



CAPTURING OPPORTUNITY AND SUCCESS

**MAYORAL REPORT
NOVEMBER 2021**



**CENTRAL
GOLDFIELDS**
SHIRE COUNCIL

November 2020 – A newly elected Council



Three Councillors new to Local Government

Two Councillors with experience in other Councils

Two Councillors with long term CGSC experience

In our Councillor Code of Conduct we value:





Covid -19 Council Actions

Emergency
Management

Community
Support

Business
Support

Mental Health
Support

Financial
Support
Measures


Indigenous
Communities
Support

Energy Bill
Payments

Community
Connectors

Be Kind
Central
Goldfields

Priority Projects Plan –Key projects



Priority Projects Plan

Central Goldfields Shire Council

Central Goldfields Shire Council is seeking to partner with the Victorian and Commonwealth Governments to deliver nine key projects that will benefit our community, promote recreation and social connection, attract visitation and boost our local economy.

For each of these projects, Central Goldfields Shire Council has already committed funds and completed initial works – all that's needed to begin construction is gap funding.

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Maryborough Railway Station Activation

Carisbrook Levee

Growing Talbot Planning

Developing a pathway network

Central Goldfields Art Gallery upgrade

Carisbrook Recreation Reserve

Deledio Recreation Reserve Dunolly

Maryborough Skate and Scooter Park

Central Goldfields Youth Hub

Project Plan
update

Focus on
2022 -2024

Advocacy
Strategy

Success in Securing Grants

Funding from Victorian and Commonwealth Governments

Over \$20 million in capital projects

Projects –great and small

Locations across the Shire beneficiaries

Very tight delivery timelines

Enabling opportunities which previously were only dreams

Community Engagement



Budget 2021-2022 Update

Income Statement – High Level Drivers

- 1.5% Rate Cap
- Insurance premium increase
- Workcover premium increase
- Superannuation increase (9.5% to 10% from 1 July)
- EBA negotiation (estimate of increase by 1.4%, effective 9 November 2021)

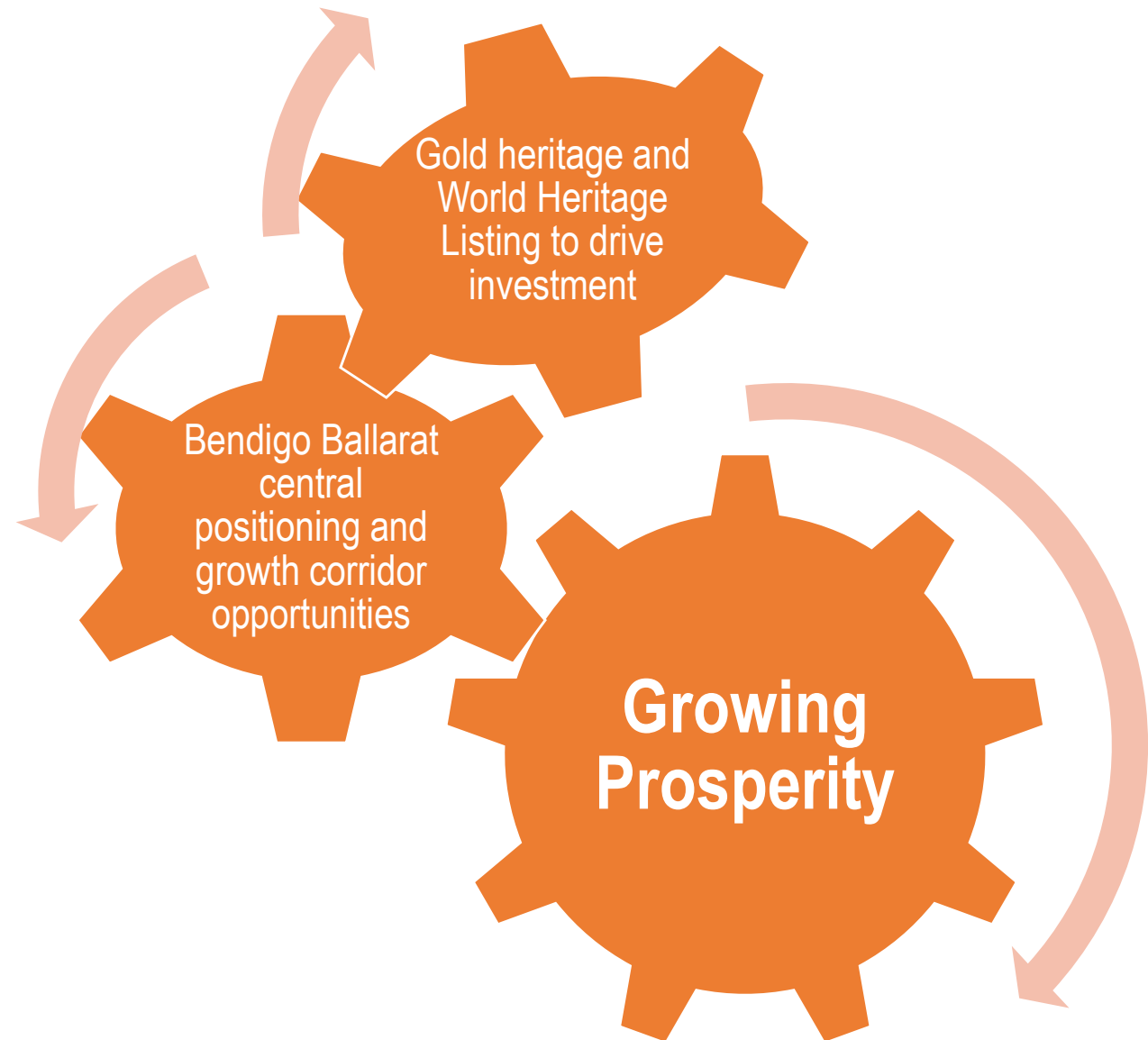
Impact of the above is

• Additional Rates Revenue	\$124.7k	
• Additional Insurance Cost estimate	(\$73.5k)	
• Additional Workcover Cost estimate	(\$87.2k)	
• Additional Superannuation	(\$63.3k)	
• EBA increase estimate	<u>(\$207.3k)</u>	
• Pressure on Income Statement		(\$435.9k)

Community Vision Statement

In 2031, we are an inspiring, thriving and prosperous community of choice, we've taken bold steps towards growing our economy and our community is full of optimism and opportunities. We are kind, connected and inclusive and we nurture creativity, leadership and innovation. We value and invest in our young people and our health and wellbeing is high. We live sustainably, cherish and protect our environment and heritage and we have access to outstanding jobs, education, health, community services, infrastructure, and housing”

The Rate Cap Challenge – Capturing Opportunity



Closing the gap



Council Plan (2021--2025) Vision –
“To be an engaged, flourishing, lively and
inclusive community”



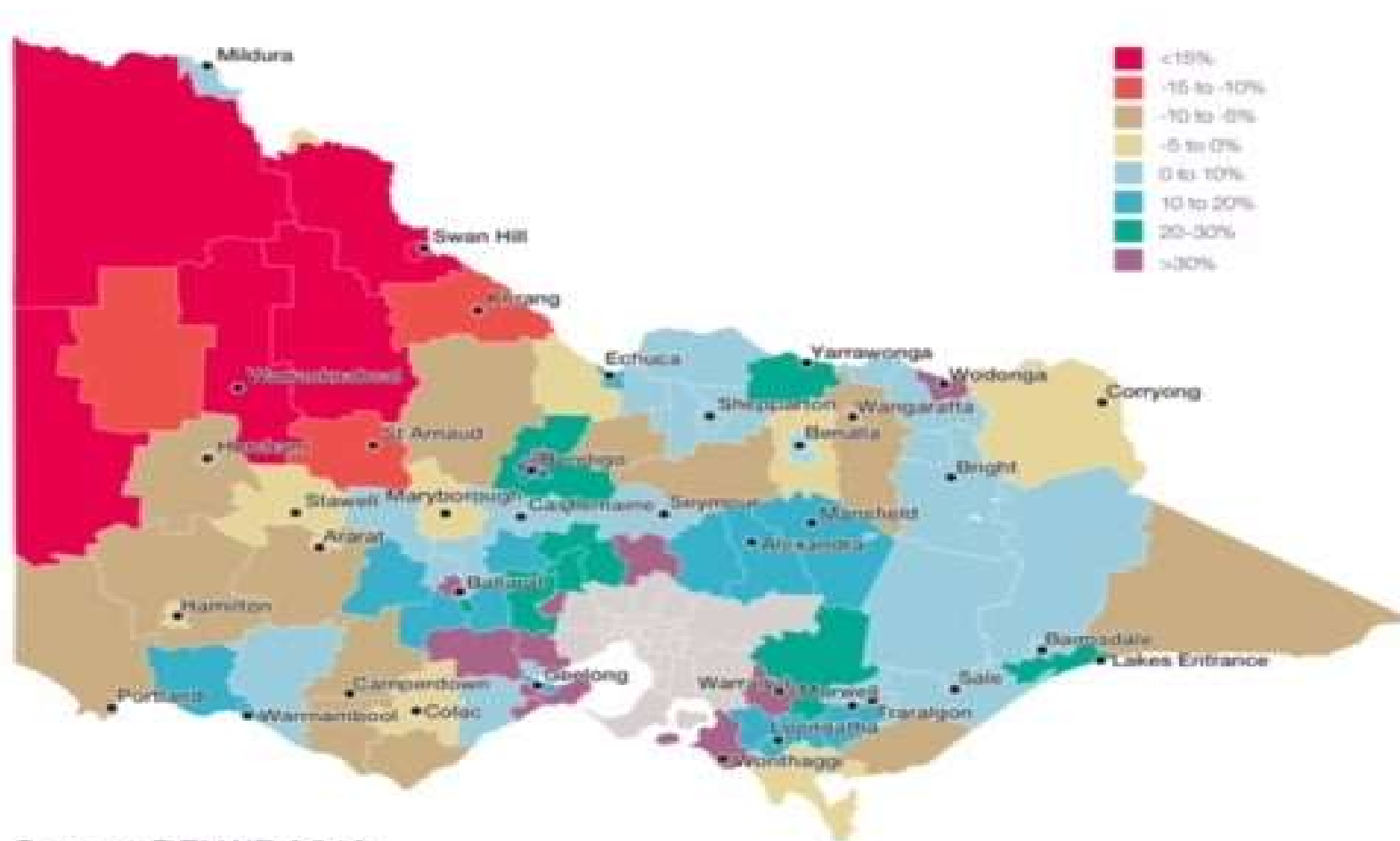
*Current Reality: SEIFA Index –
Disadvantage a barrier to prosperity and sustainability*

Transformational Opportunities



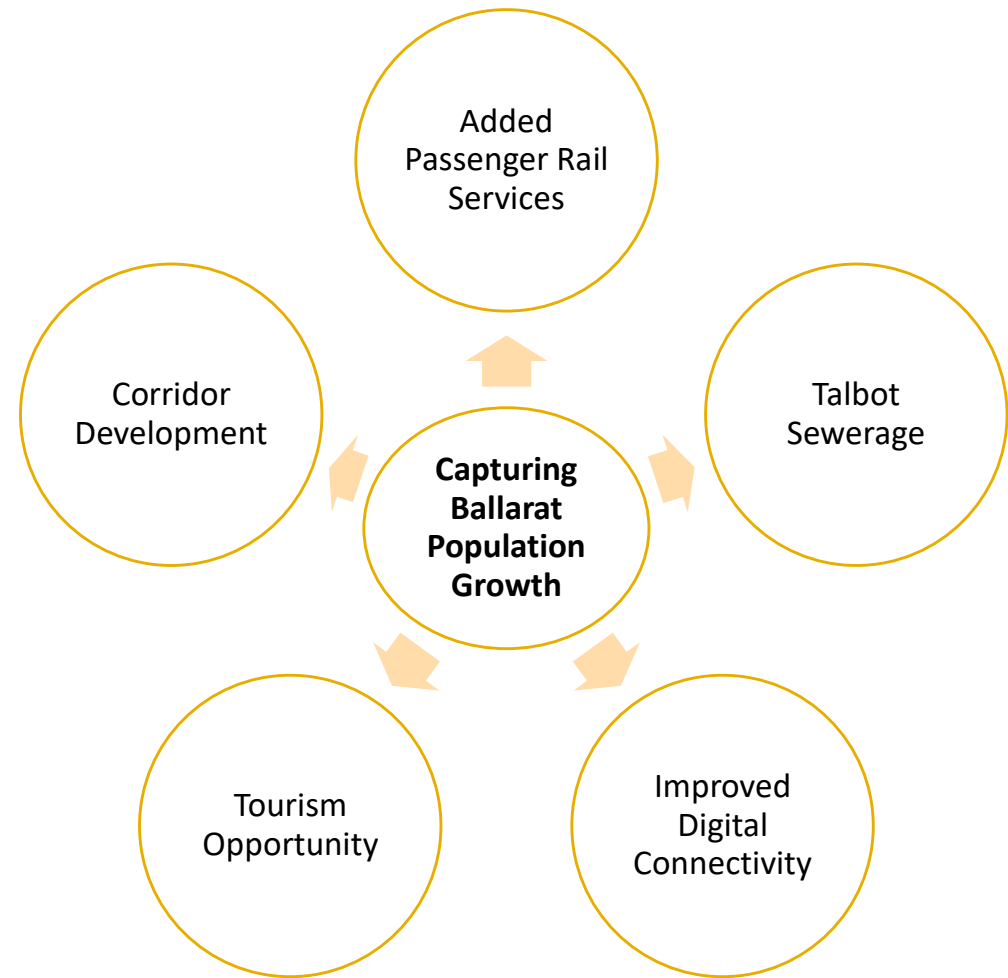
Population Growth Creates Opportunity

Figure 3: Projected population change in Victoria 2016-2031



Source: DELWP 2016

The Ballarat Maryborough Growth Corridor



Maryborough Station Activation



Initial \$2 million + investment

World Class Experience Centre

Story of Gold

World Heritage Listing

Central Regional Location –Magnificent Setting

Tourism –Point of Difference

World Heritage Listing – Central Victorian Goldfields



Substantial Investment

Massive Tourism Upside

Social Capital Development

Enhanced Liveability

Maryborough Aerodrome –an early priority



Central Location

Ballarat and Bendigo Nearing Capacity

Melbourne Airports Constrained

Underdeveloped Capability

Substantial Upside –Industry, Liveability, Tourism, Services



Rail, Air and Road Connectivity – Championing our Central Location

Maryborough Aerodrome –Early
Opportunities

Passenger and Freight Rail –Early to Long
Term Opportunities

Road Opportunities –short to medium
term touring route opportunities – World
Heritage Listing

Change Leadership is Key

Awakening

- New horizons
- Aspirational community culture

Envisioning

- Community Vision
- Mobilising for Action

Rearchitecting

- Council Plan
- Community Plans
- Leading Change

Source Noel M. Tichy and Stratford Sherman, *Control Your Destiny or Someone Else Will*, Doubleday, 1993.



Some Acknowledgements

Councillors

Working Together for our Community

CEO and Staff

Delivery is key to success

Governments and Community

Partnering in the future