

Branxholme Action Plan 2015-2020

Branxholme will be:

A peaceful and attractive place to live, in which people feel safe and secure, valuing its village-like atmosphere, historic beginnings, parks and open space, native flora and fauna; able to offer high quality education and sport and recreational opportunities for children; an attractive place for tourists to stop.

COMMUNITY LIFE

Goal: To provide activities and facilities for residents to strengthen the sense of community, improve their health and wellbeing and support the Branxholme community to continue to be vibrant and sustainable.

Objective	Priority Level High, Medium, low	Timeframe Short: 1-2 Yrs Med: 2-4 Yrs Long: 4+ years	Who is responsible? leading? (key groups, individuals)	Partners To assist with objectives	Action and resources re- quired	How are we going to know we have achieved it?
Explore options for a community water source.	High	Immediate	Branxholme Progress Association	VicTrack Southern Rural Water Council	Short Term: Explore the leasing of the VicTrack Water Tower & Southern Rural Water Bore. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restore gravity feed standpipe for community use. • Restore water allocation from Wannon Water or a local source. • Investigate legislative requirements of providing a water supply for community use. • Explore options around access and costs for water supply for wider community distribution. • Explore access for emergency use. • Determine water need in emergency circumstances. 	Community water source is secured and being used by the community for personal use and emergency use.

Establishment of public conveniences in the town centre	High	Medium	Council Branxholme Progress Association		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore suitable locations for public toilets • Advocate for funding of toilet in town centre-possible location within the community gathering space. • (Recreation Reserve toilet is listed in the Public Conveniences Strategy as a recommendation to be considered in 2016/2017) 	Public conveniences have been established in the town centre.
Create a community gathering space with facilities that could be used by residents, visitors and to hold community celebrations/ events to increase activities for the community	High	Short to Medium	Branxholme Progress Association David Batten Warren Bunting Joe Price Sam Sarandon	Primary School Council CFA Beaumont Tiles-donation? RDV (possible funding) Bendigo Bank (possible funding)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarify ownership of land • Community Decision on design • Possible inclusions in design: Shed, water tank, BBQ, outdoor bread oven, central fire pit, small stage, mini golf or bouche ball, garden plantings, toilets and an areas to display local history • Finalise design plans • Work with Council & community to apply for funding and implementation of agreed design • Community working group to do "in kind" work around project • Community competition to name the area • Media release • Town celebration to open community gathering space 	Community Gathering space is completed and used by the wider community

Explore options to resolve waste water and drainage issues in the township	High	Short to Medium	Council Wannon Water	Branxholme Progress Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council to develop a range of options to manage waste water in Branxholme. • Council to keep the Branxholme Progress Association up to date so they can liaise with the community to keep them informed. • Council to hold another information forum for the wider community. • Progress Association to continue to advocate for regular maintenance from Council to clear drains. 	Waste management plan in place and community has compliant and functioning septic systems. Drains are functioning effectively.
Continue to address safety around Stalkers Bend and Heritage Park	High	Short	Council Heritage Park Working Group		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safe parking areas for heavy vehicles on the highway (not Creek Street) for access to the shop. • Encourage visitation to the War Memorial/ Heritage Park Explore “no truck” parking sign at Heritage Park • Explore lighting options for Heritage Park possible solar lighting Establishment of bus parking area & shelter near the shop Establishment of truck parking areas at Henty highway 	Bus parking & shelter established. Truck parking areas clearly defined and no trucks are parking in Heritage Park.

Improved facilities at the Recreation Reserve Precinct	High	Short to medium	Branxholme Recreation Reserve Committee of Management Heritage Park committee Football/Netball club	Branxholme Progress Association Council RDV-possible funding Youth Sport & Recreation-possible funding Bendigo Bank-possible funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvements to the existing facilities: additional netball courts • Look at more gravel to the car park (also consider drainage issues in the feasibility study) • Set up Working Group to explore: • Develop of a site plan/master plan(feasibility study) to consider: • requirement of the user groups • environmental issues-feasibility study • Business plan • Conservation components • Conservation Reserve • Heritage Park • Replacement of two wooden picnic tables and rubbish bin near the entrance of the Rec Reserve under the oak tree-as promised by Council on December 2013 Progress Association meeting • Explore best location & installation of a “dump” point for caravan users 	Additional netball courts Site plan/ master plan completed
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Support and Strengthening Kinder and Primary Education in Branxholme and connection to the community	High	Ongoing	School Council Kinder Committee	Council Progress Association Vic Police DEECD Sporting groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore options for attracting more students • Explore options for change in bus route – need a minimum of 5 enrolled students for the DEECD to consider establishing school bus pick up. • School to promote itself more effectively through signage. • Expand community volunteer program • Increase use by community of school resources (hire of school facilities for celebrations, birthdays etc) • Promote the shared playground 	Thriving and sustainable kinder and primary school with strong connections to the community.
Maintain and support the current emergency service levels in Branxholme	High	Ongoing	Branxholme Progress Association	Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocate for continuation of a current emergency service levels in Branxholme. 	Branxholme emergency service levels remain constant.

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

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Strengthen the Branhholme Progress Association	High	Ongoing	Branholme Progress Association		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to encourage a broad membership by inviting community groups to send representatives to progress association meetings. • Regularly put articles in the school newsletter with updates of progress against the Community Plan or other progress association initiatives. • Put meeting notices in the school newsletter encouraging people to attend the progress association meetings. • Send “welcome” to Branhholme note to new residents from the progress association. • Invite new community members along to a progress association meeting. • Investigate options of a name change for the progress association. 	New members Full executive committee

Management of Branhholme Community Plan	High	Ongoing	Community Planning Leadership Group Branholme Progress Association	Council Other government bodies Community groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decide on prioritisation of the community plan Direct the priorities to the relevant body responsible for undertaking the task. Make sure tasks are undertaken or completed. If there are any finances to be involved in any task undertaken this group will be the overseer. Lead groups to report back to the Community Planning leadership group on progress. 	Actions completed from community plan Responsible group has been delegated tasks from community plan
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NATURAL & HISTORICAL ASSETS

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Objective	Priority Level High, Medium, Low	Timeframe Short – 1-2 Yrs Med – 2-4 Yrs Long – 4+ Yrs	Who is responsible? leading? (key groups, individuals)	Partners To assist with objectives	Action and resources required	How are we going to know we have achieved it?
Preserve and Maintain the old Railway water tank for its historic value in a practical working order.	High	Short	Jim Gough Sara Butler	VicTrack Council Branholme Progress Association Austrian Railway Historical Society Victorian Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research history of the water tank with the assistance of the Australian Railway Historical Society Produce a publication of the history of the water tank Erect signage outlining historical significance of the Railway tank. Community celebration 	Rail tank is preserved in a working order.

Continue to maintain and promote Heritage Park	High	Ongoing	Heritage Park working group		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore planting of hardy and drought resistant plants and trees to make this area more attractive. • Put "no truck" parking sign Signage indicating the significance of this area 	Heritage Park is an attractive and well visited location.
Investigate the establishment of a Rail trail on the Old Caster-ton Rail Line	Low	Long		VicTrack	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initiate discussion with VicTrack To be explored in the future as it is a big initiative that has been started in the past, but no one to lead this at this stage. • Investigate as a walking, non-motorised bike or horse path (bridle path) 	Establishment of a Rail trail on the Old Caster-ton Rail Line
Record, preserve and promote local history	High	Short	Jim Gough	Interested community members Community Arts Council Officer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to work on preserving and recording local history • Explore a creative way to display/preserve local history • Explore possible grant to fund this work • Explore funding for publishing of history of Branhholme 	Local history preserved for the community to access

Development of a management plan of Arrandoovong and its ecosystem.	Medium	Ongoing	DEPI	Council Community Volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Branxholme Progress Association to advocate to DEPI to develop a management plan for Arrandoovong area If appropriate cleaning/clearing of the Arrandoovong from footy ground to Chinaman's Bridge • Explore options for redevelopment of the swimming pool area as a water reservoir • Explore possible walking track through tea tree wetlands 	Management plan is developed for the Arrandoovong area.
Research and preserve native flora and fauna in the Arrandoovong Creek area	Low	Long	CMA	Branxholme Progress Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Branxholme Progress Association to advocate to CMA to research native flora and fauna (Dianella Callicarpa flower) in the Arrandoovong Creek area. 	Native flora and fauna in the Arrandoovong area have been researched and preserved.

TOWN BEAUTIFICATION

Goal: To enhance the appearance of the community

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Comprehensive streetscape plan that builds on existing resources and plans for suitable future plantings including planting for drainage.	High	Short to medium	Community volunteers Council		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop of a street tree plan for Branholme • Undertake a tree/plant audit –High (Develop significant tree register) • Remove en croaching trees that are da aging property-High • Removal of tree stumps & dead trees • Clear weeds and debris • Manchurian Pear trees relocated from under the power lines to more suitable area-Autumn • Identify tree species that are suitable for area and location. • Identify drainage plantings. • Investigate street light options for town and incorporate into street plan (Safer Area) (side streets of township) • Investigate the reinstating of the footpaths in the township: • Identify old existing gravel paths and re-instate (Monroe street, McNichol Street, past the pub to McNichol street) 	Streetscape plan has been developed.

Maintain and explore the further development of the reservoir area including reinforcement of the jetty and reconditioning of the sitting area.	Low	Long	Branxholme Progress Association VicTrack		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocate to VicTrack to maintain this area on a more regularly basis and make improvements to the area • Investigate the community taking on the lease of this as a community space 	Maintain and further develop the reservoir area.
Create community gardens in conjunction with school garden or in the nature strips of the township	Low	Long	Community Volunteers Branxholme Primary School		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore possible combine community garden with the primary school. • Establish raised flower and herb garden beds along nature strips • Obtain Council approval for planting on nature strips. 	Community garden is established.
Town Beautification program	High	Short	Branxholme Progress Association Community Volunteers		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance the appearance of the Recreation Reserve entrance • Explore assisting the owners of the Angling Club house to improve the appearance of the building • Clean up and maintain of Railway land near the water tank • Remove dead tree stumps on nature strips along streets. • Other areas in the township that may arise 	Town beautification projects are being planned and completed.

Appendix

1. Survey Summary
2. Branxholme Forum Flyer
3. Branxholme Forum report
4. Branxholme Draft Action Plan Community Feedback
5. Urban Design Framework 2010

Appendix # 1: Survey Summary:
Branxholme Community Survey Results 2014 (19 Surveys completed)

Q1: What do you like about living in Branxholme?

Built Assets (buildings, Reserves, roads, foot- paths, infra- structure)		Natural Assets (En- vironment, River, Land- scape, open spaces)		Historical (Local History, War Memori- als, etc.)		Community (People, spir- it, Town iden- tity, pride)		Services & Supports (Business, Govern- ment, Health, Edu- cation)	
Shops	4	Nature/Scen- ery	9	Family history	1	Community feel	4	Accessible	2
Facilities	2	Quiet & Peaceful	8			People	2		
		Pretty	4			Close knit community	2		
		Space	3			Safe	2		
		Clean air	2			Good for the children	2		
		Clean Water	1			People	2		
						Friendly	1		
TOTAL:	6		27		1		15		2

Q2: What is one thing about Branhholme and your community that makes you proud?

Built Assets (Buildings, Roads, Footpaths, Infrastructure)		Natural Assets (Environment, Open Spaces)		Historical (Local History, War Memorials, etc.)		Community (People, spirit, town identity, pride)	
Facilities	2	Space	1	Local History	3	Community Spirit	5
Playground	1	Nice area to live	1			People to lead things	3
Footy Clubs	1	Tidy Town	1			Community comes together to get things done	3
		House & Garden	1			Supportive Community	2
						Tolerance	1
						People	1
TOTAL:	4		4		3		15

Q3: What could be improved to make it a better place to live?

Built Assets (buildings, roads, footpaths, infrastructure)		Historical		Community (People, spirit, Town identity, pride)		Services & Supports		Natural Assets (Environment, Open Spaces)	
Improved recreation reserve facilities	2	Increased awareness of local Branhholme history (the Spectator)	1	More diverse people	3	Secure school and kinder	2	Town Beautification	1
Drains	2			Growth	3			Landscaping	1
Sceptic system improvements	1			Community gathering space	1			Retain native floral & fauna	1
Seal dirt roads	1			Increased number of community activities and get togethers	1			Plant advanced deciduous trees	1

Pathways	1			Increased number of activities for old youth	1			Research native vegetation	1
Better community facilities	1			Development of a focussed community plan	1				
Town Water supply	1			Acknowledgement of local heroes like Joey Atkinson	1				
Senior Units	1								
Pool	1								
Improved Pub	1								
Bus Stop	1								
Water for public spaces	1								
More community involvement in management of facilities	1								
TOTAL:	15		1		11		2		5

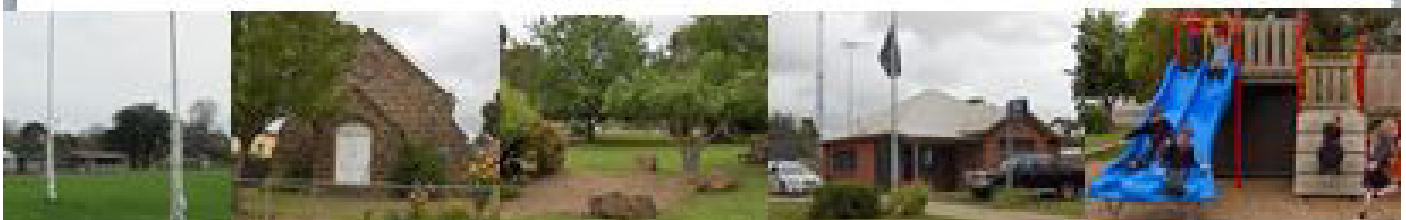


**COME & HELP PLAN YOUR VISION FOR
BRANXHOLME & DISTRICT**

**Sunday 18 May
11:00 am-4:00 pm
Branxholme Primary School
Free lunch for all participants
All Ages Invited**

RSVPs Essential
Child Minding options available
PH: 5573 0243 to register your children by 14 May

In partnership with Branxholme Progress Association,
Southern Grampians Shire Council & State Government Victoria



Participation:

Heather Armstrong, Mavis Goss, Michèle and David Batten, David & Jodi Tognon, Jim and Midge Gough, Julie Morgan, Sturt Boden, Nat Bennett, Colin Frawley, Robert & Lyn Price
Total of 14 community members participated although some were not present for the whole session.

What people value about living in Branxholme

People – friendly
Sense of community/ community spirit
lifestyle

What people are passionate about?

When asked to make public statement about what you are passionate about and prepared to do something about the following topics were nominated:

Topics discussed – See attached action sheets

Preserving and adding to native plant areas to ensure habitat for wildlife continues -nominated by Heather.

Water from town bore to be permanently connected to the town – nominated by Michèle Batten.

Recording of history – nominated by Jim

Streetscaping – nominated by David and Julie. Also included Mavis's topic with this one – Aim to have beautiful gardens

Promotion of our community school – nominated by Mandy but she was not able to stay for discussion.

(We were able to discuss all the topics as one group because of small size of the group.)

Community Vision

The vision was developed from an activity in which participants imagined what Branxholme would be like in a perfect world in 10 – 15 years time. Themes were developed from their descriptions and incorporated into the following vision.

Branxholme will be:

an attractive place to live , in which people feel safe and secure, retaining its village-like atmosphere, old buildings, parks and open space, native flora and fauna;

able to offer families high quality schooling at the local community school and recreational opportunities for children and young people;

an attractive place for tourists to stop.

Branxholme Community Planning Session Outcome Sheets 2014

Topic: Preserving native plant areas, habitat and natural history

Convenor: Heather

Co-workers: Jim, Julie, Mavis, David and Michèle Batten

Issues/ideas

Need to preserve and enhance woolly tea tree area and encourage use of minimal weeding etc.

Allow re-vegetation to occur naturally

This area includes Arrandoorong Creek, parts of which are filthy.

Significant native grassland between 2 railway tracks needs protection.

Cattle droving on roadside should not be allowed.

Reservoir area (railway reserve) to be enhanced and developed for public enjoyment and recreation.

All streetscapes do not need to be planted with native trees. Street trees should be respected and protected.

What we want to achieve	What we will do	Who will do it	When	Resources we need
Reservoir area enhanced Maintain native flora and fauna in Arrandoorong Creek and conservation area Protect native grasslands where appropriate	Investigate possibilities Clear weeds and debris. Tree stumps removed from 'swimming' pool area. Obtain permit and create tracks through wetlands	Current Committee of Management for Conservation Reserve can coordinate work of community members	One major effort asap and on-going maintenance thereafter.	Funding Reliable advice People power. Council grants could be used for machinery hire

Topic: Water for town

Convenor: Michele

Co-workers: Jim and Midge, Julie, Sturt, Mavis, David and Michele Batten, David, Colin

Issues/ideas

Bore water is essential for town.

Historically the town has had access to free non-potable bore water and has come to rely on this

What we want to achieve	What we will do	Who will do it	When	Resources we need
Free supply of non-potable water for domestic use	Petition to go to Council requesting that Railway tank be re-connected Explore other possibilities of free non-potable water supply	Michele Michele,	Now	none
Maintain railway tank as part of cultural and historical area	Erect plaque outlining historical significance next to the Railway tank. Explore option of community taking over the lease	Jim and Sarah Progress Association	Now Already happening	

Topic: Streetscaping

Convenor: David Batten and Julie

Co-workers: Michele, Mavis, David, Jim, later joined by Jo and Robert Price, Colin, Sturt, Midge.

Issues/ideas

- Need to develop street plan
- Need to know what is already there
- Manchurian Pear Trees from under power lines need to be re-located asap before they grow any bigger
- Grading of nature strips so people can mow
- Drainage along streets a real problem
- Street lighting needed in some areas
- There are existing gravel footpaths that have been grown over in some streets such as Monroe street
- Could develop community gardens through planting along nature strips.

What we want to achieve	What we will do	Who will do it	When	Resources we need
1. Comprehensive street plan that builds on existing resources and plans for suitable future planting including planting for drainage.	Undertake a tree/plant audit Clear weeds and debris. Manchurian Pear trees relocated from under the power lines to more suitable area Identify tree species that are suitable for area and location. Identify drainage planting.	David, Michèle and Heather and other volunteers. Council staff with community volunteers	Needs to happen before winter. When best time to re-locate autumn-winter this year otherwise they will be too big to move.	Expertise from Council – Neil Trotman Council machinery and outdoor staff
1. Create community gardens in conjunction with school garden	Obtain Council approval for planting on nature strips. Establish raised flower and herb garden beds along nature strips	Michele Michele to coordinate with anyone who is interested.	Permit asap Garden beds in spring	Expert assistance from Council through Frank Vershuren
1. Ensure safe walking paths in town	Investigate street light options for town and incorporate into street plan. Identify old existing gravel paths and re-instate	Council to liaise with other bodies Robert Price		Round –up Bobcat

Topic: Promotion of our community school and kindergarten

Convenor: Topic nominated by Mandy but she was not able to be present

Co-workers: Michèle, Mavis, David, Jim, later joined by Jo and Robert Price, Colin, Sturt, Midge, Nat.

Issues/ideas

- Current bus route does not go to all areas which means potential students are going to other schools. There are currently about 5 students that can't access school because of current school bus route.
- Student numbers are decreasing – now down to 26 students
- How to attract more students to school
- How to promote school resources to other community groups (Real positive that school playground is now a shared community playground)

What we want to achieve	What we will do	Who will do it	When	Resources we need
Ensure the community school remains viable and gets stronger.	<p>Explore options for attracting more students</p> <p>Explore options for change in bus route – need a minimum of 5 enrolled students for the DEECD to consider establishing school bus pick up.</p> <p>School to promote itself more effectively through signage.</p> <p>Expand community volunteer program</p>	<p>School Council</p> <p>Interested parents</p> <p>School Council and Shire Council School</p>	On-going	
Establish school garden as part of community garden	School to work with community members in establishing school garden	Interested community and school members	Garden beds in spring	Expert assistance from Council through Frank Vershuren
Greater use of school resources by the community	<p>Promote use of school resources through school newsletter.</p> <p>Hire of school facilities for celebrations, birthdays etc.</p>	School staff	On-going	None

Branxholme Draft Action Plan 2014 (20 completed correctly & 4 incorrect surveys)

The Branxholme community has been working to develop a community plan which will provide Branxholme with clear direction for the future. It outlines a vision, goals and actions that will assist in the development of your town. It has a 'whole of community' focus and identifies partnerships to help achieve these goals. This plan will be owned and driven by the Branxholme community, so we need your help. We value your input so please review the draft plan below and rank your top 5 priorities for the Branxholme Community. Please indicate your willingness to make this happen for Branxholme.

Community Life

Goal: To provide activities and facilities for residents to strengthen the sense of community, improve their health and wellbeing and support the Branxholme community to continue to be vibrant and sustainable.

Total Score	Priorities: (What we will do)	1	2	3	4	5	Total Ticks	Total Score from incorrect surveys
45	Explore options for a community water source.	6	3	1			10	10
35	Create a community gathering space with facilities that could be used by residents, visitors and to hold community celebrations/events to increase activities for the community	3	4		2		9	5
25	Improved facilities at the Recreation Reserve Precinct	1	1	3	3	1	9	10
38	Establishment of public conveniences in the town centre	3	1	4	2	3	13	8
30	Explore options to resolve waste water and drainage issues in the township	2	2	3	1	1	9	3
7	Develop and strengthen annual community events in Branxholme			1	2		3	3
26	Continue to address safety around Stalkers Bend and Heritage Park	1	3	1	3		8	5
17	Maintain and support the current emergency service levels in Branxholme		1	3	2		6	7
20	Support and strengthening Kinder and Primary Education in Branxholme and connection to the community	1	1	2		5	9	5
0	Explore the use of the school bus line by community members who work in Hamilton						0	0

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26	Preserve and maintain the old Railway water tank for historic value in a working order.	1	4		1	3	9	10
5	Continue to maintain and promote Heritage Park	1					1	16
2	Record, preserve and promote local history					2	2	16
1	Development of a management plan of Arrandoovong and its ecosystem.					1	1	10
0	Research and preserve native flora and fauna in the Arrandoovong Creek area						0	5
5	Investigate the establishment of a Rail trail on the Old Casterton Rail Line	1					1	2

TOWN BEAUTIFICATION

Goal: To enhance the appearance of the community

4	Comprehensive streetscape plan that builds on existing resources and plans for suitable future plantings including planting for drainage.				2		2	14
0	Town Beautification program						0	18
2	Create community gardens in conjunction with school garden or in the nature strips of the township				1		1	6
3	Maintain and explore the further development of the reservoir area including reinforcement of the jetty and reconditioning of the sitting area.				1	1	2	9

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3	Strengthen the Branhholme Progress Association					3	3	10
0	Management of Branhholme Community Plan						0	8

Appendix #5 Urban Design Framework

BRANXHOLME

Indicative cost band:

5 \$0-\$10,000 = least resources required

4 \$10,000 - \$75,000

3 \$75,000 – \$100,000 = moderate resources

2 \$100,000 – \$250,000

1 \$250,000-\$1,000,000 = most resources required

Priority Action	Proposal	Strategy No.	How	Cost band	Priority	When	Rationale
Bra1	Water supply study	14	Undertake a co-ordinated drainage and water supply study under the "Our Water Our Future" initiative.	3	High	2005-2007	This will assess the existing issues and recommend improvements that seek to use the existing supply more effectively and ensure more is available for both fire management and gardening.
Bra2	Sealing of streets	8	Prioritise the paving of Best and Wyndham Streets so that they grade out to the table drains. This ensures a safe walking environment throughout Branxholme and presents a significant and highly visible investment in infrastructure in the town.	3	High	2005-2007	This ensures a safe walking environment throughout Branxholme and presents a significant and highly visible investment in infrastructure in the town.
Bra3	Pedestrian crossing	12	Improve the pedestrian connection across the Henty Highway by providing warning signage for vehicles to slow down and investigate reducing speed limit through the town between Lynch and Cox streets to 70km/hr. In conjunction with the above, install a crossing median to be incorporated as part of a traffic right turn facility.	2	High	2005-2007	This will improve the safety for pedestrians' crossing over to the sports precinct (east side) at this prominent intersection, as well as the safety of turning trucks.
Bra4	Co-ordinated signage and icons for the towns	1	Council to install signage columns at the entrance to the town, subject to the detailed design guide in AUSTRROADS Guide to Traffic Engineering Practice Part 8.	2	High	2007-2010	Provide a graphic identity for the town to showcase its principle assets and provide an attractive and memorable entrance and tell people that they have arrived somewhere special.
Bra5	Promotional maps for each town	2	Council to establish a freestanding structure to house the town map, and prepare both an adults and children's version of the 'tear-off' maps to be placed in shops.	3	High	2007-2010	Will give value to peoples recollections and will raise awareness of the many interesting features in and around the town.
Bra6	Recording and telling the towns stories	3	Council to invite the local community to share their stories and historical insights. Council to then install interpretive features at the points revealed by the research.	4	High	2007-2010	Will provide interpretive features that effectively describe the wonderful collection of stories in the town.
Bra7	Proposed walking trails	4	Council to develop a town trail connecting the interesting features and advertise on the town map (Strategy 2)	5	High	2007-2010	Will provide a way of enabling interested people to engage in the qualities the town offers.

Bra8	Public toilet improvements	9	Enhance usability of toilets at sporting facilities. This can be achieved either by repairing existing water tank which presently leaks or investigate the installation of composting toilets within the sports club precinct.	4	High-Medium	2007-2010	This improvement to the sports facilities will encourage more increased utilisation of the footy oval and newly sealed netball courts in particular, as well as opportunities to host regional competitions.
Bra9	Bush boulevard	10	Create a 'bush boulevard' outside town limits along this section of the Henty Highway, using indigenous canopy trees and shrubs.	3	Medium	2010-2015	This provides a definable gateway and entrance to the town as well as the emphasis Branxholme's 'sustainable' identity.
Bra10	Rural living museum	6	Provide opportunities to re-open the former bakery as a rural living museum to the public/regional tourist market to educate people about the lifestyle and products (such as baking) of past times and the relationship of the town to the railway.	4	Medium	2010-2015	This provides Branxholme with a destination that offers opportunities for visitors to interact with the historical buildings, settlement and interesting former uses, as well as develop an enhanced 'pride of place' within Branxholme. (see appendix 4)
Bra11	Additional BBQ	7	Provide an additional BBQ area at the 'Hook, Line & Sink' Community Hall on the western side of the Henty Highway to complement the BBQ on the east side.	5	Medium	2010-2015	This enhances the already strong social 'glue' in Branxholme, as well as provides a perceived 'social centre' of the town as an identifiable space for gatherings that complements the BBQ across the highway.
Bra12	Tree removal and replacement	11	Remove the large Cypress trees and revegetate the area using indigenous planting species in keeping with those of the adjacent wetlands.	5	Medium	2010-2015	This will open up the views to the recreation reserve as well as provide sunlight to the scenic former swimming hole area.
Bra13	Improvements to swimming reservoir	5	Explore how the local swimming reservoir can be improved for locals by including a picnic area and indigenous tree planting for shade.	4	Medium	2010-2015	This improves the recreational facilities available to both children and adults.
Bra14	Develop business networks	16	Establish a relationship with potential outlets such as Tarrington's Catalpha café for Branxholme to provide specialty food products such as olives and quail eggs;	5	Medium	2010-2015	This will improve the employment opportunities within Branxholme.
Bra15	Small business workshops	15	Conduct a series of workshops in the town to facilitate small businesses to start up and utilise the areas potential (eg. olives, quail eggs)	5	Medium	2010-2015	This will improve the opportunities for people to start up or improve on existing local businesses within Branxholme.
Bra16	Bicycle track	13	Investigate the development of a parallel bicycle track alongside the railway line.	5	Medium-Low	2015-2020	This provides a wider range of recreational activities for young people in Branxholme and would help bring visitors to the town.