



# Morawa SuperTown – General Project Update

February 2012

## Morawa SuperTown Growth and Implementation Plan Endorsed

The Shire of Morawa has endorsed the Morawa SuperTown Growth and Implementation Plan, paving the way for an exciting and bright future for the North Midlands region.

The Morawa SuperTown Growth and Implementation Plan concludes that the North Midlands region is well positioned to cater for future population growth, with a strong agricultural base and significant expansion in the areas of mining, education, health services and government administration in recent years.

It recommends that a range of issues will need to be addressed to accommodate growth beyond double the current population and the key areas of focus to retain families, attract new population growth and support future investment include:

- An economic development strategy for the North-Midlands subregion
- An attractive and revitalised Town Centre
- Greater housing diversity, with a focus on quality housing for families, key workers, aged persons and students
- New job opportunities within the agricultural, mining, health, education and service industries
- Improved infrastructure, such as power, water and telecommunications
- 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
- Improved regional road access between towns
- Refurbished community and recreational facilities

The plan recognises that Morawa will play a vital part of a network of towns that sees mutually beneficial services spread across surrounding areas of Perenjori, Three Springs, Mingenew, Mullewa, Carnamah, Coorow and Yalgoo.

The Plan will ensure other towns in the region are poised to benefit from an increase of services and amenities, but the importance of a strong and committed partnership approach between the surrounding communities is emphasised, for these benefits to be harnessed.

A key recommendation is the establishment of a collaborative SuperTown Working Group that is equipped with the appropriate resources and skills to lead the delivery of key projects within the region.

## Approval Process – Next Steps

The next steps in the approval process are:

- 14 February 2012 - WAPC Statutory Planning Committee
  - Endorse draft Morawa SuperTown Growth and Implementation Plan
- 24<sup>th</sup> February 2012 - Mid West Development Commission Board
  - Endorse draft Morawa SuperTown Growth and Implementation Plan
  - Confirm priority projects
- 6<sup>th</sup> March – Department of Regional Development of Lands
  - Approve Final Growth and Implementation Plan
  - Receive top 4 priority project business cases to consider for future funding approval.

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