



'100' Big-Little Ideas

Better Governance

1. Always put the strategic vision first, no matter how small the task
2. 'Brains trust' of community members, business and council to develop a 2040 plan
3. Use Citizens' Juries in development of Council Plans
4. Increase community involvement in budget process and reserve funds for later distribution
5. 'Pop-up' councils
6. Decentralised, township-based council offices to serve local communities
7. Shared back-office services to make savings and reduce rates
8. Fairer distribution of taxing powers between 3 levels of government
9. Map and link existing committees and community groups to improve interaction
10. Change of council culture to tackle 'wicked' problems from a community perspective
11. Less self-interest and politicisation among councillors
12. Community governance
13. Building 'continuous wisdom'
14. 'Design thinking' in policy writing and service delivery
15. Build trust and participation into grant decision-making processes
16. Webcasting council meetings to increase public interest
17. Utilise new and evolving IT and social media to increase efficiency and effectiveness
18. Use the 'science of muddling through'
19. Make more use of pilot programs
20. Place 'small bets' when experimenting with new ideas – less risky to fail
21. Planning applications should be acknowledged in 1 day, not 10
22. Wigan's lessons on dealing with massive budget cuts

Engagement and Empowerment

23. Collaborate with residents and listen to what they want – we don't know it all
24. More opportunities for community engagement
25. Grassroots approach to community engagement
26. Create a group of engagement specialists to work across the organization
27. Engaging 13,000 people to set the Council Plan
28. Virtual reality engagement ('Virtual Moreland')
29. Introduction of 'Have Your Say' as voice for community
30. Acknowledge community expertise, competence, energy and innovation
31. Freedom for community to self-determine make-up and agenda of community board
32. Community hub to gather ideas from local people
33. Develop policy in conjunction with key community stakeholders
34. Korumburra Roundtable of 20 people representing 30 organisations to plan and lead community
35. Empower communities to plan and drive change
36. Devolve decision-making to communities
37. 'Enable' rather than 'empower' people – they already have the power
38. Community-based committee to prepare a Regional Council Tree Plan
39. Citizens Jury to examine how to transition away from chemical herbicides and pesticides



Community Development

40. Education!!
41. Combining Collective Impact, ABCD and training (Victoria Park WA)
42. Creating great spaces for inter-generational interaction
43. Business partnerships for all generations (eg Hopscotch Restaurant Park)
44. 'Dream-Big' fund with nimble grants for young people
45. Letting young people design the new skate park
46. Encouraging people to care for each other eg community hubs for the ageing
47. Partnerships with business and government to access untapped resources
48. Local food movement and micro-farming opportunities, linking community and agriculture
49. Build a sense of belonging for multicultural communities
50. Register of migrant/refugee skills and interests to match them with community groups and businesses
51. Embrace the challenges of diversity and multi-culturalism to empower communities and 'grow with the change'
52. Bring community groups into governance and delivery of council projects in 'their places'
53. Place-based community project proposals
54. Collective Impact approach to emergency relief
55. Community (crowd?) funded grants program
56. Small community grants to facilitate Town Teams
57. Community owned medical clinic
58. Streetscaping of towns to revitalize communities
59. Public art on wheat silos
60. Encourage and facilitate Men's Sheds
61. 'Neighbour Day Every Day' – encourage people to connect
62. Community 'Pitch It' program
63. Engage community in design of redeveloped aquatic centre

Cooperation between Councils

64. Collaborate across council boundaries
65. Councils working together on issues and approaches rather than each re-inventing the wheel
66. More peer-to-peer mentoring and sector-wide evaluation
67. Leverage the resources and expertise of neighbouring councils
68. Regional recycling hubs

And finally ...

69. A cool beer!