

FUTURE STRATEGIC WORK

Future Work	Priority
Prepare re-zonings to facilitate development for new housing in existing urban settlements throughout the shire.	High Priority
Identify areas where the Rural Activity Zone, Rural Conservation and the Rural Living Zone can be applied to facilitate population growth, development and new investment.	High Priority
Develop a policy that identifies land where land, infrastructure, location and environmental conditions are suitable for intensive animal husbandry. Use the policy to promote the municipality as a suitable place to undertake intensive animal husbandry to the agricultural industry and investors.	High Priority
Preparing and implementing a Rural Strategy to determine the appropriate application of rural zones across the Shire.	High Priority
Prepare a Rural Strategy for municipality.	Medium Priority
Apply a range of zones to Edenhope available from the Victorian Planning Provisions to give effect to the Edenhope Framework Plan. These zones include the Residential 1 Zone, the Business 1 Zone, and the Industrial 1 Zone.	High Priority
Undertake investigation of land in Harrow for Rural living. Rezone land accordingly	High Priority
Identify locations where the Vegetation Protection Overlay can be used to protect and enhance significant habitat.	High Priority
In conjunction with Catchment Management Authorities, prepare a Floodplain Management Policy to be incorporated into the West Wimmera Planning Scheme.	High Priority
Identify 40ha subdivision minimums in the schedule to Farming zone	High Priority
Undertake a Heritage Study for the Municipality	Medium Priority
Prepare a policy to be included in Clause 22 to guide decision making on Planning Permit for dwellings on small lots in the Farming Zone	Medium Priority
Develop a drainage management strategy for the Shire.	Low Priority
Develop a Bike Plan for the Shire to encourage the increased usage of bicycles.	Medium Priority
Preparation and implementation of a study that identifies significant environmental areas suitable for protection via new Environmental Significance Overlays.	High Priority
Examine flooding risks for the municipality and prepare appropriate flood overlays to address any risks.	High Priority
Prepare and implement a strategy that examines the impacts of climate change for the municipality.	High Priority
Continue to prepare and implement heritage studies for the municipality.	Medium Priority
Examine bush fire risks for the municipality and prepare Bushfire Management Overlays to address any risks.	High Priority
Prepare and implement a study on the location and impacts of salinity in the municipality.	Low Priority
Develop a Roadside Management Strategy that reflects a coordinated approach to protect areas of environmental significance.	High Priority
Utilise available catchment information to identify areas that should and should not be rezoned to the Rural Conservation Zone.	High Priority
Identify highly degraded land or those areas that are subject to significant erosion, with a view to introducing Erosion Management Overlays over these areas.	High Priority

WEST WIMMERA PLANNING SCHEME

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Identify land that is prone to moderate or severe salinity, with a view to introducing Salinity Management Overlays over these areas.	High Priority
Develop a Conservation Strategy to protect flora and fauna communities on public and private land in order to maintain biodiversity.	Medium Priority
Identify important wildlife corridors in the Shire.	Medium Priority
Undertake a study of noxious weeds in the Shire.	Medium Priority
Apply the Environmental Significance Overlay to protect significant waterways, wetlands, and vegetation.	High Priority
Examine the location, extent and impacts of timber plantations in light of rapid growth in the timber industry.	Low Priority
Apply the Land Subject to Flooding Inundation Overlay and the Floodway Overlay to identify flood-prone land and prevent inappropriate development in those areas.	High Priority
As information becomes available, introduce further overlays into the Planning Scheme, including additional Environmental Significance Overlays, additional Vegetation Protection Overlays, Rural Floodway Overlays and Salinity Management Overlays.	Medium Priority
Introduce Salinity and Erosion Management Overlays as detailed mapping becomes available.	Medium Priority