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## Shire of Ngaanyatjarraku Plan for the Future to drive community vision



*Shire of Ngaanyatjarraku Plan for the Future sets a ten-year vision to deliver community aspirations.*

The Shire of Ngaanyatjarraku proudly endorses a review of its Plan for the Future (2021-2031) as part of its Integrated Planning and Reporting framework. The Plan aligns community aspirations with the Council's vision and long-term strategy through an integrated approach that combines the Strategic Community Plan and Corporate Business Plan.

The Strategic Community Plan includes key strategic objectives centred on the themes of Our People, Our Land, and Our Leadership which will help shape the Council's strategic planning, service delivery, budgeting, and advocacy for the next decade.

The Corporate Business Plan identifies projects, initiatives and actions that the Shire will undertake over a four-year period to improve operations whilst delivering key services and facilities that support the community vision.

Shire President Damian Mclean said the Council took a whole-of-community approach to develop the strategic and corporate business plan. Extensive community consultation was undertaken during the process and the community identified the following aspirations and values:

- Safe, healthy and happy communities;
- Retain our special sense of family culture and living on this beautiful land
- Strong sense of community and culture;
- Encouraging greater engagement of the younger demographics in local activities; and
- Active healthy community sporting, arts and cultural programs.

Cr McLean said the Plan is empowered by the community's aspirations and outlines how they work towards a brighter future for the Shire of Ngaanyatjarraku.

“This Plan is part of our Council’s continued commitment to maintaining our focus, ensuring the Shire of Ngaanyatjarraku strives to work with the community to fulfil their needs and support their aspirations while acting with fairness and demonstrating leadership,” said Cr Mclean.

It also acknowledged challenges that need to be addressed to move forward with the plan, including anti-social behaviour, road access limitations, geographic isolation, high cost of living, language barrier, and health and wellbeing concerns. Additionally, the Government funding model has been identified as an unsustainable approach and jeopardises the service to community.

The Shire of Ngaaytjarraku is a unique local government in that revenue received from rates is restricted to mining exploration tenements which fluctuate from year to year (circa \$180k), with service provision mostly provided due to Federal funding allocations and road funding from the State. In recognition of the barriers, the Shire will continue to strive and advocate for funding essential to provide the remote communities with basic services.

“A major focus for the Shire is restoration of waste services to the six communities that the State Government ceased funding for in 2016,” said Cr McLean.

“Another major issue is funding for reinstatement of Sport & Recreation services to all communities,” he added.

“On behalf of the Council, I would like to thank everyone who has come on this journey with us to develop this plan for the future. We look forward to working with the community and stakeholders to deliver the strategies to achieve our long-term goals,” he said.

For more information on the Shire’s Plan for the Future and to view the Integrated Planning & Reporting Framework, please visit:

<https://www.ngaanyatjarraku.wa.gov.au/index.php/our-shire/publications/75-council-publications/95-integrated-planning-reporting-framework>

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