

### WHAT WE WILL DO, ADVOCATE FOR AND SUPPORT OTHERS TO DO:

#### Community



- Continue to promote the benefits and achievements of the Birchip Community Forum
- Continue to identify and create opportunities to share information and better connect the community (i.e. annual community calendar, events at Tchum Lake)
- Continue to support local community groups and organisations to seek funding to deliver projects and awareness that improve community health and wellbeing and celebrate diversity



#### Environment



- Encourage the planting of more native trees and flora throughout Birchip centre and in key community spaces to provide shade and improve native habitats (i.e. township area)
- Continue to support the potential for environmental water to be gained at Tchum Lake North



#### Business



- Continue to support initiatives to encourage local employment opportunities and retainment of skills (i.e. careers expo, alumni event, local scholarship fund)
- Encourage greater investment to support more businesses to operate in Birchip (i.e. new industrial estate or expansion of the current estate, more housing)
- Explore opportunities for more innovative and diverse industry pathways to enable Birchip to become less reliant on traditional farming practices
- Continue to support and promote our local events and tourism industry and the continued investment in their development and delivery (i.e. Tchum Lake, Mali Heart Arts Festival)

#### Infrastructure



- Continue to support local community groups and organisations to apply for funds to make their facilities more accessible for all (i.e. ramps, toilets)
- Explore the development of a purpose built facility to provide a communal space for events, meetings, activities and aligned services (i.e. emergency services hub)
- Create more outdoor spaces for the community and visitors to meet, play and enjoy (i.e. playgrounds, picnic tables)
- Encourage continued investment in local streetscapes to beautify the Birchip township and attract tourists (i.e. signage, whole of town drainage, road repairs, gardens)
- Continue to support further investment, development and upgrades of local health and fitness facilities (i.e. Recreation Reserve and Leisure Centre)

The Birchip Community Forum are the custodians of the Birchip 5 Year Community Advocacy Plan and will monitor its implementation on an ongoing basis, with regular updates provided to Council and the community through an annual review process.

**For information about any of the priority projects, or how you can be involved, contact the Birchip Community Forum at [birchipcommunityforum@gmail.com](mailto:birchipcommunityforum@gmail.com)**

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