



The State Government's SuperTowns Program is offering more opportunities for people choosing to live regionally. The \$85.5 million Royalties for Regions funded initiative supports nine towns in the southern half of the State to attract and stimulate growth, maximise opportunities and prepare for the future.

Each of the nine SuperTowns has recently completed a Growth Plan which positions the town for investment, growth and whole of government support. These plans are vital tool in aiding the SuperTowns to transform into thriving regional centres.

These growth plans set out each community's distinctive vision for the social, economic and spatial growth of their SuperTown in light of the State's population growth. With the recent endorsement of these plans by the Western Australian Planning Commission, it has confirmed the commitment from the State Government to work with the SuperTowns to achieve their goals.

Growth Plan Vision and Objectives

Our vision is for Morawa to become the future regional centre of the North Midlands, the primary industry hub of the Mid West and a centre of excellence in research, education and training.

Growth Strategies

To maximise the role and range of services Morawa offers to the region, Morawa will be focusing on the following key areas:

- An Economic Development Strategy for the North-Midlands sub region to identify strategies to deliver additional jobs, economic growth and prosperity to the region.
- An attractive and vibrant revitalised Town Centre.
- New job opportunities, building upon agriculture and the emerging mining industry, but also focussing on education, health and service employment opportunities.



- Greater housing diversity that meets with a focus on providing quality accommodation for families, key workers, aged persons and students.
- Improved infrastructure, particularly power, water and telecommunications, to allow the town to grow and provide essential services.
- Improved and diversified education and training services.
- Improved health, palliative and aged care services for the North Midlands region.
- New land supply, particularly residential and industrial land, to support growth of the town.
- Refurbished community and recreation facilities.

Key Projects

There are a number of initiative and projects that stem from the Growth Plan recommendations either currently underway or about to commence.

The Town Centre Revitalisation Project has progressed well with the preparation of design concepts and stakeholder and community consultation providing feedback, which has enabled the plans to be refined. Consultation with a number of key agencies is underway with works intending to commence in the new year.

The Solar Thermal Power Plant project is also moving forward with an amendment to the Shire's Town Planning Scheme to allow this vital infrastructure to be progressed. Advertising of the Scheme amendment is about to commence and public notices and letters will be circulated shortly.

The North Midland Economic Development Strategy, which is jointly funded by the Mid West Development Commission and the Shire of Morawa, is nearing completion, with the consultant having completed all stakeholder consultation. This work has fed into the preparation of economic development strategies required to achieve population and workforce growth for Morawa and the wider region.

The Shire has recently been successful in obtaining funding from the Northern Planning Program 2012/13 round. This will allow a number of key town planning initiatives to get underway that were recommended to assist in facilitating growth and development within the town site. These include an Omnibus Amendment to make necessary short term changes to the Scheme, a Local Planning Strategy and new Town Planning Scheme and Town Centre Urban Design Guidelines. The Shire will be formally commencing these activities early in 2013.

Local Contacts

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Where to access the plan

Copies of the plan can be viewed at the Shire of Morawa Administration Building or on the Shire of Morawa web site <http://www.morawa.wa.gov.au>.

More information

For more information about WA's SuperTowns, please visit:
 Department of Regional Development and Lands www.rdl.wa.gov.au/SuperTowns
 Shire of Morawa www.morawa.wa.gov.au