

Community driven actions

- Hold more **events to encourage community connection** and to bring visitors to the Shire. Suggestions include:
 - Food festivals
 - Farmers' markets
 - Music events
 - Art exhibitions
- Ensure **activities and events cater to a variety of demographic groups** including families, adults with children, and different cultural groups.

Community Voices

"Actually have some events! We have to leave the SJ shire for a decent market. We have no real annual show/event. We have very few arts exhibitions and cultural activities. Have something for us to do!!!"

"Festivals, events, art and cultural activities or events bring the community together. When I first moved to Byford 7 years ago, there seemed to be plenty of things to do or attend. However, since Covid, these events/activities/etc. have dropped off... I do think these things should start to be reintroduced, with Covid preventative measures, of course, so that the community can come together."

"More frequent events such as a music festival, return of the Opera at the Mill, heritage displays and art exhibitions promoting local artists/sculptors. More local festivals with music, art, and food fostering local wherever possible would be great to see, we have so much in the area, and yet no one knows about it."

"A local produce market each week would be lovely too, given we are so far away from every other weekend market, even every fortnight or month perhaps, like Kalamunda."

"Need more events, festivals and the arts, so much focus on sport and horses and not enough on the arts and music."

"We need to see more activities held within the Shire. Other Shires get multiple massive FREE concerts every year, loads of community festivals and fetes. These events should be encouraged to give the locals events to attend, be proud of our Shire and draw tourism."

"Why don't we have more events? A market such as the one they have in Roleystone? More food vans should be every first weekend of a month in summer like in other suburbs? There's enough land around to do these events with relevant advertising."

"If the Shire can create an annual multicultural event and encourage people of diverse culture to participate."

"I'm new to the Shire and went to the Shire visitors centre looking for activities that suit my age group (30s) with pre-primary aged children's markets, festivals, outdoor theatre, and plays. Maybe a quarterly multi-cultural market."