

Townships for the Future - Survey January 2019

Why you should complete this survey...

As part of the Murraylands-Riverland Regional Development Program we are launching a project across the region within to find out why our towns are the way they are from the people who live, work and visit them.

We aim to capture the current and future vision of our region through the collection of data drawn from the townships, communities and remote locations within.

Your answers on this survey will help guide us to develop the most suitable programs that support each town grow in the way its residents want it to grow so that together we can ensure that this wonderful diversity of lifestyles on offer today, is available to future generations of Australians.

We estimate this survey will take approx. 10 minutes to complete and your input is greatly appreciated.

The Township Survey:

Part 1: About you

Township you are taking the survey about: _____

Age band (circle one): under 30; 31 to 45; 46 to 55; 56 to 65; 65+

Are (circle one): Male / Female

Are you a (circle one): Resident Visitor

What town do you live in? _____

How long have you lived there? _____ years

Which answer best describes you:

a) I Work full time b) I Study full time c) I am retired d) I am looking for work

Do you own your own business (circle one)? Yes / No

Which suburb do you work in? _____

How long do you commute to work each day: _____

How much time do you spend driving per week while at work outside of your commute: _____

Part 2: About the Township

Tell us your views of the township (tick all that you believe are appropriate):

Township descriptor	✓	Why so...
Progressive		
Growing		
Sustainable		
Diminishing		
Other		

What do you believe are the township strengths? (circle those that you believe are true)

- Access route
- Tourism destination
- Employment opportunities
- Affordable housing
- Education
- Access to health services
- Telecommunications
- Volunteers
- Other _____

What do you believe are the townships weaknesses? (circle those that you believe are true)

- Access route
- Lack of tourism experiences
- Lack of employment opportunities
- Unaffordable housing
- Lack of Education options
- Access to health services
- Telecommunications
- Volunteers
- Other _____

What do you believe is the biggest barrier that if addressed would make a significant change to the community? _____

What nearby townships do you think provide a better standard of living? Why?

Part 3: Employment & Industry in the Township

Do you believe there are good employment opportunities for:

Type of employment	Y / N
Casual/part time school leavers	
Low skilled workers	
Semi skilled workers	
Highly skilled workers	
Managerial workers	

What nearby townships do you think offer better employment opportunities? Why?

Part 4: Services in the Township

Health

Do you have access to Health services? Y / N

How affordable are they in your opinion? _____

What services are located here or visit the area on a regular basis?

Service	Located here	Visit
Hospital		
Orthodontist or Dental specialist		
Paediatrics		
Physio / Chiropractor		
Other		

Do you travel to seek health services? _____

If yes, where do you travel to for which services? _____

Education

Did you attend a local school? Y / N

If No, how far from your home did you have to travel to go to school? _____

Did your children attend a local school? Y / N

If No, how far from your home did you have to travel to go to school? _____

Are there avenues for further education located in your area? If not where is the closest access to education beyond high school? Ie University, Tafe, Trade School etc _____

Community

- Are you able to complete all the majority of your shopping needs in the local community?
 - if no, what specifically do you travel to purchase? _____

 - how far do you travel and how regularly? _____

- Does the community have local sporting teams? _____
 - Are sporting teams required to travel? And if yes what destinations? _____

- Do you have a good volunteer community? _____
- Does the community have an active Community Club? Y / N
- If yes what type of community club is it _____
- Do you have other active organisations in your local community:
 - Church groups Y / N
 - Rotary / Lions Y / N
 - Others _____
- Do you feel there are enough community groups to support your community? Y / N

Arts/Culture

Do you have an active arts and culture centre? Y / N

How important do you think a vibrant arts and culture scene in the area is for the local community

Part 5: Your Local Council and State Government Performance

How well do you think the local and state governments are working to assist the prosperity of the township:

- a) I can see they are doing a great deal
 - b) I can't see evidence of any support
 - c) Local council seem very supportive
 - d) Other _____
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How visible do you think local council members are in the township (please circle one):

- a) I always see local council members out and about in the township
- b) I sometimes see a council member about in the township
- c) I've never seen a council member out and about in the township

If there was one thing the local council could do to improve the prosperity of the township, what would it be:

Part 6 (Business owners only)

If you own your own business,

- What industry do you operate in? _____

- Do you employ staff? _____
- Do you have barriers to finding the right staff? _____
- Any other comments? _____

- What nearby areas would you consider moving your business to? Why? _____

Infrastructure and logistics

Do you have access to the following infrastructure AND how would you assess the quality:

Infrastructure	Y/N	Good	Bad	Medium
Public transport				
Transport to regional centres				
Affordable water				
Reliable electricity				
Internet				
Telecommunications				
Banking and finance services				