Quotes from Community Consultation 2016

leadership

Advocate and partner with agencies to address priorities in the Aboriginal Social Plan

Advocate and promote access to current service provision for CALD residents

Advocate for allied health services

Advocate for an holistic family and child interagency

Advocate for mental health access

Arrange a number of small groups to put together a list of targets and objectives that the community can run with to improve the towns' cohesion

Become more progressive and up to date with community events and affairs

Better communication with the community

Communication can definitely be improved through publishing road closures on the website, collaborating with expert residents on projects

Consult more with residents

Encourage more festivals and build on current multicultural festival

Encourage new and innovative sustainable businesses/industries

Ensure that community groups and services are introduced to the community, who they are, who the staff are and what they offer, how to access them

Foster a cohesive community through engagement and promotions

Have a meet the Mayor day to exchange ideas and information

Have the Council meeting out on the community a few times each year

Have the Murray-Darling Basin States and the ACT refer their powers over water to the Commonwealth so that the Water Act can be amended to give more weight to food and fibre production and the welfare of basin communities

Improve relationships between Aboriginal community, Police and Council

Local news coverage

Make information more accessible for vision impaired people. For example, providing audio cd versions of local newsletters and announcements

Meet with community leaders on a regular basis to be informed about current issues impacting minority groups

More consultation out in the street

More partnerships/collaboration with agencies and organisations

Open and honest communication and consultation and listening to the views of those we are leading Promote youth leadership

Put a summary of all Council meetings in the Area News after each meeting and or live stream each Council meeting on the internet

Talk to people and see what they want for the town

Visit preschools, kindergarten Lane, disability nursing homes. Talk to people of their needs for the

town. Support corner small shops. Bring back wine festivals

Work with youth to build a positive future for the City

love the lifestyle

Access for wheelchairs and scooters

Accessibility for people with vision impairment such as light controlled crossings

Activities such as outdoor table tennis and play facilities

Additional CCTV in high incident areas such as Yambil Street, Willow Park

Advertise healthy eating and lifestyle

Advocate for a medical hub for new arrivals/refugees

Advocate for alternate transport options for minority groups - female taxi drivers

Advocate for funding for bilingual workers for support at hospital, health facilities and education

Advocate for more residential aged care facilities

Alcohol free activities and events

All parks to have shade

An active Neighbourhood Watch program

Basketball court Wakaden Street, outdoor swimming pool, upgrade Jubilee basketball courts, trampoline park

BBQ facilities community gardens, wood fired pizza oven

Better connectivity for active living – footpath network

Bring back La Festa

Build a community hall that can cater for large celebrations and festivals

Collaboration on addressing anti social behaviours

Community hub for CALD residents

Computer for public use at Council offices

Consider purchase of Broadcast Centre to develop as an Arts Centre/production facility

Construct walking track along Scenic Hill

Continuous improvements for recreational facilities

Crime and safety

Cultural facilities including art, dance, conservatory of music

Develop strategies to make public transport more accessible and

Diversity in restaurants

Education and training around cultures and religious differences

Enable and facilitate people to celebrate their faith at their respective places of worship

Encourage community events such as the community musical at the Regional Theatre

Ensure sufficient bins located around town eg sporting ovals

Family friendly amenities and community events

Great food, wonderful caring people, great community spirit

I am proud of the community spirit and generosity of the people

Improve access to facilities for people with a disability

Improve lighting in public areas

Improve Westend Stadium – repair roof

Italian/multicultural/English language school

Keep talking to locals to increase awareness for a healthy lifestyle

Marked rows at Cemetery to assist with locating graves

Marquee for sporting facilities

More activities for youth in school holidays

More aged care facilities

More awareness about Aboriginal culture, history, local content

More housing opportunities and support for families on lower incomes

More parenting rooms

More pedestrian access in CBD

More recreational activities – invest in Lake Wyangan

More services and facilities to build on our community involvement

More shared pathways including access for disabled buggies and to extend to villages eg Yenda, Hanwood, Yoogali, Beelbangera

More shared pathways, extending to villages

More specialists and doctors

More translation services - investigate digital resources for translation options and have links on our website

More walking paths to areas such as Three Ways and Pioneer where residents have limited access to cars

Motorsport events

Multipurpose community centre – develop as part of the library precinct

Need to make new residents feel welcome

Outdoor markets

Partner with agencies to reduce the impact of alcohol and other drug misuse/abuse

Programs in schools to support active lifestyles. Programs available to the public - better incentives to join to GCC owned gym

Programs promoting healthy lifestyle

Promote awareness and education of our diverse communities

Promote exercise equipment at parks

Promote healthy lifestyle

Promote volunteering

Reach out to the CALD communities and provide information in different languages about Council and its facilities

Recruit bilingual staff

Residential recovery facility for Alcohol and other drugs

Seating City Park

Support and develop creative industries

Support programs that encourage health and wellbeing which doesn't cost a lot of money eg have free programs at the aquatic and leisure centre and free swimming lessons

Swimming pool – increase rates and offer free entry

To improve the drug, alcohol and domestic violence problems we need ZERO tolerance but also strong campaigns/assistance/support for families/disabled/youth to ensure these social issues are addressed

University, better Base Hospital, secure water for our farmers, fix roads

Update athletic facilities – synthetic running track

Upgrade Lake Wyangan facilities. Boats and swings for kids. Fish species eat blue green algae. Another long jetty for kids

Water bubblers main street

Work with the Griffith Local Area Command on priorities in the Police and Aboriginal Consultative Committee Action Plan

growing our city

"Design out" crime and engage youth in this process

Angle parking Banna Avenue

Animals at Lake – partnership with Altina?

Arts/function centre at old Penfolds site

Beautify canal areas and CBD

Better education

Build an art gallery/community area between Council and the Regional Theatre with a viewing balcony looking down Banna Ave

Bus shelter at Courthouse

Car parking north of Courthouse – Railway Street

Caravan/tourist accommodation at Lake Wyangan

CBD upgrade and city entrances

CCTV at Cemetery

City approaches need upgrade urgently, especially accessing Sikh Temple

Civic centre for large conferences

Closed off road events – too much red tape

Consistent water supply to the MIA

Continue to provide infrastructure as required, activities for community members, more activities for

young people to keep them in the LGA, tertiary education facilities, economic growth, offer traineeships

Encourage community partnerships with all projects, including an industry/school/ community group in all projects

Encourage more business

Facilities and activities for young people such as a water park, synthetic soccer field, 50 m pool, go karts, laser tag, mini golf, paint ball, rock climbing, mountain bike tracks, motocross track, diving boards

Fix Yambil Street

Foot paths, accessibility, lighting

Free WiFi in CBD

Good traffic management and ample parking in the CBD will attract out of area people to Griffith and keep locals happy

Grow Our Own initiatives

Heavy vehicle routes

Help farmers get fairer prices and get paid for the work they do

Hermits Cave – develop into a more accessible tourist attraction

Improve ecotourism such as bird hides, walking tracks and signage.

Improve plantings Memorial Park

Industry not reliant on water

Kooyoo Street footpath needs repair

Kooyoo Street mall

Lake Wyangan – paddle boats, playground for kids, kiosk, bbqs, creative arts centre

Lineal parks and walking paths incorporated in new developments

Metered parking in the main street

Mirrool Creek flooding

More affordable housing and land

More colour in the main street

More footpaths around the CBD area – Kookora Street, Coolah Street, Canal Street

Move freight terminal out of CBD

Need a truck stop

Need more accommodation options

Need to plan – street trees and city entrances

Need traffic lights Banna Avenue to ease congestion

Outdoor auditorium/amphitheatre for buskers and artists. Purpose built place for live music, food and wine festival

Outdoor pool, trampoline park

Parks and gardens maintained and provision of infrastructure such as basketball hoops, soccer goals at parks

Pedestrian crossings to access Big W and Griffith Central

Promote our unique shopping opportunities

Promote/encourage employment of permanent refugees

Provide forums for businesses to meet to discuss opportunities

Redevelop the Showground to include a music bowl and builds a large public function centre.

Relocate Skate park to Showground

Roads - sealed and unsealed

Sealed track around the Lake for runners and cyclists

Shared pathway from Wyangan Estate to join path on Lakes Road

Shopping Centre for Collina

Support itinerant workers more eg accommodation, government policies which inhibit backpackers working here

Tertiary education opportunities

The city as a whole needs an overall traffic management plan properly and thoroughly researched

The Clock building – Art Gallery or extend Library

Toilets and water facilities City Park

Untidy vacant black and abandoned homes

Use channel water at City Park to create a lake/wetlands area as park of Community Gardens

Water security

Work with industry to help them comply with conditions – encourage businesses.

Yenda Cemetery needs toilets

Yoogali intersection

Youth employment

valuing our environment

Air quality

Beautify roundabouts, conserve Scenic Hill, reduce tip fees, invest in Lake Wyangan

Clean up Scenic Hill

Education on affordable energy efficiency schemes

Education on irrigation water efficiency

Efficient use of energy within the City by reusing, recycling and using renewables

Encourage farmers not to burn stubble

Enforce fines for littering

Engage programs like Green Army

Ensure all new industries and developments are using sustainable energy and materials

Ensure no blue green algae in Lake Wyangan

Erosion Scenic Hill

Graffiti – get offenders to remove

Install renewable energy sources for Council assets

Investigate alternative sources of energy such as grey water, solar panels

Keep flood waters under control

Kerbside recycling for larger household goods

Maintain current practices, keep up with technology

More free land fill days to stop illegal dumping and a green waste facility

More natural corridors, more trees and vegetation

More shade trees Collina

Mosquitoes eradication

Plant more native vegetation areas in and around residential and industrial zones.

Promote more recycling

Promote our natural resources and National parks as an environmental experience

Recycle green waste – turn into mulch

Research into the impacts of herbicide and pesticides and implications for drift into domestic water

Solar power

Street trees – new and appropriate trees to replace old ones especially in older areas of town

Tender out parks to groups to manage

Weed control – Scenic Hill and channels

Weekly recycling collection