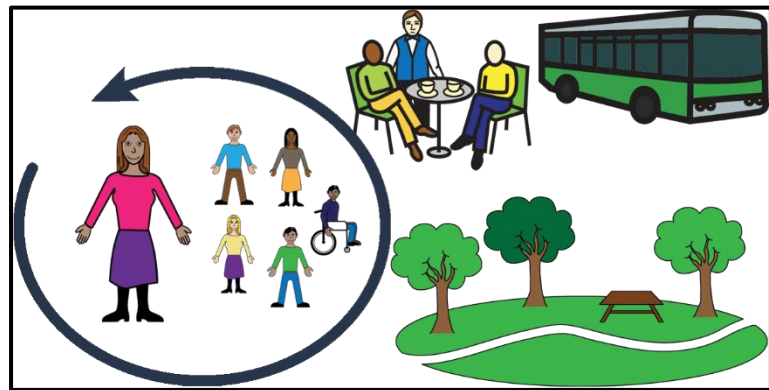




Easy English

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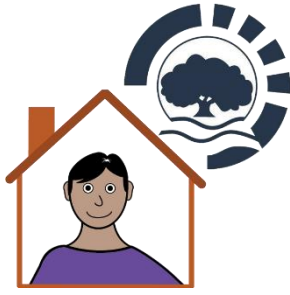


Our Plan for the Town



The words **we**, **our** and **us** in this book mean
Town of Victoria Park.

We say **the Town.**



We talk to you

We talked to people who

- live in the Town

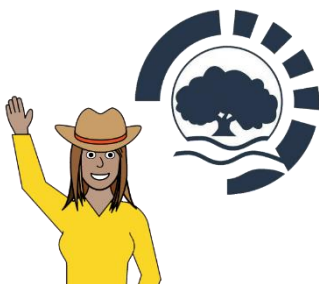


- work in the Town

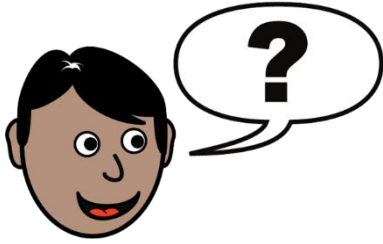


- study in the Town

or



- visit the Town.



We asked people what they think of the Town.

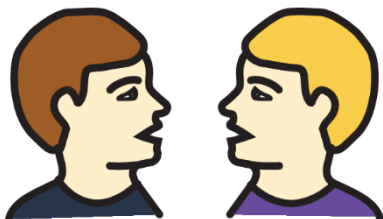


They could tell us in lots of different ways. Like

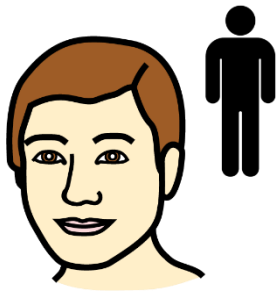
- fill out a survey



- write to us online

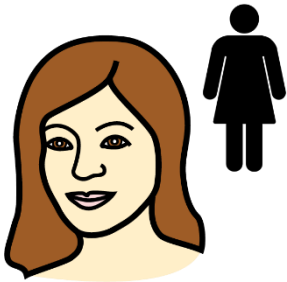


- answer our questions in person.



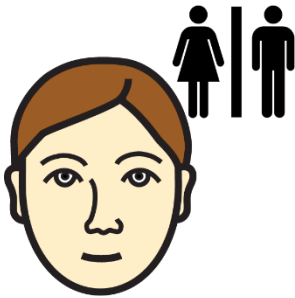
We talked to

- men



- women

and



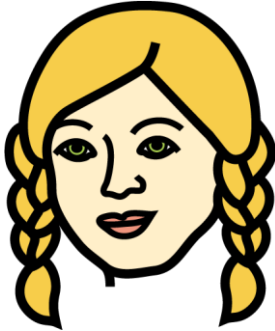
- non binary people.



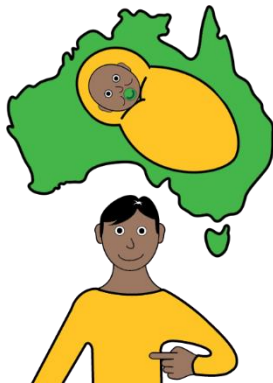
We talked to

- older people

and



- younger people.



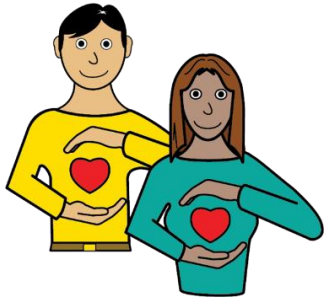
We talked to

- people who were born in Australia

and



- people who were born in another country.



We talked to people like you.

We found out what matters to you.



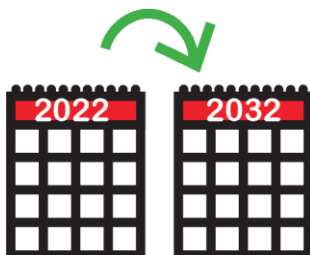
You said you care about

- your community
- local business
- the environment.

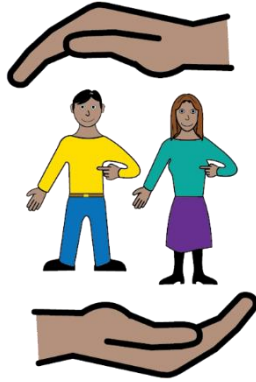


We used your answers to help us write a plan.

We call it our **strategic community plan**.



The plan is a 10 year plan for the Town.



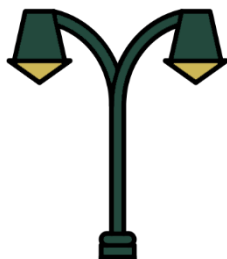
We want you to be safe

We will make our places safer.



Like we will

- keep our public places in good condition



- put in street lights



- work with experts to stop crime.



Sometimes you can ask us for money to make your home **or** work place safer.

We say you apply for a **grant**.



You use the money to help pay for things that keep you safe. Like

- alarms



- locks



- security doors



- security cameras.

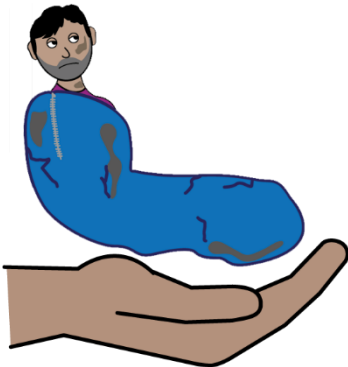


We want you to have a home

We do **not** want anyone to be homeless.



We will help people find a place to live.

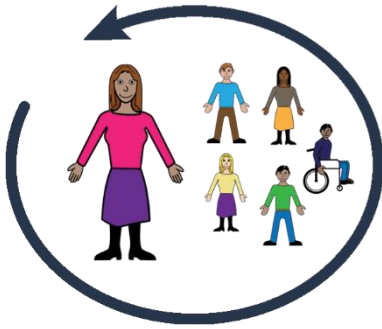


Like you may be homeless because of big problems in your life.

We will work with organisations to fix the problems.



We will give the organisations money so they can help more people.



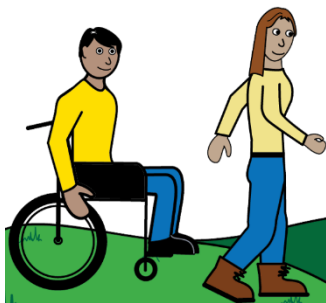
We want you to be included

You are an important part of our community.

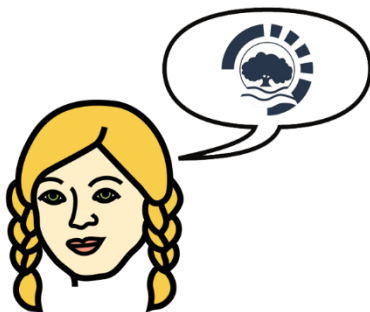


We will celebrate people from all cultures. Like

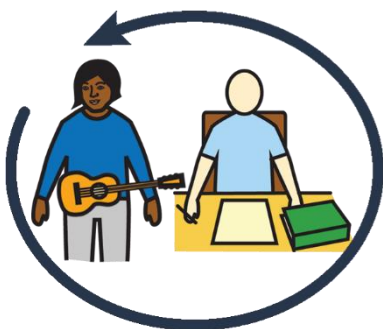
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples
- people from different ethnic groups.



We will make sure people with disability can do the same things as people with no disability.

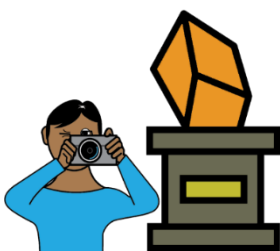


We will let young people say what they think about our big ideas.



We want everyone to be able to enjoy the arts.

We want everyone to be able to learn new things.



Like we will

- put art in public places



- support people who make art



- support the library.

The library is a place where you can learn.

It is also where you can try different things **and** find out what you like.



We want everyone to have an easy way to get fit.

We have 2 **leisure centres** where you can go for exercise **and** fun.



Our **Aqualife** leisure centre is where our swimming pools are.

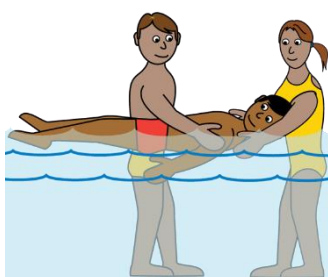


Like you may go there to

- swim



- do a water aerobics class



- do therapy in a pool.

Our **Leisurelife** leisure centre is where our sports courts are.



Like you may go there to

- play an indoor sport



- do a group fitness class



- use the gym.



We want business to do well

You can enjoy different businesses in the Town.



We support lots of different types of business.



We will make it easier for a new business to open.



We will make it easier for an older business to get bigger.



Like you may need an ok from us to run your business.



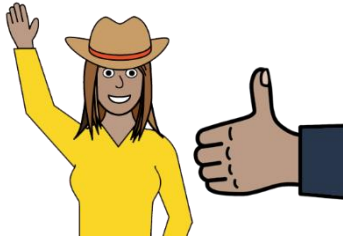
We say you need a **business permit**.



We make sure you can get your business permit fast.



We want the Town to be a good place to work.



We want the Town to be a good place to visit.



When more people visit the Town

- local businesses have more customers.



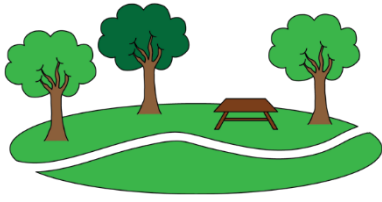
We will get more people to visit the Town.

Like we will

- make sure there are fun things to do



- make sure our public places look good.



We care about the environment



We will plant more plants.

Like trees **and** bushes.

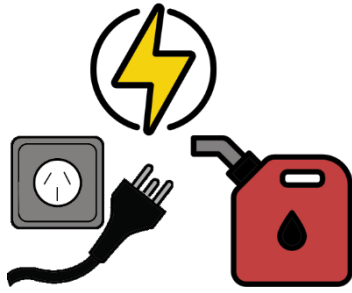


We will choose plants from Western Australia.



These plants use less water.

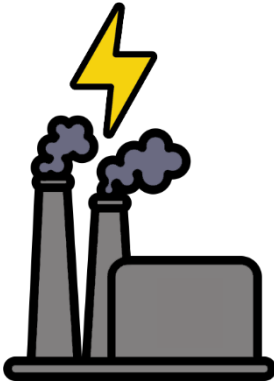
We can save water this way.



Some things need power to work.

Like they use fuel **or** electricity.

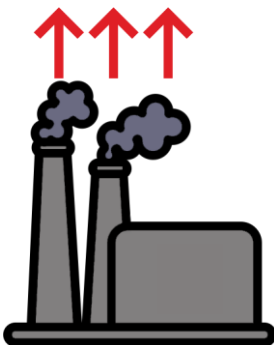
We say **energy**.



Most times we burn **fossil fuels** to make energy.

Like we burn

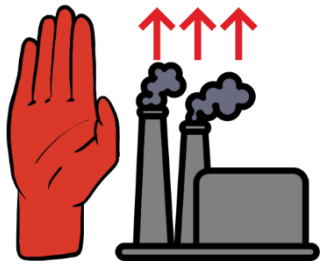
- coal
- oil
- natural gas.



When we burn fossil fuels

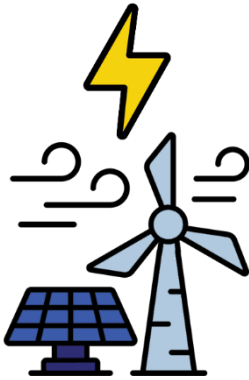
- a type of gas goes into the air.

We say **carbon emissions**.



We want to stop our carbon emissions.

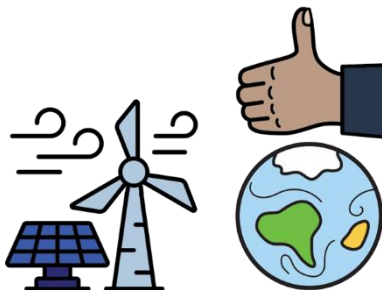
Carbon emissions are bad for the environment.



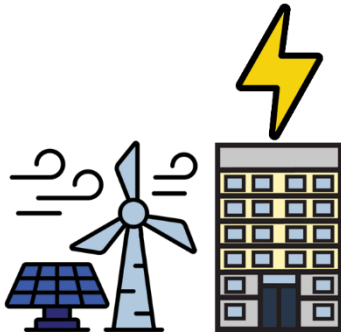
We will use more **renewable energy**.

Like we will get more of our power from

- the sun
- the wind
- the ocean.

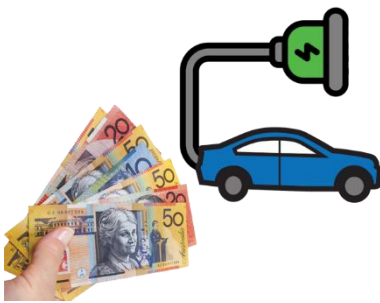


Renewable energy is good for the environment.



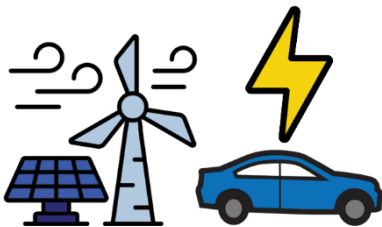
We can use renewable energy to power our buildings.

We do **not** need to use fossil fuels all the time.



When we buy new cars for work

- we will buy electric **or** hybrid cars.



These cars can use renewable energy.

They do **not** need fossil fuels.



Waste means the things you throw away.

Like rubbish.



Lots of waste gets put in the ground.

We say it goes into **landfill**.



We want less waste to go into landfill.

It does **not** all need to be in the ground.



We can use some of our waste again.

You help us when you put your waste in the right bin.



Like you may throw away

- plastic bottles
- paper
- cans
- glass.



We use these things to make something new.

We say we **recycle** these things.

We say it is **recyclable** waste.



You put recyclable waste in the **recycling bin**.

This bin has a yellow lid.



When you put your recyclable waste in the recycling bin

- we can use it to make new things

and



- less waste ends up in landfill.



Do **not** put things that are **not** recyclable in the recycling bin.



You may have a **garden organics bin**.

We say **GO bin**.

It has a green lid.



You put plant waste in the GO bin. Like

- weeds
- grass clippings
- sticks
- leaves.



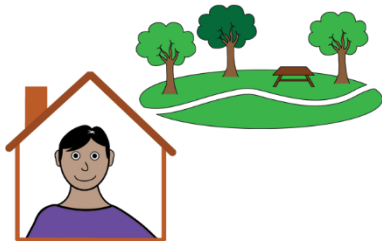
Do **not** put other things in the GO bin.

It is only for plant waste.



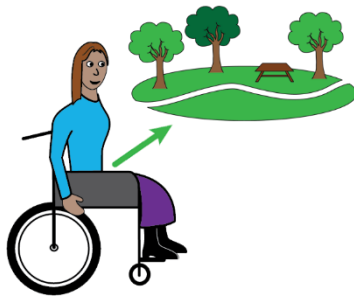
We turn plant waste into **compost**.

We use compost to help new plants grow.

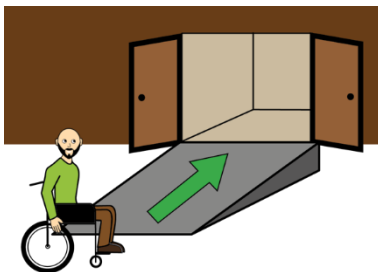


We want you to use our places

We want more open spaces near where you live.



We will make sure people with disability can use our open spaces.



We will make sure people with disability can use our buildings.



We will also keep our buildings clean.



You can use our parks for your events.



You must check that it is ok with us first.

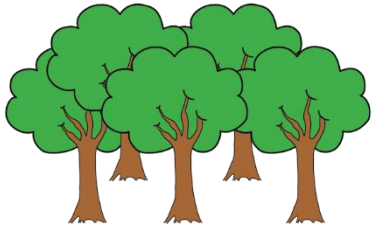
We say you must **book** the park in advance.



You pay us money when you book our park for your event.

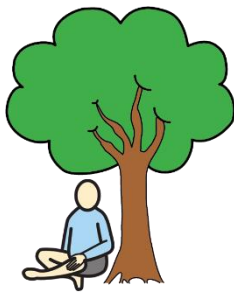


We use your money to make the Town better for more people.



We want to have lots of trees in public spaces.

We say we want to increase **tree canopy coverage**.

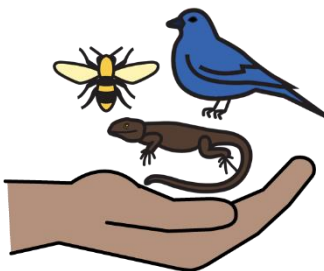


When there are lots of trees

- there is more shade to keep cool



- it makes outdoor places look nice



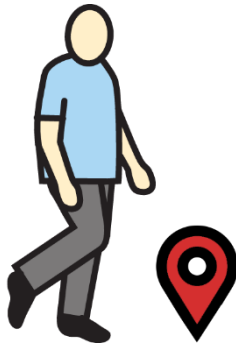
- local animals can live **and** grow.



**We make it easy to
move around**



We want all the places you need to be
near you.



We will make it easy to

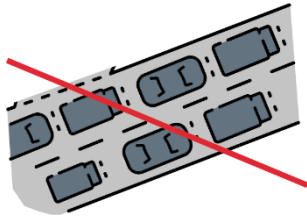
- walk



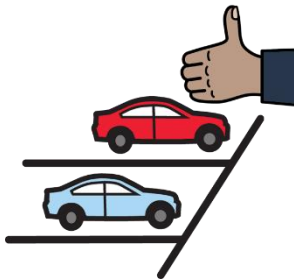
- ride a bike



- take a bus **or** train.

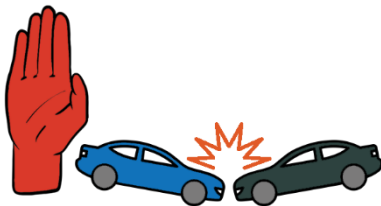


We want the Town to be a place where you do **not** need to use a car all the time.



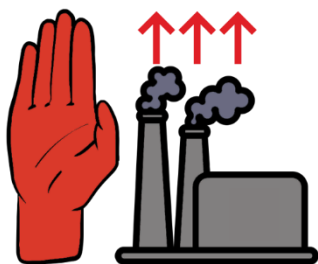
When there are fewer cars

- people who must drive can find parking



- we do **not** have as many car crashes

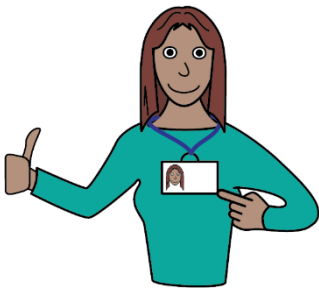
and



- we can stop **or** lower our carbon emissions.

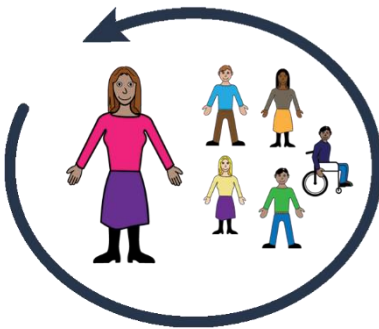


**We will be good leaders in
the community**



We will help our customers.

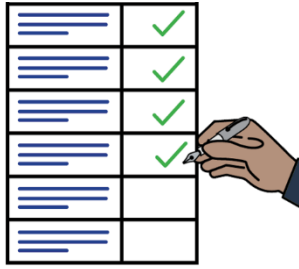
We want you to get what you need from us.



We will make sure different kinds of people can
get a job with us.

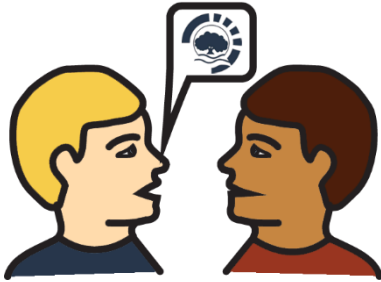


We want to keep our workers happy.



We will plan our projects.

We will follow the plan.



We will tell you what happens in the Town.

You can talk to us too.



We will tell the whole truth about what we do.

We say we will be **accountable**.



We will think about the best way to
give you information.



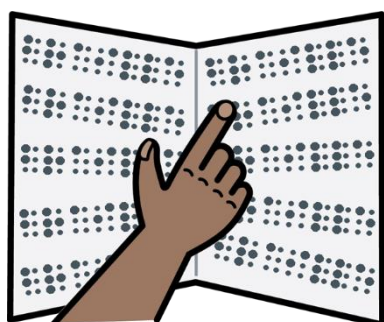
Like you may use social media.

We can post our information online.



You may speak a language that is **not** English.

We can give you information in your language.



You may need information in another way.

Like braille.

You can ask us.



How we use the plan

Sometimes we can **not** do all the things we want to do.

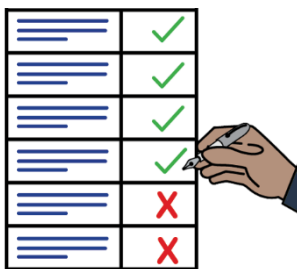
Like



- we do **not** have the money



- we do **not** have the workers we need



- something happens that we did **not** plan for.

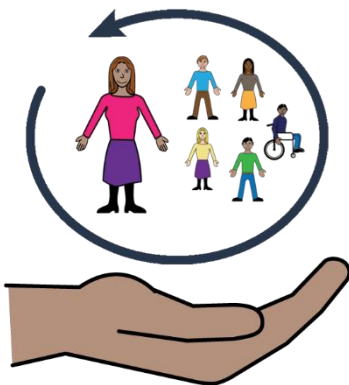


The plan helps us understand what matters the most to you.

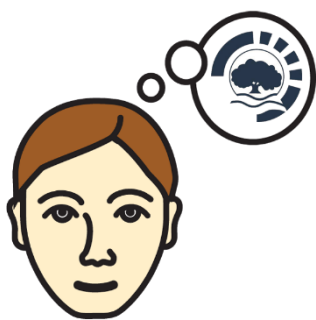


When we know what matters to you

- we can choose what to do first.



We will work with our community to make the plan happen.



Talk to us

You can tell us what you think.

You can ask us questions.



Like you can

- phone us.

08 9311 8111



- email us.

admin@vicpark.wa.gov.au



- go to our website.

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