opportunities
- Lobby with federal authorities for better road safety (and improve country roads through council program)
- Display the diversity of the region (we're not just a farming region, there's more to us)
- Improved access to disability services (lobby?)
- Communication interregional, state, federal and transparency towards community"
- Council needs to set a good example to the community, in leadership, co-operation and respect.
- "The council needs to take a stronger, more consistent role in the relationship with government agencies that work within the Council area, from the Landscape Boards through to DPTI. Council is there (among other things) to provide a consistent, representative, clear voice for the local community to these agencies"
- its ok
- Live within our means concentrating on addressing our weaknesses - weed spraying, town tidiness, roads, hard rubbish/alternative waste solutions and collections
- "I believe the leadership in general has improved but have an issue that some of the councillors do not seem to be very community minded. Some of the hierarchy in council also seem to not understand community needs. We have two state politicians who are relatively active in the area but even these seem to have their favourite people to deal with leaving others out in the cold. Federally, we seem to get a reasonable amount of support at the moment."
- Volunteers are important

- More consultation
- "need to balance funding/work program across the district, Council area is so diverse, which is very hard to please all, good to see a community vision plans"
- "I have negative thoughts on this matter. I have been trying to get Council, over the past year or so, to provide an alternative power supply to the Wellington East non potable water supply in case of electricity failure or ""load sharing"" during summer and the bushfire season. My first submission to the Director of Infrastructure still remains unanswered. I have had a phone conversation with The Mayor and the new CEO, and a home visit from your General Inspector. The CEO assured me this item would be discussed at the next budget review, but I am not convinced Council has listened and understands my concern and the concern of some other Ratepayers"
- "Coorong Council is toxic some of our Elected Members are out of control and causing shame on our region. The financial cost to the rate payer coupled with the emotional stress on the workforce is immeasurable. Order governance/confidentially training, and accountability is required asap.
- There is no community engagement from senior management. The community don't know who is running Council or have any type of relationship with key personnel. There's no foundation for trust."
- It is not a good look when I see in the local news about Elected Members fighting.
- "Leadership to provide transparency thus gaining community trust & respect. Provide employee positions & actual duties those positions provide"
- Stricter code of conduct for councillors. A one strike your out policy when it comes to bullying.
- Cause all the Councillors to always think about the whole council area, not just their own
- We are quite pleased with the operations of Council and Staff
- Sat connected with all communities by talking to people or through community leaders / groups
- Overall, the Council does ok. But some better consultation with members of the public on various projects is lacking - jetty extension
- Just be honest and all will be well
- Why - too busy fighting amongst yourselves. And tend to sweep some matters under the carpet
- Lead with actions not words
- There is no leadership, organisation, be it any authority, state or federal. The State is responsible for SA Water so why don't we have drinkable water. Who knows what we could be infected with by using non-potable water? We shower in it. wash clothes and dishes in it
- Sad to watch unfold the "in fighting and bickering" evident among our elected leaders that still filters through - appears there is no cohesion evident of/in elected members even now.
- The ruling to deny aged care residents, hospital patients access to attend weekly day-care sessions at local hospitals needs to be investigated please
- From observation, interaction I suggest the Coorong Council and management are lacking real future strategies - they are just a country council
- honesty and open with council's expenditure
- The present councillors and Mayor are very good and approachable
- Hopefully Council are doing and offering all they can

- Council has a challenging area to take care of and does a good job
- This Council seems to work well with the state government
- Drive the community's goals - promote our local businesses
- I think our council is very supportive in the majority of issues
- All decisions that council makes should respect local aboriginal groups and take environmental concerns into consideration e.g. don't build on sacred sites, ban the use of single-use plastics, use recyclable items in infrastructure e.g. Replace bollards, fencing, benches, etc. in public places.
- I understand the checks and monitoring of grants are needed. It has been disappointing to see how difficult it has been to get purchase orders for funding that has already been promised. E.g. Community Garden volunteers lose interest while waiting for approval to buy the needs
- Councils were created to serve the people of the community. It should be run like a business, and as a leader, set a good example to the community and beyond. The wise use of funds, proper management of resources, and professionalism, need to be displayed by the Council and employees at all times if they are to be considered leaders.

The following comments were expressed at the six community workshops:

- Lead by example to promote town differences and links as one council
- Council forum for Artist Exchange including indigenous and recording histories
- Youth forum – our farming futures
- Leader for retirement and community living
- Jallarah step retirement – self funded
- Expanded model of aging
- Provide information regarding work CDC have done behind the scenes to RDA in Murray Bridge
- Training and workshops in Leadership, mentoring, succession planning for community groups
- Council to facilitate promotion of events and mentor groups to promote their activities
- Welcome pack for new residents
- Is council displaying leadership that we can follow?
- Developing relationships between all stake holders
- Promote solar farms, environmentally sustainable activities
- Community to promote what we already have...Lakes, Coorong, Wetland, Traditional Culture, Local History
- Community Education is required
- Youth leadership prog through schools
- Theatre Company to promote community participation + promote musical and artistic talents
- Encourage youth to come to forums to share their ideas
- Duck shooting to stop – protection of wildlife
- CDC to be known as leaders in Environmental destination
- Education for irrigators upstream
- DEW minister to visit

- How to encourage the next gen to get involved
- Youth development for future council reps
- Training prog for people wanting to learn about local govt
- We want to be a leader in sustainability
- We have strength in our voluntary organisations
- We expect to be supported
- We are currently driving our projects that require council support
- Foster leadership with children
- Public speaking at an early age – Tinty Area School have a program
- Demonstrate kind and empathic leadership across council, staff and community
- Speak strongly as a voice for the district to state and comm agencies
- Collaboration with and between comm groups
- Return the south lagoon to its former state
- Sustainable and resilient farming
- Need to promote younger leaders
- We are proactive – we already do a fantastic job of supporting each other and the community
- We get community events and projects up and running – initiative and driven to succeed
- We check in and support our seniors and encourage the younger generations be involved and active
- We do!
- "Coonalpyn to be a hub. A conduit for...
- Involvement in gardening
 - Arts and crafts
 - Youth training
 - Aged exercise
 - Cooking"
- Allow youth to manage/have ownership in a structured environment, supported by expertise in certain areas
- Two hours from Adelaide...first rest/toilet stop...need good toilets
- Artwork in the new toilets...make people stop
- Car parking
- Have a day when community members can speak to councillors
- Promote the sporting history of the town
- Have police living in the town so that they get to know us
- Encourage locals to apply for positions with council...have traineeships
- Encourage youth leadership positions supporting TBCC as it grows
- Amazing for coming together to achieve common goals
- Very inclusive, open and passionate about the town...PRIDE
- In order to lead you need support
- Youth leadership
- Councillor forums
- Volunteer coordinator
- Form a ratepayer's association to work with council
- Back our current council leaders and seek stability
- Encourage cost saving measures to reduce rates
- Communication

- Role of Council
- Planning
- Developers' forum
- Stakeholders get together regarding TB sports centre
- Tidy Towns
- Alternate Waste Collection
- Council mentoring of Youth
- Welcome packages per town
- Youth council/forum
- Linkages across towns
- Councillors to explain role and manage expectations
- Advocacy for issues/needs
- Open Communication to community
- Advocate for all communities
- Forums on-line
- Organising of regular community events.
- This can be done through the elected members and having a cohesive team and strong vision for the whole district rather than immediate wards
- Workshops to help empower community members
- Through emergency event and drought recovery support
- move forward on outside the box ideas for tourism
- Being involved in the community, having more people involved not just the usual few
- Build capacity of NFP
- Start a young leader's program to support future community leaders?
- Community hubs
- Advocacy to State and Federal Government in regard to appropriate issues and projects
- Unify Councillors and their goals
- Council takes leadership role as a large employer
- Council start a young indigenous leaders' program. Allow opportunities for young and emerging leaders to get experience through Council.
- Leading by example and showing our own leadership team out and about in our communities
- Through holding regular forums/surveys to hear from the Coorong District Community
- Through communication to community - showing them what we are doing behind the scenes. they often only get half the story in terms what wasn't achieved, but miss out on the side of the story - i.e. what we are trying to do, what we are planning etc. they won't take time to read long winded things - needs to be short and sweet, message in social media, message in newsletter, insert into rates, but small snap shots
- Have key focus e.g. tidy towns
- Leadership - Coorong community are leaders in agri-business, large-scale agribusiness. But because we lack the infrastructure in terms of leadership and marketing and so on to get that story out to the wider community. Believe we need to be stronger in leadership development across the Coorong area. Teach people

how to think strategically, make tough decisions, etc. and that training isn't available here, only online.

- "Leadership - It's all based on trust - from Council's perspective, they need to listen to and trust the community. That will take the pressure off and take some of the dissatisfaction that the community has with council away.
- Would like to see a youth advisory committee to take over for older people.
- Leaders should be at meetings – why were some of the senior leaders not at the TB community consultation meeting; CEO was there which is great but we need more; things get lost on paper, so we want to see the leaders there showing an interest in what the community says."
- Leadership – Aboriginal Health Services at MB is important and a large employer
- Find 'True leaders' in the community (educated people with vision) that don't get involved in the council. Need to attract these people.
- Councillors get paid a lot and some people just do it for the money.
- Council has become institutionalised, which is very frustrating because decisions can't be made quickly or easily "
- Communication when there is a meeting, so everyone can know there is a meeting or get together and share their opinions
- Being able to put things on the CDC website or communicate via email about community events would be beneficial
- Want our letters to be responded to, sent multiple letters and haven't heard back, want to feel like we are heard "
- Be proactive rather than reactive
- When good ideas come forward, they should be considered, often it feels like ideas aren't considered and nothing happens
- Feels like the public consultations happen, but that the opinions of the people consulted aren't listened to "
- Council has a new CEO, seems to be operating well
- Project in Taillem Bend called sporting 'HUB', all clubs in the district formed together with the purpose of building multi-million sports hub. Council would be aware of this group, and the council should put effort into assisting that group. If it eventuates, it will be a magnet for other clubs, and draw people here."
- Strong people with strong thoughts who are willing to do jobs
- Need people to promote what we are doing and get people involved
- A lot of things that could happen but don't, concerts on river frontage etc. "
- "Leadership: Really important right now, council as a whole has suffered from negativity around leadership over the past few years, need leaders within the council to attend events in a professional and approachable manner so people can see they are leaders within the community.
- It would be great if someone from the council could come and join our Rotary Club, or other clubs within the community, to show they are engaged within the community. "
- Feels the ag bureau is doing a good job; it is getting support from the council which they really appreciate. Their main point is they want this support to continue."

Further Feedback

The submission forms provided an opportunity for council to collect additional feedback from the community.

Q: Are there any services Council provides that you believe it should not?

- We have no services except our rubbish collection. Rates are way too high here at Salt Creek
- Seems a great deal of emphasis on roads and road signage
- SA Water feature near toilets on highway is useless? Council? Dog bowl feature is stupid. These people couldn't fill up anything - need a normal tap.
- Employing stupid manager that have no idea what they are even doing/talking about
- Free dumping for residents
- Any services duplicated already by state government departments. This would be a cost saving measure
- Unable to fully comment as not aware of all the services provided by Council. However, I don't believe Council should fund legal costs of Councillors who have incurred costs associated with inappropriate behaviour or actions.
- Focus on core obligations before anything else - do it well.
- Skip the arty farty stuff and put the effort into true management of business management
- More people on the ground making our district more presentable
- Maybe a register of who is planting genetically modified crops (when & where) for other farmer awareness
- Do we need red bin pickup weekly?
- Swimming pool at Coonalpyn?
- Frequency of street sweeping - too often
- All ok
- "While it is providing plenty of material for local journalists and I am sure everyone has a good justification, it is embarrassing and costly - Please stop the tribalism and sniping between councillors.
- If there are conflicting points of view between councillors on a matter for decision, the technology is there to take it to the community for a poll or input.
- If the interpretation of a code of conduct or expenses claim is marginal, if the one doing/claiming can be conservative and the other councillors/staff as inclusive as possible, that would be great.
- We are all one community"
- Not that I can think of
- "local government has gradually become a tax collector/ law enforcement for many state government departments, which takes the heat off them, but local government bears the arguments"
- "There is too much money being spent on arts. Just because there is a grant available it doesn't mean that council should apply as most grants require a

financial contribution from council as well. Return on investment needs to be justified. e.g. by tracking attendance numbers to gallery's, events etc."

- "Council needs to focus on core business, building relationships in the community and working with not against service groups. Roads, rates, rubbish and promoting social, economic, environmental and cultural wellbeing of communities."
- "use council staff in photos of walking trails (to show that they are used I guess) Use independent methods to calculate numbers of people using council property/projects (transparency as above). "
- "If this survey was more user friendly and you listed all of the services that were offered then an answer would have been possible."
- Your generic questions have wasted a valuable opportunity to engage all residents and achieve meaningful feedback. What services do you offer?"
- anything in the area of art
- I think is important that all residents / property owners adhere to all council requirements, this requires regular inspections
- The Jetty and Ramp opposite the Chamber need improving. The Jetty needs a lower deck to allow proper launching of boats
- The Old folks' units were specifically built for the elderly. When I wanted one at aged 83 there was none available as units were rented by anybody who wanted them!! Why is this so
- Don't provide enough in my book
- Not sure
- Council doesn't provide much at all. They don't even maintain the pumping station; hence we were out of water for 24 hours or more
- They are providing the basics - collect rubbish, maintain assets, not much services, excessive, contrary, customer service, community interaction.
- Council should not be providing extremely low-cost housing (way below market rent) It devalues existing homes and investments of ratepayers. May also attract undesirable residents
- Satisfied mostly, but mowing and street sweeper not always needed
- Not sure now what they offer
- Not that I am aware of
- I am not aware of all of the services provided by council, so difficult to answer this...
- The Council service of building approval needs better consideration when approving things like the fence at the "Coonalpyn Stores". Even if it is on private property it is still at risk of falling onto public property. When a fence is at risk of being dangerous Council does have a right to have it removed.
- Is it still necessary to have council offices at Tintinara and Meningie, especially after a lot of money was spent on the council office at Tailem Bend? With so much being done online now, maybe money can be saved by removing these services.

Q: Are there any additional services that you would like to see Council provide that it currently doesn't?

- Auspice Community Wellbeing spaces
- Roadside mowing on highway Council land

- Toilet block. Discuss with landowners who have land, so people aren't throwing toilet paper under the trees near the CFS building and in front of our 2-storey house.
- Need a community pool open more often especially during summer break. Pool at school needs a sunshade on it and needs heating. Children are shivering constantly when a cool change comes in certain seasons
- Help with funding for Christmas pageant would be a great idea
- Yearly, 2 free days for rubbish to be dumped at the dump & 1 kerbside pickup. I believe this was done once before successfully
- Helping community e.g. museum with rising insurance costs
- Community bus would be handy
- Providing part time on the ground worker for Info Centre as well as admin of Meningie, Mannum, Murray Bridge
- Recycle batteries - small hearing aid as Victor Council does
- Just do it. Mow - tidy up by whipper snipping around tress/bush/bins etc. Always looks unfinished, 1/2 done. Plant more trees in park (behind & sides_ before they die. Near toilets. I nurtured 1/2 dozen, and someone poisoned them - now bare and barren. Self-seeded ones and strong & free.
- Lessen the inside staff/take pay cuts and lower rates
- To provide once a year dump run pass for people inside of township. Don't let rubbish collect have more signs on Dukes Highway to let people know where to park caravan to stay the night.
- A bus service daily to Murray Bridge
- Maintain new development area in George Mason Street. Make investors who own blocks to sell or build within 2 years, so area can grow better
- Help with disabled people once per year to clean gutters, fix leaking taps and nay other chore they could help them with
- See #5 answer. Hard rubbish. Re-introduce farmers vouchers for waste.
- More hazard reduction bush fire risk
- As per Q5. Hard rubbish collection bins 2 or 3 times per year. More regular cleaning up of main street footpath areas and shop frontage entrance areas. Not sure what can be done about the timber slats on front of Council office - but it is very 'tired and 'tatty' - maybe remove it
- More support for sporting clubs, in particular sporting hub & starclub. In this day and age that Council's don't promote participation in sport and activities
- More events, music, information in our community for people that don't drive or are unable to travel. Replace the public toilets in the main street, stop talking about it and do it. Twenty years is far too long to waste time & money on a simple project.
- No
- Wellington East still only has non-potable water. A growing community with no SA Water supply. Council would have the backing of most people here if they were to lobby SA Water for us
- No
- Signage to Meningie could be improved (e.g. Taillem's sign)
- I wonder why the owner of the 'shop' was allowed to build such an ugly eyesore of a fence around his property. Makes the entire town look derelict. It's falling down already

- The council needs to provide more support for sporting & community clubs and groups. What do the council do for football, netball and crickets club. You have toilets at oval that you take no responsibility for.
- Potable water for Wellington East - is it legal to provide non-potable? How do people visiting know that tap water is non-potable?
- All ok
- tidy up all verges in the residential area
- Have weekly waste bin pick-ups from farms
- See above
- Youth club support
- "Encouraging and helping develop leadership within the community. As the community ages, we are losing many of our community leaders, who keep our civic engagement and participation high."
- "a limited number of free dump vouchers for residents, say 6 per year. This would discourage the scourge of roadside dumping in the area and give some tangible benefits to those not on the Kerbside collection program"
- "I think that if you want to increase services, you will need to largely increase the work force. The outside workers already do not seem to have enough time to be able to do what they have to do. Cleaning of toilets should be done by proper contractors who know how to clean a public facility, not the poor lads who are thrown into it!"
- Meningie community centre would be beneficial for community groups
- Got enough on your plate
- "Council needs to do a-lot more in-house rather than contracting out. Build up the council assets such as plant and equipment and employ locals to facilitate. Also reconsider the amount spent on consultation Consultant services - there are probably experts locally or within existing programs that council is working with that can be used rather than outsourcing to minimize risk adverse attitudes which seems to be the trend."
- To liaise more with Ratepayers and understand Ratepayers concerns.
- A full-time grants officer/project manager and Youth Council.
- road maintenance
- "More enthusiasm in recycling projects. Bring back the recycle bins at refuse stations to encourage people to recycle as much as can.
- The yellow bins fill up so quickly."
- "Adequate health services are meet in ALL towns! Even if it was only one doctor once a week - Tintinara has none! How are businesses going to entice potential staff to live and work here if this most basic of needs isn't met? How are our elders supposed to?
- Gain access to adequate support services?"
- Assistance for the old aged
- Help with eradicating noxious weeds on council and private land, to the advantage of all of the community
- Bring back use of the rail networks. There are too many road trains on our roads. They have permits to use our roads but they are destroying them. Bring back Trains to cart grain
- There is no community bus to take people to appointments or shopping - especially disabled and wheelchair bound

- How about a regular "hard rubbish" pick up? Some of us find the cost of the dump way over the top and or, have no way of getting such items to the dump either
- Not sure
- Heaps
- Drinkable water available 24 hours a day - 365 days a year - leap year 366
- Yes please, Hard rubbish collection twice a year
- As mentioned above - council and management should work closer, to promote the towns and attract business - a big ask I know
- Satisfied
- Not sure. I am too old, I think to answer some of these questions, hopefully some of the younger generations will have more ideas
- Community Bus
- "More for 8-10 -16-year olds.
- Hard rubbish pick-ups 2-3 times a year
- Dump shop like at Murray Bridge and Mount Barker (we get cheap stuff and you get money. It employs people and we recycle stuff you would dump in landfill and tourists would go there also."
- I can't get skip bins delivered to this area to clean up, this is a problem for everyone when they want to clean up mess
- Help with jobs on homes and yards that are more than 3kms from Meningie.
- This Council seems to be relatively pro-active and is to be commended on its work in relation to rabbit and weed control and water solutions
- Irrigation of the roadside on Princes Highway
- A bit more support for Salt Creek
- maybe better upkeep of roads to Pelican Point, maybe seal, but very \$\$ but tourism opportunity is very big
- Not that I can think of at this stage!
- Assist Centrelink and Social Services officer to come to Coonalpyn again
- "We feel that no more additional services need to be provided as this will mean even more increases in council rates.
- Look after what we have and make it work better, with a minimal increase in cost."

Q: Taking along-term view, what do you consider to be the 3 most important things for the Community to focus on over the next 10 years?

1. Continue the upkeep of the resources (roads, parks, pool, public toilets, etc) in the towns. Work with what we have and ensure that what we have, is in good order.
 2. Solve the problem of idle business premises destroying the look of towns.
 3. Work with businesses that we have so that they are able to provide the necessary services needed by residents.
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1. Roads- some main arterial roads to be sealed- e.g. Meningie/Yumali, Coorong 7 mile,
 2. Continue to upgrade public parks with park furniture and new toilets.
 3. have enough outside staff to maintain parks streets, need to reduce management, more on hands work

- Address the voluntary organisations so they continue to function into the future
- Aged care, Employment (for young people)
- Transport (if needed) for various reasons for people who do not derive other than medical need
- anything that promotes population growth in the small towns
- At least 90% of volunteers are aged over 70 up to 90 years. Having volunteered in Meningie for over 50 years and loving it like some others, the question is to follow one so busy, haven't got time or ain't interested - it is a concern

1. Attracting families (youth support)
2. Transparency / community cohesion
3. Attracting tourism

1. Better roads (manly bitumen roads, Princes Hwy & McIntosh Way - Very Bad.
2. Youth suicide prevention.
3. Removing European carp from our waterways

- Build up of investor blocks for more rates. Get rid of investor blocks

1. Business
2. Employment
3. Environment

1. Caring for and improving the environment and river system
2. improving infrastructure in local towns
3. creating more open spaces/trails to encourage outdoor activities to improve the health of communities

1. Clean up the towns. Clean up the amenities. Clean up the roadsides. Clean up the parks.
2. Tidy up the overall town look! Coonalpyn is quite a disgrace at the moment! Very sad to see!

1. Community Centre
2. Swimming Pool
3. Community Garden

1. Community health and well-being projects and infrastructure.
2. Tourism and the local economy and local pride.
3. Whole of Coorong Council area cohesiveness and communication between leadership and community

1. Creating more jobs.
2. To have the district more productive in farming to keep farm size small

1. Develop tourism
2. Maintain governance of the environment
3. Provide community services (roads, waste etc)

- Development and facilities
 1. Development of a sporting hub in Taillem Bend.
 2. Opening up land on river frontage public.
 3. Bitumising all road in all towns.

- due to the local decline in businesses and population I feel that the upkeep of the town is even more important to focus on
 1. Employing local staff - residing in the Coorong - offering professional development
 2. Reducing debt, rates and sourcing grants to improve Council facilities
 3. Building trusted engaging relationships with community

- Encourage service of place and? Community facilities
 1. Encouraging employment opportunities to keep people in our towns (in the Mallee) not Murray Bridge.
 2. Provide methods for accessibility for all - community bus, medical transport.
 3. Work with local schools to encourage positive & strong outcomes

- 1. Encourage Private businesses
- 2. Maintain existing infrastructure - parks and gardens
- 3. Promote the town as a place to live

- 1. Ensure our hospital and clinic remains viable
- 2. support local businesses
- 3. Attract more visitors to Meningie & Coorong area

- 1. Environment
- 2. Financial Viability
- 3. Sense of community

- 1. Environment
- 2. Water
- 3. Employment

- Essential services like quality toilets, main street and then river, well maintained and cleaned. Encouraging diversity- good to have aboriginal flag flying/ aboriginal art as significant part of gallery. Liaison and promotion of Raukkan tours. Doing everything possible for a healthy environment including fire prevention, pressure on GM free

- For Tintinara, "Fire Safety" being central to 5 parks
 1. Fostering a 'working together' attitude in the Council area as a whole.
 2. Place high importance on the repair and maintenance of unsealed roads, and investigate some sort of 'hot mix', or alternatives to bitumen that may be cheaper, but give better roads with a lot less maintenance.

- 1. Get rural & effective Councillors who know their stuff.

2. Work towards and integrated Council, not dominated by old school zone issues & petty politics.
 3. Assist all business development with an emphasis on Ag
1. Getting your act together
 2. Drinking water supplied to all properties 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
 3. having mains water connected to every household
- Have a reputation of friendliness, cleanliness, quality schooling, quality hospital and aged care, good sporting facilities etc.
1. Health Services
 2. Phone and Internet Connection
 3. Road maintenance and safety
1. Increasing the districts primary productivity and resilience, including consideration of alternative income sources and improving soil, water and other farm/fishing resources.
 2. Building community cohesion, which we will increasingly need in this highly volatile world.
 3. Maintaining existing community infrastructure and services (not letting one thing slip while trying to achieve something new).
- Industry encourage tourism into the town i.e. sightseeing tours
 - Infrastructure (but not at the cost of Ratepayers), the Environment and an equitable spread of budget expenditure over all towns included in Council.
1. Infrastructure improvements of physical nature e.g. Walkways, Parks.
 2. Pressure federal government to implement carp eradication project.
 3. Improved boating facilities for tourism
1. Keep on helping community to thrive.
 2. Employ a grants officer to help museum clubs.
 3. Funding to seal more roads e.g. Seven Mile Road
1. Keeping our towns safe i.e. roads and footpaths.
 2. Keeping our roads clean
 3. Keeping our roadsides mowed and clean
 4. not putting our rates up too high, so we can't afford it.
1. Keeping the economy going
 2. More way of including aboriginal art in main street
- Keeping young families in the community, schools, sports clubs etc
1. Land to build more houses.
 2. Tidy the town so people move here.
 3. Ask ratepayers to clean their yard.
1. Lead on support of youth in rural communities

2. Champion environmental resilience
 3. Support increasing volunteerism
1. Listening to community members for one thing
 2. Providing support for community Events
 3. Make Meningie inclusive, not "outcast"
1. Local Infrastructure (schools, shops etc)
 2. Tourism
1. Look after grounds/lawns & seating around town - Bring us up to Meningie quality.
 2. Get OTR Shahin's to keep old place tidy regularly - looks like a dump - poor neighbours at the back.
 3. You take things away but don't replace i.e. table/seats
1. Look after the golden oldies of our towns
 2. Keep Tintinara's post office going
 3. Not to allow China to buy our land and business in this area
1. Lower council rates,
 2. less work going out to contract and doing more yourself.
 3. Join the Murray Bridge Council area.
1. Main street parking
 2. Aged care
1. Maintenance of existing services - pool, rubbish collection, main street toilets, roads etc.
 2. Promotion of the assets in the area. Get locals and other into National Park.
 3. Long term budgeting that plans for the future
- Opportunities for young people for employment
1. Our community
 2. Mains water
 3. Incorrect use of vacant land & Water in the Murray
1. Outcomes for young families
 2. Sustainability for primary production
 3. Tourism
1. Prepare to assist local projects voluntarily.
 2. Keeping residential blocks neat and tidy encouraging trade with local businesses and suggesting ideas to improve local trade
- Promote tourism and water recreation. The Lakes are underutilised.
1. Reduce debt
 2. Work together, no internal fighting
 3. Provide potable water to Wellington East

- Reduction in roads to free up money for other projects such as tourism/art
- 1. Resealing rural sealed roads
- 2. financial transparency with reasons explaining expenditure
- 3. Minutes of meetings to include all answers to questions put forward & provide email answers given to councillors
- 1. Residents can always talk to council on any issue.
- 2. Keep the infrastructure in good condition (roads, parks & Buildings)
- 3. (sadly, a population with less people to help/ volunteers with infrastructure)
- Roads
- Roads
- 1. Sense of community
- 2. Tourism
- 3. Events
- Sensible low cost eco development for housing development, more focus on practicality rather than aesthetics. This is mostly relating to smaller developed area's and townships. If you want people to move you need good economical conditions
- 1. Sport
- 2. Health
- 3. Emergency Services
- 1. Stable and functional local govt leadership
- 2. Keeping community informed - Not just "token" collaboration
- 3. More public forums
- Improved appearance overall of entire township of Taillem Bend - particularly entrances and exits of town
- Tinti is a nice quiet safe town but probably within 3 years I will move if the air quality doesn't improve (Creosote) and there's not some form of public transport. The bus to Murray Bridge on Thursday's is good but I heard a couple of the very elderly ladies saying that they nearly fell as the steps are quite narrow. I find the bus quite rough and constantly rattles with the metal lifter thing in the back, so I usually drive. (Not complaining!! But a better bus would be good)
- Tourism
- 1. Tourism - no map - no info bay - no guide.
- 2. Toilet block in the township.
- 3. Better signage and roads
- 1. Tourism to Coorong to rise

2. Facilities for rec fishing (camping/ Roads)
 3. Keep focus on environment, keep this jewel shining
 - * I understand a lot of this is DEW, DPTI, but council should be supporting and pushing
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1. Tree planting in all areas
 2. Youth and children's activities
 3. More shops down main street and in Wellington
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1. Tunnel under rail line
 2. Natural gas line to Tailem Bend
 3. Road bypass on Karoonda Road to Viterra
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1. Upgrading public toilets
 2. More footpaths for walking
 3. Painting the tower to draw more visitors to Tailem Bend
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1. Water security
 2. Growth strategy
 3. employment strategy
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1. Wellbeing of residence with services availability
 2. Environment and infrastructure maintenance
 3. Lake Maintenance
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- When visitors arrive in the area, they don't know what is available to do, perhaps a catalogue of ideas and areas to visit within 50km of Policeman's point
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1. Youth and Children's activities
 2. more employment throughout the area
 3. more shops in the area of Tailem Bend and Wellington

Q: Council's current vision statement is "A progressive and proactive Council recognised for its diverse communities, prosperous economy and unique and highly valued environment."

Appreciating this vision will change through the Community Vision planning process, do you have any feedback about issues or priorities important to you within this vision?

- "A proactive council would keep on top of its assets needs for maintenance as a priority. From jetties to footpaths, from roads to tree trimming"
- A progressive and proactive and social warm environment
- Can't think of any at the moment
- Diverse communities - very good to have Tailem Bend NAIDOC Award Ceremony including high profile aboriginal. Employment of locals for services on the ground rather than outside contractors - prosperous economy. Highly valued environment. Resolution to stop poisoning for weed eradication.

- Fix Bike track, remove prickles etc. Place footpaths on all the streets without one
- Get it going'
- Good vision statement
- Good words - however no evidence of being enacted on the community's behalf yet (my perception that is!!)
- Growing our community
- How has Council and management been clearly proactive - leadership, customer service, quality services, working as "a team" landscaping, key indicators are lacking, customer satisfaction survey, staff etc
- I am not convinced that Council is currently "proactive"
- "I think we can maintain that vision as it captures it all very well, but in the plan, we need to be more specific about what that actually means to us."
- If Council cannot meet current vision statement are they likely to meet new goals. Not progressive and proactive and does not? A prosperous economy
- If tourism is to be our saviour in the future, we need a park for self-contained vans, preferably on the lakes edge
- "I'm not convinced that this vision statement truly reflects our council area at all. Have you unpacked this clearly with all residents? Are their voices being heard? Is the council truly proactive in ensuring equality for all?"
- "I'm not sure this serves as a vision statement.
- ""progressive and proactive' is a broad reference to 'how'
- I think our vision statement could speak to the fact that we have the ability to respond to challenges and it is strengthening our community and embracing the values we recognise in our environment, that makes that possible."
- It doesn't mean anything to me. Actions speak louder than words. Staff need to care about our community to make a difference. If you don't live here, you don't care.
- Keep on letting people know of changes and allow for consultation. Encourage local councillors onto Council who have diverse, ethical, knowledge and experience that will bring growth and productivity to the area.
- No problem with the current
- Profit? Is not appropriate in covid-19 environment. Therefore, more focus on community assistance
- Push federal government to carry out their last election promise to improve Princes Highway by providing more passing lanes.
- Respecting the environment and diversity are very important - the vision statement seems fine to me as it is.
- Sounds appropriate
- Stop overcontrolling development and keep a common sense view, not everybody is wealthy
- "That vision statement has nothing that suggests any activity being undertaken by Council, it just gives a generic description of how the Council sees itself"
- The only thing I can see that is progressive and proactive is the surveys that have been sent out to ratepayers. Is this really being sensitive to the ratepayers of Wellington East
- The vision is too vague and subjective
- There is no vision for Salt Creek. We are left in the dark.
- These are only words carries over from previous council management. Let's get current

- They are just words that sound nice
- "This vision seems as relevant today as it was then, but at the moment this is not happening! We are not progressive, not proactive, not prosperous and council does not seem to value its diverse communities or its unique and highly valued environment."
- To continue to upgrade and keep our roads in better condition than has been in the past.
- Toilet upgrade and painted tower
- Tourism for all of the Coorong, not just Meningie
- Unable to provide anything constructive
- Understanding of our Ngarrindjeri culture regionally. Understanding of the role agriculture/fishing has in our community
- Vision Statement: All this needs to be real life not computerised vision, no armchair bosses. It's hands on or has been hands on, real life knowledge not from a screen (or something that has worked in England etc) This is Meningie and its environment not NSW or VIC not TAS
- "water- need to be proactive with water quality and health of our river system and the Dying Coorong,
- Also need to work with various departments to manage the huge block of national parks (Cold burns), and continue to support Landcare projects especially revegetation of denuded lands and maintain them (vermin)"
- We are all experiencing tough times. Money is tight. Council has to change with the times by being more resourceful, by not over-spending, by working with what it has, by culling little or unused resources, projects, programs, office buildings, and by reducing staffing.
- "We can't be progressive with no money, Council is reactive not proactive, prosperous economy? The vision statement is a cluster of adjectives with no true meaning.
- A collaborative community advancing a resilient and robust economy which reflects a strong sense of connection, culture, sustainable businesses and a healthy highly valued environment."
- We seem to be less proactive the last few years
- Wildlife restoration (mainly Mallee fowl) which are in decline. Assistance with fox baiting within Coorong Council (subsidised)
- You get fed up when talking to staff ("can't afford this can't afford that) not enough in budget to burn off in water catchment park, bitumen George Tce/Paynter Tce - I'll supply matches & fuel if necessary. 3 years to get 1 noxious bush killed.

Q: Are there any further comments you would like to provide?

- "*We are quite concerned about the idle business premises in the main street of Coonalpyn. (There are other towns in our Council area that also have this problem.) Council needs to address this so that more people are encouraged to visit/stay in our towns, helping the economy of the area.
- *We feel that rate payers are not getting value for money. Sometimes it seems that Council create new projects/programs just so that more jobs are created. This just increases council rates. Council need to be thinking about trying to reduce rates, not increase them.

- *Council employees need to be more accountable for all spending and make this transparent to the community. (This is the 'done thing' in any business.)
- *We would appreciate some feedback on what we have written as we have put quite some thought into answering these questions. We have been very honest with our answers and hope that completing surveys such as this, is not done in vain."
- "Attended community consultation meeting – positive meeting
- Sent letter from the Lion's club about shelter to council
- Ship going to get put in.
- Everything we get promised gets taken away
- Importance of dry zone – application to keep it in, concerned it is going to be removed/ or has been removed due to the increase in visitors stopping in the town "
- "Main point: town is looking tired, not being maintained at all"
- A fishing competition off the pontoon and near with the heaviest bag weighed in receiving \$300.00 - 2nd \$100.00 - 3rd \$50.00 the prize money supplied by council and promoted as such an example for raising money is 2nd time round. Have been open for 15 years and raised over \$700,000 to support our local hospital.
- I only support our hospital, lions. CFS, SES, RSL as all money stays locally for the benefit of our town."
- "As Peake is a fairly tidy town, I would love to see the silos painted with a mural as a historical & tourism Theme as other silos around Australia.
 - Peake always has and will be agriculture (cropping, stock - sheep, cattle, pigs, eggs, horses)
 - Peake was a small railway town with a station master, ganger and grain handlers
 - Peake had council workers to build and maintain roads
 - Peake has always had different sporting groups
 - Peake still has a Baptist church for 100 years
 - Peake had a school up to the end of 1964"
- As we pay our Council Rates up front each year, we miss out on some of the info sent to others with their quarterly bill. This I didn't notice until recently. I think all ratepayers should be mailed the same info regardless of whether they owe rates or not. It would also be nice to have a reasonable discount applied when paying the full year upfront and on time
- being a " short term local" this is the dearest council rates we have had over the years. What do we get - Rubbish collection?
- Bush trimmed people did terrible job this time on side of road etc. Nearly? While walking dog - so much left behind Council fellows couldn't mow properly - very messy job up in trees etc. Used to leave it clean & tidy. Utilise local brains/knowledge - i.e. Taillem Bend native plant specialise - we need more shade trees in truck stop layby & all over - oval/highway/toilets/ it's only going to get hotter. Traveller stop here because of shade which is slowing disappearing.
- Can lawns and hedges between hospital and highway be maintained much better. This look an absolute disgrace to travellers passing through. Further to tourist information bay, an example in the town of Kimba, there are 8 information boards, promoting day trips. Taillem Bend has more to offer than Kimba. Eden Hills has a reserve with 8 big stones with information plaques embedded on them (these plaques could be similar to the one in Taillem Bend by the Uneek Animal Shelter.
- Communication between council & rate payers is a must. Keep up the good work.

- Council must maintain our street better. Verges are an eyesore e.g. lawned swale now are weed beds. Lawns are dead. Toilet block, bins. Make boat ramp safe. No signage. Reduce speed limit around boat ramp as someone is going to get run down by cars on entry to boat ramp and park
- Deduct the estimated cost of sealing 10kms of road of the gross income of Coorong Council then share the balance appropriate to the other needs
- Get rid of all councillors and most staff and install an administration with a view of getting out of financial difficulties and not having 'cronies' who are tied to their mates
- Here in Meningie our parks are fabulous, just need things to do for younger people, but we have to get people to use them instead of sitting home. The young ones need more to do (than TV internet, gaming etc) Us oldies well, I don't know the solution to all of this, we all expect so much and at times we do so little (I know I do) We all need to get out the rut so can we come up with motivation, inspiration? yes, but we all have to work together and I wish that all of us could do that with all of our cultures here. look at what we could do here, art cooking craft with these people.
- I have been living in Tailem Bend all my life and things haven't really changed in the 55 years I've been alive. Don't be afraid of change. Modern the place up, we have a reputation of being a backward town (water town was a big shemozzle) that should've went ahead. Brighten up the town, open up river frontage 'if you build it, they will come'. Also one last thing. Let's build skate parks in all populated towns. A lump of steel moving from town to town is just silly. People travel to go to different skate parks. Also communicate with the people that use it. That goes for all facilities. Basketball ring area at bike track no one uses it. Because not enough cement area for a decent active work out.
- I think on the whole the council does a great job with Meningie maintenance of town area and facilities
- I tried to tick all options in Q3, as I live, and work in CDC, but it wouldn't let me.
- "It seems that with the view to being so frugal with money, a lot of the good things in the community have been lost in the 'there is no money' plot.
- It is good to see that some of the 'drought funding' has been put to good use, e.g. the pool and hall kitchen upgrade, but the overall tidy, inviting and happy look of the town has been lost! The people no longer look like they enjoy living here. It is very sad!"
- Keep up the Good work
- "Key focus for this group is
- Make more places for kids to play safely
- "My Comments aren't meant to be ""Complaining"" but the issues I mentioned have bothered me for a long time and I couldn't really live here as I get older due to lack of transport and even getting tradies involved a long wait.
- The parks are generally lovely and well-kept, and the town is clean. The trees and shrubs down the centre of the town are lovely. Some shade trees would be nice along some of the streets. (not Eucalypts but like the ones in the main street) The ones in Keith near the silos will be so good"
- "New to the role so reluctant to say much
- Felt that the focus of the plan should be on the region, ensuring good communication across the whole area and that the distinct districts are better off collaborating.
- Having said that he felt there needed to be specific information about each locale

- There is the tourism alliance so there is a close relationship with the funding partner
- There are also competing interests ...Murray Bridge, Mid-Murray, CDC and Karoonda
- There is a sense of collaboration
- Would benefit from more cross promotion at the operator level
- There is goodwill and intent ...e.g. Murray Coorong Trail"
- No - other than to say it would be good to have the Coorong Art Gallery located in a venue that was accessible on weekends and not closed on Council function times. Thankyou for the opportunity to contribute
- No point filling any of this out because nothing ever gets done to satisfy ratepayers. So many times, I have heard people comment when you mention Taillem Bend 'Oh that town' "What does Council do there?"
- One concern in Meningie is the speed limit coming into the Northern Entrance of the town. Often trucks & cars travel 60+k/hr past the school, even if kids are outside the school. The 25km zone doesn't go far enough up the road the road should be able to be 25km past the whole school boundary if kids are present. Selby Road being changed to 80km also is a mystery and a bit of a racetrack
- Only the 70 million the government is spending on saving the Coorong is going to be a big waste of money (I know not council funded)
- Owing property over 4 states within numerous shire and council I believe the Princes Hwy between Ashville to Policeman's Point and McIntosh Way to Gordon Rd are the poorest I've seen in Australia, not only are they dangerous but a huge restriction to local business. I believe the Coorong Council have done a fantastic job in the last 2 years repairs all the gravel roads as 3 years ago they were in bad need of repair. I see? roads everywhere getting funding except the Princes Hwy
- Paddle steamer could come and promote more tourism in the area.
- Paddle steamer from Murray Bridge could come and give more frequent rides in the area
- Permanent Dry Zone Monitored - Either speed cameras or speed humps or even a roundabout, to help keep traffic at 50kms - Give way sign at main intersection turned back to a stop sign - a lot safer
- Please add more toilets to the town centre
- Promote Taillem Bend as a Murray River Town, with riverside activities and green verges
- Regional Councils should not try to adopt the rules and bylaws of city councils, totally different environments. People move to regional areas to escape these restrictions for a more free and stress less life. Allow people to develop more naturally with less restrictions and more people will move to regional areas. That will help to local economy
- "Sorry we only own a block of land there but are looking to build on it soon.
- We are not familiar enough with the area and council and feel we are unable to answer your questions at this time"
- Sorry, not at the present. I haven't got too many complaints. I think as far as I know, Coorong Council are doing okay!!
- Speed limits particularly straight roads, like east terrace and Seymour street
- Stop worrying about past elected members and CEO and more on with the future.
- Support to maintain both elderly and youth to come to and remain in our townships and farming community

- Thank you for calling for this consultation. I hope my suggestions will be read and heeded.
- Thank you for the opportunity to comment on local issues. " A good place to live"
- Thank-you - I know it has been a tough year.
- The District Council Development Plan was revoked - outdated consolidated 2018. This is a clear example why Council needs to improve
- "The Mayor in his phone call with me seemed to indicate the Director of Infrastructure wanted to replace the Wellington East non potable water supply with a supply from SA Water. I asked that residents be surveyed before any action is taken on this because Ratepayers have invested large amounts of money on rainwater storage and treatment of the non-potable supply. I would be interested to know Council's current opinion on this matter"
- The signage for 'oil rig' has completely been worn away. Signage for large trucks. "No air brakes used in the township' very unsettling at 2:00am. Enforcing speed through this township "Lowering the speed"
- "There are many passionate community members with extensive knowledge of the region willing to help make CDC great again. Build relationships with them and they will surpass your expectations."
- Throughout local Meningie Area School the agricultural program should be promoted more and perhaps older students getting out on work experience to have more of an understanding of industries and what can be achieved
- To get the silo painted. To have more tourism things like go to the national park and the large rock around the district. To create tourism drive around the district
- We are quite pleased with the operations of Council
- We have noticed an improvement in people's morale. People are able to be proud of belonging to the Coorong Area
- We need more kids' activities, I want my grandchildren to stay in the community but if there's nothing for them to do or jobs, they will leave. The roundabout near the school looks lovely, I wish more areas around the town were the same.
- What should be our greatest tourism attraction, the Coorong National Park is underutilised. Camp Coorong & Wilderness lodge which have spent millions of dollars are both closed to public. Can Council behind a push to bring in new management so their assets can work. A great attraction would be a footbridge at Parnka Point.

To ensure the Community Vision Plan captures aspirations of the community, Council directly consulted a diverse range of sectors including health, tourism, environment, private industry and real estate. The scope of feedback below acknowledges the role these stakeholders have in influencing the strategic decision making of Council. Feedback included:

- The district has a lot to offer tourists and would benefit from more information about the highlights of each location along with increased cross promotion by each area as well as by operators.
- There is activity by the state government with a Masterplan being finalised for the Coorong National Park, work is underway at 42 mile crossing as well as lower lakes water management and wetland restoration. Facilities

at Salt Creek need to be improved but that this will need the involvement of several state government agencies.

- The new Landscape Boards are trying to achieve a balance of commercial and environmental outcomes. There is concern about weed and pest management and their three key projects in the planning period are focussed on the Coorong , Roadside Vegetation and working with the traditional owners.
- The focus of local governments across the region centre on upgrading significant roads, improving telecommunication connectivity, enhancing the provision of health services, managing water more effectively and improving the overall economy. Much of this work will require working in partnership with other levels of government.
- The appointment of a police officer to Coonalpyn combined with Highway Patrols means that there is a steady presence across the region. Accidents on the Dukes and Princes Highways are always a concern but further road improvements will require input from DIT. There may be benefits to better managing traffic flow into and out of “The Bend”.
- On the infrastructure front we are happy with what council is doing so far. Perhaps more could be done to support revegetation projects which in turn support biodiversity. More could be done to rehabilitate salt affected soil. Work more closely with Regional Development Australia to develop specific strategies relating to the Coorong, Motorsport Park and Digital economy. Greater support to those wishing to start a business in the region. Sporting clubs in area are central to the wellbeing of their communities, in that they are an opportunity for people to connect, socialise and play sport. They need more support to remain viable and continue to attract and retain members/players. Believe we need to be stronger in leadership development across the Coorong area.
- Council needs to employ a Grants Officer to actively find funding to pay for what they need. Want council to help bring people together to build the new central sporting facility (Hub). Sort out water licencing upstream to ensure protection of ‘lower lakes’ and the Coorong. Coorong should be viewed as important as the Great Barrier Reef. TBCC feel disconnected from Council – the previous Council did not have good relations with us. Improve the look of the town and key locations such as the intersection in front of the Community centre. There is too much red tape to get things done in the area. More emphasis on consolidating services – with the Hub, getting everyone in one area will make it easier for the council to focus on just one area. Need to have the right person to engage volunteers. Too many kids moving away because there is not enough opportunity here. Need to encourage them to stay through things like business start-up loans. With regard to leadership - It’s all based on trust - from Council’s perspective, they need to listen to and trust the community. Would like to see a youth advisory committee to take over for older people.

- ICT connections at Tinty and Coonalpyn are poor. Improved housing options for workers, improved employment options for partners. - ensuring capability of roads to handle frequent heavy trucks. Ensuring operations are environmentally friendly and sustainable.
- No immediate changes to health services. Aged care services will benefit from some tweaking. Emergency is closed due to COVID. GPs are in the town through the day...after hours is a bit different. The change in governance arrangements has made the local service more responsive. Greater focus on ageing in place. For Tintinara + Coonalpyn, there is a changing social profile the current facilities are old. A new facility needed at Tintinara"
- The 2030 regional transport plan looking at significant regional roads but requiring state and federal funding. There is also a communication 'blackspot program' ...but we are reliant on the telcos. There is also a regional public health plan which is currently being updated. There is a commitment to collaboration. We are contributing to a Murray Darling Authority water management plan (position paper) and as far as economic development, a place based approach is likely to be applied involving a hub and spoke approach.



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