

### **Build Village Community**

Forth has a history of self reliance and keeping this independent village spirit alive is integral to the future. Building capacity will foster leadership and active participation in building and maintaining Forth. Forth's unique village atmosphere should be protected and preserved.

Strategic Objectives	Council's Role	Partners	Performance Measures
<b>Build the capacity of the Forth Community Representative Committee (FCRC)</b>	Facilitate	FCRC	Ongoing vital committee
<b>Plan to retain village atmosphere</b>	Regulator (planning scheme) Urban design guidelines Some provision e.g. lighting	Community; FCRC	Complete urban design guidelines by 2008/2010
<b>Identify funding and resourcing opportunities</b>	Facilitate & Provider of small grants. Train and assist groups to apply for grant funding	Community; FCRC; Funding providers	Level of grant funding achieved annually

### **Foster Cultural Activities and Preserve Heritage**

Forth is proud of its past and wants to tell the story of its history and preserve its heritage. History and heritage will provide opportunities for future economic and cultural development.

Strategic Objectives	Council's Role	Partners	Performance Measures
<b>Develop and implement the Forth cultural and heritage precinct plan</b>	Provider	Community; Government agencies	Complete plan 2007/2008
<b>Facilitate village business development</b>	Facilitator Regulator (planning scheme) Advocate	Developers; Retailers; Community; FCRC	New businesses & shops opening
<b>Evaluate a suitable venue for a cultural heritage centre</b>	Facilitator Assess suitable sites	FCRC; Community; Forth Valley Lions Club	Complete site assessment 2008/2009
<b>Build cultural activities in conjunction with existing events</b>	Facilitator Assist local groups	Market organizers; School; Lions Club Blues Festival organizers; Football & Cricket clubs	Growth in events Number of participants



# Forth Community Plan

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## Your Community – Your Future

### Forth

#### *Village lifestyle in a rural setting*

Vision – *Where we're going*

Historic Forth by the river  
Welcoming and safe  
Village lifestyle in a rural setting

Values – *to guide choice and behavior*

In all our dealings we will value –

A healthy environment and lifestyle  
A sense of community and pride in our heritage and history  
Friendliness and acceptance  
Respect and support for each other

#### **Future Directions – *The directions we'll follow to reach our destination***

There are four future directions to follow over the next ten years. Each has a number of strategic objectives. Council's role is also indicated. It can either be a Provider, Facilitator or Advocate. There are many other players both inside and outside the community who have a role to play in helping reach the desired destination and they are included. How we'll know if we're reaching the objectives of each direction is also listed.

#### ***Develop passive and active recreation facilities and opportunities***

Providing passive and active recreation facilities and opportunities, particularly for families and young people is a priority. Walking and cycling tracks as well as dirt jumps incorporating the river and river edge will promote and encourage a healthy, active lifestyle. These networks also have the potential to link residents in to, out of and around the village and surrounds.

Strategic Objectives	Council's Role	Partners	Performance Measures
<b>Plan and build the Forth pathway network for walking and cycling</b>	Provider Prepare pathway network plan Facilitate and or implement the plan	Community; Forth Comm. Representatives Committee (FCRC); Property owners; Aurora; Department of Primary Industry and Water DPIW	Complete plan 2009/2010 Construct network 2010 ongoing
<b>Build the recreational potential safety and cleanliness of the river</b>	Finalise Forth Flood plan Prepare River management plan Investigate funding opportunities	River care; Cradle Coast NRM; Aurora; DPIW; Property owners; Community; State Emergency Services	Complete Forth flood plan 2007/2008 Complete River Management Plan 2009/2010 Identify actions from River Management Plan 2010 ongoing
<b>Review the provision of family oriented recreational facilities</b>	Audit existing facilities Link to pathway network Implement improvements	Community/ families; FCRC	Complete audit 2007/2008 Progressive implementation 2008 ongoing

<b>Build dirt jumps</b>	Facilitate and investigate feasibility	Community; School; Potential users; Potential material donors	Finalise feasibility 2006/2007
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#### ***Improve Infrastructure Services***

Improving safety through infrastructure for pedestrians and traffic management is a priority as is improved public transport to and from the village. Forth residents should also have access to and benefit from up to date electronic communication technology. This will ensure residents are connected to each other, other areas of the municipal area and to the 'global' village.

Strategic Objectives	Council's Role	Partners	Performance Measures
<b>Improve road and pedestrian safety</b>	Provider Investigate design & construct	Community Local business; Dept Environment, Energy & Resources; FCRC	Investigate and design 2006/2007 Commence construction 2006/2007 Forth Road / Wilmot Road intersection Leith Road 2007/ ongoing
<b>Improve public transport services</b>	Advocate	Community Transport providers	Undertake discussions 2006 ongoing
<b>Develop and construct car parking facilities</b>	Provider Investigate design & construct	Community Local Business; FCRC	Construct both car parks 2006/2007
<b>Improve electronic and telecommunication networks (e.g. TV, mobile phones &amp; broadband)</b>	Advocate	Service providers Government & Industry	2006/2007 ongoing