

Q1 What should living in American River LOOK LIKE in the next 3, 5, 10, 20+ years?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	American River should essentially look like it does now. With care and forthought the development of the town with its fishing village ambience and amazing natural environment can be retained. American river has two natural assetts that are paramount to the towns survival as a tourist destination. Pelican Lagoon and the Glossy Black Cockatoos. The success of recreational fishing in the River depends upon the maintenance of pelican lagoon as a nursery and breeding area and the glossies depend on the maintenance of the sugar gums as nesting hollows and sheoaks for food. The impact of people on these two areas should be given serious consideration before any development. Too often a block is sold and then the remnant vegetation is cleared or large trees cut down without any forethought. In 30 years the view of AR had changed radically from the sea as more and more large trees are cut down. From reading the submissions it is clear that people want to retain the look of the town but without addressing this area the bush appearance and appeal will steadily decline. Many people are concerned about fire but it is through the maintenance of understory that one can mitigate fire rather than the clearing of large swathes of bush. this has been made abundantly clear by many workshops I have attended here in AR. Education about the reasons why NOT to do things is important as well as addressing dvelopment applications in the light of topography, existing vegetation and the impact on the important environmental issues that we all take for granted.	5/23/2021 8:10 AM
2	In the 3 to 10 years Should have curbing and paved roads on al existing township allotments. Aged care housing needs are fully provided.	5/21/2021 3:50 PM
3	In 2041, american River is a coastal village with a thriving local economy based around positive impact aquaculture. There is a balance of young and old in the town with many bringing their families to the town to free-range their offspring. American River Ecotourism, positive impact aquaculture, hospitality and accommodation are all employers of choice on Kangaroo Island. There is childcare on the town to enable women wanting to work the opportunity to do so without having to drive an hour to use these services. Visiting doctors, physio's and other specialists consult regularly in the town. Fuel and a small supermarket service the locals and visitors from both land and sea. A native oyster reef hosts decotoruism diving activities and boat charters from the wharf with local positive impact aquaculture businesses integrating with tourism and research and development of ocean eco system habitats. The working wharf is a Ecotourism hub focussed around positive impact aquaculture with recognition around the world.	5/21/2021 12:52 PM
4	Quiet, well planned and laid out coastal village with attractions for visitors	5/21/2021 11:32 AM
5	A thriving coastal community that values and protects its natural and historic environment.	5/21/2021 12:04 AM
6	similar to Emu Bay or Elliston - regional town on the coast	5/20/2021 12:58 PM
7	1	5/19/2021 9:42 PM
8	Not much different than it is today with out any large development that will take business away from the tourism business that already struggle to fill there places year round so lets keep it simple & small.	5/19/2021 12:45 PM
9	3 years 90% of old and unemployed people succumbed to COVID	5/19/2021 6:49 AM
10	How it always looked. Quaint fishing village with historic connection. If people want Byron Bay, go to Byron Bay.	5/18/2021 8:21 PM
11	We should have increasing services over these years. Water is a great start and the PO/Shop good, and the few restaurants we have. These need need to be built on to include: petrol station with replacement gas, additional cafe, the new hotel development, work at the wharf to support the boaties - electricity, fresh water. A small sailing club could be developed. The RIG shed could become a site of significant historical interest. the Independence itself a tourist attraction and the skiffs and dragon boats all need to be celebrated. The new gallery could be added to to hold onto the history of AR.	5/18/2021 7:01 PM
12	A place of protected natural beauty. The street art attracts visitors. There would be a	5/18/2021 6:57 PM

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swimming beach (perhaps in front of the current caravan site). There are restaurants, cafes and takeaways to get meals during the day and in the evening. The wharf is clear of permanent boats so residents and visitors can fish at the wharf. Residences will have lovely gardens because of the water connection. The community art gallery is a must see destination that holds art classes. The wharf precinct is no longer industrial. Development in the area should be subtle and sensitive to the residents existing scenic views and natural environments. The much used boat ramp is maintained to a high standard. Prolific bird life is enjoyed by residents and visitors. The popular oyster farm shop moves to the wharf where the oyster industry function currently is with adequate dedicated parking. The increasing popularity of the caravan and camping grounds means that it has been moved to another area that can accommodate more powered sites. Public toilets remain at the boat ramp or wharf area. Roads are maintained and safe.

13	much the same as it has done other than rejuvenating the biodiversity to support more indigenous birds and mammals notably the glossy black cockatoo	5/18/2021 6:17 PM
14	I'd like to see more upmarket tourist accommodation and also an investment in a marina with associated shops cafes and restaurants on the waterfront	5/18/2021 3:43 PM
15	Town should look neat and tidy with well maintained neat garden beds. No large resorts. Tidy foreshore but with a working wharf. More young families.no lost scrub.	5/18/2021 2:56 PM
16	A small vibrant community with a strong environmental ethic, creating employment opportunities for local people in the tourism sector	5/18/2021 12:08 PM
17	Preserved as the tranquil fishing village that it is. Progress is necessary... to a point. What might seem like a good idea one day may become a commercialised hell the next.	5/18/2021 10:42 AM
18	Need a small marina like Christmas Cove with fuel. The town has no soul once store closed and could be so much better with a little infrastructure	5/18/2021 10:00 AM
19	Small community charm, point-of-difference with developed areas, minimal development (housing estates, mass accommodation hotel etc)	5/18/2021 9:57 AM
20	Green, cared for, uncluttered by developments, well treed, natural bush and quiet foreshore and beach for wandering along. Peaceful.	5/17/2021 10:26 PM
21	Same	5/17/2021 8:29 PM
22	An environment that promotes community spirit, peace and harmony	5/17/2021 12:45 PM
23	A marine township	5/16/2021 10:27 AM
24	American river needs a Marina to bring in more tourists. The area between the boat ramp and wharf needs to be developed as a proper world class marina. This will attract investment , jobs and opportunities for our children.	5/16/2021 8:59 AM
25	Certainly not like the mainland with bland sub-divisions of badly built and positioned houses with no awnings requiring heating during increasing temperatures. Certainly not ghastly mainland signage stating the bleeding obvious. Certainly not cutting down trees and removing vegetation because of an unbalanced fear of fire.	5/15/2021 5:26 PM
26	Not much more sophisticated than it currently is however the community needs to reach some critical mass to allow it to enjoy the basic essentials such as a variety of fuel, food, entertainment and amenities enjoyed by other larger communities.	5/15/2021 4:11 PM
27	develop a canal system near the oval, but keep the place small	5/15/2021 1:07 PM
28	Coastal village atmosphere , neat coastal walkways with central hub for commercial and social activities	5/11/2021 12:55 PM
29	American river should progress through these phases to achieve a sound sense of community belonging that cherish the natural resources situated within the suburb	5/10/2021 3:10 PM
30	A small riverside community, lots of boardwalks, cafes, local craft, produce and artisan shops	5/10/2021 9:50 AM
31	A community, with events like it used to be. Regatta and Frieda festival a hub at the wharf for food vans and markets to give the river life again.	5/10/2021 9:05 AM
32	A coastal community that has a thriving aquaculture and tourism industry with things for people to do and see based around nature tourism. Services for residents including fuel, shopping and healthcare. A place for families to live and reduce the average age of the population, increase the number of residents needing employment.	5/10/2021 9:04 AM
33	A tiny town with soul. This means to me the town grows slightly and in a way that people	5/9/2021 6:28 PM

can come here and live and leave here to go elsewhere their heart desires (or body requires if being a bit of a downer). We will know that is achieved when our community is maintaining and slightly growing its base and the numerous volunteer groups and employers find it easier to attract and hold volunteers and essential workers. The town has been in a long decline so it has some catching up to do especially when its considered that most of the volunteers are well into their 60's and 70's. We need to look ahead and plan for these coming after us to enjoy a community with a soul.

34	The number 1 waterfront destination of the island.... of South Australia all should want to come and never leave	5/9/2021 9:13 AM
35	It should look updated not the way our retired residents want the river. Seems the older residents have there own little groups who's visions don't suite the younger generations	5/8/2021 8:37 PM
36	The same as is	5/8/2021 5:38 PM

Q2 What should living in American River FEEL LIKE in the next 3, 5, 10, 20+ years?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	AR should feel like it does now. There is a small town friendliness and openness that characterises the town. it feels very relaxed and the ambience is inviting. There are many improvements that could make the town easier to live in but they need to be done with care. Footpath on the foreshore between the tennis courts and the CFS. But where ? does it go next to the road? On the foreshore? Wherever it goes it should be a material in keeping with the feel of the place as it is. A levie is not an option. I have never seen the area in front of the proposed levie flooded except for the tennis courts and the sea when it rises will just sneak around the side of it anyway. Unlike many I would like to see more trees planted on the foreshore. They have been systematically cut down in the last 10 years and there is very little shade to speak of	5/23/2021 8:10 AM
2	There should be a friendly atmosphere with anf have country style hospitality.	5/21/2021 3:50 PM
3	Proud and properous. Residents feel proud to be living in the coastal village that has created its own unique identity, with low unemployment, increased population and lower average age. With a thriving economy based on Ecotourism and positive impact aquaculture, improved services are established for residents to enjoy through investment in the town.	5/21/2021 12:52 PM
4	Quiet and peaceful, with a vibrant local community which has a say in planning decisions	5/21/2021 11:32 AM
5	Relaxed, strong community feel that achieves a balance between residents and visitors needs.	5/21/2021 12:04 AM
6	similar to Emu Bay or Elliston - regional town on the coast	5/20/2021 12:58 PM
7	2	5/19/2021 9:42 PM
8	peaceful, tranquil, safe place for young families & retiree's plus those of us who enjoy the serenity of it.	5/19/2021 12:45 PM
9	5 years very relaxed vibe in the river with cannabis legalised on SA in 2022 the local clandestine growers now have guides selling joints, some products claim to have been grown pure for more than a century, world class dope!	5/19/2021 6:49 AM
10	Unique by not copying other KI regions. Special by having intrinsic historic events happen on the shoreline.	5/18/2021 8:21 PM
11	It should feel like a place that people are proud of and want to share. There should be more to share and the locals need to change their attitude towards visitors and improvements. Soon they will not be here anymore and we need new families and more for younger families to do and/or meet. It's for too long been a place where a few have dictated what it is that everyone in the River wants. They fight any progress - even when on the Progress Association. Most locally run groups - ARPA, The Shed etc are not welcoming, they behave in an exclusive manner.	5/18/2021 7:01 PM
12	Safe, peaceful, simple. Where visitors are welcomed and residents respected.	5/18/2021 6:57 PM

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13	The feel of the place is what we all love....please don't destroy it with a short sighted money grab	5/18/2021 6:17 PM
14	It should feel like a wonderful village that supports both artists, residents and with a sense of moving in a positive direction	5/18/2021 3:43 PM
15	Maintain the quiet atmosphere by keeping the town small, sustainable - maintained the same level of nature.	5/18/2021 2:56 PM
16	A place of tranquillity where people can enjoy activities on water and in the bush, with adequate services and a strong sense of community	5/18/2021 12:08 PM
17	Calm, peaceful, loved.	5/18/2021 10:42 AM
18	Off beat but a feeling of good food/wine	5/18/2021 10:00 AM
19	Peaceful, safe, relaxed	5/18/2021 9:57 AM
20	Safe from money seeking developments. Assured and ready access to medical care.	5/17/2021 10:26 PM
21	Same	5/17/2021 8:29 PM
22	full of joy, activity and involvement	5/17/2021 12:45 PM
23	A marine township	5/16/2021 10:27 AM
24	Modern	5/16/2021 8:59 AM
25	Less of Deliverance Country and more inclusive of the whole island. Less parochial less small-minded. More celebration in the spirit of American River. Less losing special hard fought for services such as the Outreach Medical Centre which will an increasing population will be a loss heavily felt. Any development proposal should be examined focusing on what the AR community will likely lose as a consequence of it being built rather than what they vaguely will 'win'.	5/15/2021 5:26 PM
26	People need to feel secure, and as individuals they need to feel they are listened too in every aspect that affects their daily lives. They need to feel they are a spoke in a bigger wheel each interdependently needed, trusted and respected.	5/15/2021 4:11 PM
27	quiet and friendly	5/15/2021 1:07 PM
28	Quaint and tranquil .. Environmentally friendly .	5/11/2021 12:55 PM
29	A place where everybody knows your name, builds on community and supportive to all	5/10/2021 3:10 PM
30	A community, connected by common open spaces and street scapes. Not overbuilt and crowded. It's special because it's small and sleepy	5/10/2021 9:50 AM
31	Connected, vibrant and yet still calm	5/10/2021 9:05 AM
32	A bustling town centre servicing residents and visitors whilst still retaining the quiet, peaceful appeal of the location. it should be a place to recharge but without missing out on the services residents need.	5/10/2021 9:04 AM
33	That sense of being in a close knit community that helps each other but is not in each other's pocket. The feeling that services are here when needed and some when. just would add some life to the day and the community spirit.	5/9/2021 6:28 PM
34	As mentioned above, along with welcoming and homely	5/9/2021 9:13 AM
35	Not like a retirement centre. But that's the way it has been for years. There is no future in American river youth, they have to leave to find employment families have to leave to support there children	5/8/2021 8:37 PM
36	Quiet hamlet that it is	5/8/2021 5:38 PM

Q3 Why will people WANT TO LIVE in American River in the next 3, 5, 10, 20+ years?

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1	Job opportunities to provide income to live comfortably in an environment of natural amenity.	5/21/2021 3:50 PM
2	With a thriving economy and employment opportunities through sustainable initiatives, new residents will be attracted to move to live in the town, raise their families and work in the thriving unique Ecotourism and positive impact aquaculture industries created by the businesses in the town. Services for residents will be improved through increased population, investment and improved economy making it a location of choice for new residents and investors.	5/21/2021 12:52 PM
3	Because it has the above feeling to it	5/21/2021 11:32 AM
4	Living in harmony with nature; clean air and water; safe community (so infrastructure design and maintenance reflect that -eg footpaths).	5/21/2021 12:04 AM
5	holiday or retirement location	5/20/2021 12:58 PM
6	3	5/19/2021 9:42 PM
7	the same reason that draws them here to stay now as answered in question 2 & its pretty central for touring around times give or take 20 mins or so .	5/19/2021 12:45 PM
8	10 years the safe injecting room has been a success for 4 years now the inaugural KI folk festival of echidnas and sea dragons complete with pill testing and international performances is planned for next summer 12,000 tickets have already been bought online	5/19/2021 6:49 AM
9	Views & proximity to boat ramp/water. Fascinating historic events.	5/18/2021 8:21 PM
10	Fot the fantastic access to the water, for excellent places to eat, for the walks around the town, for fishing, for a safe place that is a community that welcomes all and enjoys the tourism that the River can attract.	5/18/2021 7:01 PM
11	American River is renowned for it's natural beauty, flora, fauna and fishing and boating activities. You can get what you need easily (food, fuel, meals etc.) The coastal village feel is present. There are functions, music and community education at the Town Hall.	5/18/2021 6:57 PM
12	as above....nature and relaxed feel	5/18/2021 6:17 PM
13	Because it will have good ammenities and a sense of community with a valuable history to be cherished	5/18/2021 3:43 PM
14	For the nature, the small town vibe, the scenery, the sense of community	5/18/2021 2:56 PM
15	Escape from the urban ratrace and quality of life, with opportunities for passive enjoyment of the environment	5/18/2021 12:08 PM
16	The quietness, the wildlife, the seafood caught or farmed sustainably. The ability for residents to have a lifestyle.	5/18/2021 10:42 AM
17	If it has infrastructure. Nil sole due no shop/fuel/marina	5/18/2021 10:00 AM
18	To escape the developments that plague other coastal communities and destroy the very Thi ng that makes them awesome	5/18/2021 9:57 AM
19	Because it is a get away place, different from the resorts one finds on the mainland. An island has a special lure, a subtle charm and we must not lose it to developers out for the quick buck.	5/17/2021 10:26 PM
20	Because it's the same	5/17/2021 8:29 PM
21	a place of choice where people feel welcome	5/17/2021 12:45 PM
22	Lifestyle	5/16/2021 10:27 AM
23	The whole place need to come into line with better facilities and work opportunities for future generations.	5/16/2021 8:59 AM
24	I've always wanted to live there. It's bloody gorgeous. It has a sleepy feel, the Shed is a wonderful place, always welcoming, hosts major events with flare, it has so much potential but not mainland tourist crap potential.. please don't start offering exactly what they can get on the mainland here and thus change the atmosphere of the place. It certainly is unique so try to keep that uniqueness. Unfortunately every business is about making truck-loads so onwards and upwards will only result in grasping money-hungry decisions with the familiar catch-cry, 'jobs (low-skilled) for our kids (but don't check the figures too closely after the	5/15/2021 5:26 PM

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development build) . Wouldn't mind so much if the catch cry was solid careers with training opportunities for our children and their growing happy and healthy families.

25	Many people want to exit from the 9 to 5 noise of city and suburban living, they will want to live their dream of a bush block with no industrial noise, a short drive to the beach, a community that cares for one another,	5/15/2021 4:11 PM
26	lifestyle	5/15/2021 1:07 PM
27	Village and Quiet lifestyle.	5/11/2021 12:55 PM
28	See answer 1 and 2	5/10/2021 3:10 PM
29	Exactly as I said before: it's a small connected community. Maybe having a men's shed, a craft guild, a local planting group etc would bring the community together even more.	5/10/2021 9:50 AM
30	Culture and family friendly	5/10/2021 9:05 AM
31	Views, quiet, services available, strong community, small scale nature tourism	5/10/2021 9:04 AM
32	The community feel that we all look after each other and the unique pristine ocean / nature we do take a bit for granted until we go elsewhere on the mainland.	5/9/2021 6:28 PM
33	There is no other place like it, quite fishing village	5/9/2021 9:13 AM
34	They won't unless there retiring. There is nothing to bring new people to the river. Whilst the older people keep forging the river to the way they want and not how it should be for all as the younger people of the town have no say	5/8/2021 8:37 PM
35	Because it is quiet and has beautiful scenery and wildlife.	5/8/2021 5:38 PM

Q4 What is PRECIOUS about American River?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	The inlet is the and lagoon are most precious along with an interesting eateries and restaurants.	5/21/2021 3:50 PM
2	It's unique history and it's potential for a unique future!	5/21/2021 12:52 PM
3	Coastal village with excellent views. Not too crowded, but this is already under threat from approval of small blocks in poorly laid out subdivisions. This is already under threat with the approval of small blocks, poor subdivisional planning	5/21/2021 11:32 AM
4	Its location is beautiful with the integration of native vegetation, town and coastal areas. The lack of pretentious development that overrides community values.	5/21/2021 12:04 AM
5	regional location - it is not Kingscote or Penneshaw	5/20/2021 12:58 PM
6	4	5/19/2021 9:42 PM
7	its a place you can relax unwind catch a fish anywhere along the coast of the town if that's your thing or explore one of our nature walking trails or sit home & wait for the birds & animals to find you.	5/19/2021 12:45 PM
8	Natural shipping port and harbour,	5/19/2021 6:49 AM
9	What is most precious is not celebrated. AR has been by fate gifted an amazing present of historic interlude. More on this later	5/18/2021 8:21 PM
10	The waterfront - working wharf, the history - especially the maritime history. The oyster farm and sea to plate experience. This could be extended. The wharf cafe is a fantastic spot to attract tourists. The lagoon and ability to kayak.	5/18/2021 7:01 PM
11	Clean waterways. Fish stocks. Unobstructed views. Community resources (The Shed, Community Hall, Art Gallery). Resourcefulness of the residents.	5/18/2021 6:57 PM
12	as above....nature, community and relaxed feel	5/18/2021 6:17 PM
13	The river vista is lovely and needs to be developed with vision	5/18/2021 3:43 PM

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14	Nature, scenery, the bush, the small town vibe, the community	5/18/2021 2:56 PM
15	The juxtaposition of bush and seascape, with a strong community	5/18/2021 12:08 PM
16	It's waters, full of marine and bird life. The history steeped within the place. The fact that time has forgotten it.	5/18/2021 10:42 AM
17	Its position but has no beach and nil reason to visit because nothing to see?	5/18/2021 10:00 AM
18	Coastal peace	5/18/2021 9:57 AM
19	The building of the relics vessel Independence is unique. Nothing on KI can match it. Other than that, American River is a peaceful backwater and that is what so many of us love about it, visitors and residents alike. We like the peace. We would appreciate a few services like fuel and medical care. That's all.	5/17/2021 10:26 PM
20	Serenity	5/17/2021 8:29 PM
21	the tranquility, sense of belonging	5/17/2021 12:45 PM
22	The ocean and ocean view.	5/16/2021 10:27 AM
23	Don't mistake precious for non progressive. American river is a backwater and we need to enhance the visitor and local facilities and opportunities.	5/16/2021 8:59 AM
24	Safety to walk alone, freedom to wander, acknowledging people even though you might not know them, good food for locals, good coffee for locals, the natural environment, the fact that the built environment is not suffocating. The tall trees, the magic views, the cleanliness, the walks, the birds, the old fishing boats, welcoming laid-back atmosphere.	5/15/2021 5:26 PM
25	Its location of the main road is its greatest asset, it reduces the number of tyre-kicking visitors and the people to those who have done their homework on the community - Nice communities attract nice people. "The Law of Attraction"	5/15/2021 4:11 PM
26	sheltered bay and wharf.....somewhere for a light lunch, safe for kids	5/15/2021 1:07 PM
27	Uniqueness of birdlife, natural scenery and history	5/11/2021 12:55 PM
28	It's natural beauty	5/10/2021 3:10 PM
29	It's natural environment. It's LACK of big resorts, takeaway shops and chain stores. The people and the natural environment is what makes it precious.	5/10/2021 9:50 AM
30	It's home, the water the bush the walks the smell of seaweed freshly washed up. Pelicans that are like family. Everyone knows everyone.	5/10/2021 9:05 AM
31	Pelican lagoon, clean water, maritime history, working wharf, oh and the best oysters in the world!	5/10/2021 9:04 AM
32	Its location and how it seems to be a place to 'linger longer'.	5/9/2021 6:28 PM
33	The bird life the wild life and it's somewhat hidden location it really is a treasure	5/9/2021 9:13 AM
34	It's location	5/8/2021 8:37 PM
35	The glossy black cockatoos	5/8/2021 5:38 PM

Q5 Describe American River in 10-20 years to somebody who has never been here before.

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	A picturesque town with various housing types to live and visit. A Wharf precinct with an updated jetty, new floating pontoon and various retail outlets for locals and visitors.	5/21/2021 3:50 PM
2	Pretty coastal village with a strong united community committed to preserving the environment, history of the area with a thriving positive impact aquaculture and Ecotourism industry.	5/21/2021 12:52 PM
3	A charming village that still lives in the past	5/21/2021 11:32 AM

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4	A peaceful yet stimulating place because of its location, conservation ethos, caring community, thriving arts and crafts and locally owned enterprises showcasing Kangaroo Island products. Large enough to have needed services but small enough that you don't get lost (and if you did friendly locals will help you). Lots of walking trails and a cycling trail linking to other parts of the island.ther pa Lots of wa	5/21/2021 12:04 AM
5	regional town on the coast	5/20/2021 12:58 PM
6	5	5/19/2021 9:42 PM
7	hopefully all of the above will still apply	5/19/2021 12:45 PM
8	Everyone world wide has heard about The River since Kanye West bought the failed golf course and now building an apocalypse bunker to reside at the 9 fairway is the runway for private jets not a week goes by without American River being reported in the news drug and sex tourism is numer one much long time	5/19/2021 6:49 AM
9	Matthew Flinders stayed ashore overnight around the wharf region 4 April 1802. American sealers camped at the same place for 14 months during construction of a schooner vessel. The French charted the lagoon in watercolor detail. Apart from the yankee sealers, who knew about the other details...and who in AR really gives a rats ass? The township built a scale replica of Schooner Independence. This alone will place AR as a drawcard.	5/18/2021 8:21 PM
10	AR is the perfect coastal spot whether you are a sailor, fisherman or landlubber. It's a place where you can enjoy the water by being on it whether you are in a kayak, fishing boat, skiff, yacht or even a replica of one of the first boats to sail to Australia. You can also enjoy the water whilst sipping a coffee on the wharf, or holding your rod on the jetty, photographing the sun rise from the Cannery Walk, taking a stroll along the lagoon, spotting the wildlife from a hide or drinking a cocktail at the rooftop bar of our 5 star hotel.	5/18/2021 7:01 PM
11	American River is an unspoiled coastal village where fishing and boating are very popular. The waterways are pristine and tidal movements create changing coastal vistas. There may be a view of the mainland but you feel a million miles away from the hustle and bustle.	5/18/2021 6:57 PM
12	I have no idea since I am afraid all that we love about AR is under attack by short sighted money grubbers.	5/18/2021 6:17 PM
13	It's a beautiful village with wonderful ammenities including waterside restaurants cafes and marina	5/18/2021 3:43 PM
14	The place to come for quiet enjoyment of nature , in a small town that provides basic services and welcomes visitors	5/18/2021 12:08 PM
15	A nice fishing village to go for lunch at a cafe, followed by a bushwalk or a visit to Independence replica. You can go fishing or visit retreat for some R&R.	5/18/2021 10:42 AM
16	Great place to taste good food/wine and keep boat in small marina with fuel	5/18/2021 10:00 AM
17	A charming little backwater with a general store, fuel and relaxed pace - enjoy the coastal walking trails, nearby Prospect Hill, oyster farm produce and of course the small cart stores, batteries showcasing KI produce and fishing charters	5/18/2021 9:57 AM
18	I keep coming back to one word: peaceful.	5/17/2021 10:26 PM
19	Isolated island retreat	5/17/2021 8:29 PM
20	place to relax, enjoy life to its fullest	5/17/2021 12:45 PM
21	It will be a small marine oriented township with a marina.	5/16/2021 10:27 AM
22	The river, like the rest of KI has been very slow to move with the times , American river needs to support the people who are making positive changes or it will be the same in 20 years	5/16/2021 8:59 AM
23	It's like a little fishing town with a big heart, there's a wide variety of great relaxed eateries, nothing like the mainland, beautiful trees, a stunning wharf venturing out into the estuary. Keep an eye out for the Glossy Blacks, you'll hear their frequent calls. Watch for the wildlife too.	5/15/2021 5:26 PM
24	A place where people enjoy the company of visitors and share the benefits of the community with them. The population should not exceed the limits imposed by the known and understood environmental impacts.	5/15/2021 4:11 PM
25	Quiet little hamlet with a vibrant community	5/15/2021 1:07 PM
26	Quiet small fishing village with abundance of birdlife and walking trails.	5/11/2021 12:55 PM

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27	A place to add to your bucket list of things to see	5/10/2021 3:10 PM
28	Small, quiet, restful, connected community, wonderful wildlife. A haven	5/10/2021 9:50 AM
29	It's a beautiful little seaside town with the best seafood you could catch or buy.	5/10/2021 9:05 AM
30	American River is a pretty seaside town with a range of accommodation to suit all budgets and needs. It is the home of the Kangaroo Island oyster and fresh seafood with a range of seafood experiences on the wharf. There are walking trails, bird watching, fishing, oyster reef tours, glass bottom boat tours into the lagoon and great places to dine.	5/10/2021 9:04 AM
31	- for the future 20 years - a vibrant community spirit with just enough to keep it ticking along and not too little to die, nor too much to lose its soul. - looking back 20 years I have seen it dying as services have gone, the real community lifters have gotten old and naturally tired and the worry about when is the town going to start reviving.	5/9/2021 6:28 PM
32	Step back in time	5/9/2021 9:13 AM
33	Retirement village run by the village elders.	5/8/2021 8:37 PM
34	Beautiful protected harbour with a sleepy hamlet.	5/8/2021 5:38 PM

Q6 Who do we need to PARTNER with to deliver on our VISION for American River?

Answered: 32 Skipped: 5

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Partner with local council, community groups and project developers to deliver a coordinated approach for future development.	5/21/2021 3:50 PM
2	Business owners, investors, council, rda, satc, the nature Conservancy, planning SA,	5/21/2021 12:52 PM
3	The existing community and land owners	5/21/2021 11:32 AM
4	The American river community and the wider KI community -good landscape design consultants, environmental/fire management experts, small-scale enterprise owners..	5/21/2021 12:04 AM
5	Council and SA Water	5/20/2021 12:58 PM
6	6	5/19/2021 9:42 PM
7	sa water	5/19/2021 12:45 PM
8	Initially Boris Johnson when he leaves the UK	5/19/2021 6:49 AM
9	Delegates from France, England, New England (USA)	5/18/2021 8:21 PM
10	Maybe some small coastal towns in Tasmania - they have the balance right. Tourism Australia. The Cruising Yacht Club of SA - it is the best mooring spot on the island.	5/18/2021 7:01 PM
11	the locals.....that nature experts.....true community consensus and not a snow job from 'developers' wanting only to develop their share portfolio at the expense of what makes AR so special	5/18/2021 6:17 PM
12	State and federal government. Then local council to become more progressive	5/18/2021 3:43 PM
13	Ecotourism operators, transport providers, KI Council and State government	5/18/2021 12:08 PM
14	Ecological/environmental development organisations that are respectful in how they go about their business. American River doesn't need to fade into yet another cardboard cut-out coastal town lacking in personality all for the sake of "growth". Perhaps a start-up looking for their first big break? Ask the local recreational fishing community what would make American River a better place whilst maintaining the environment.	5/18/2021 10:42 AM
15	SA Tourism / Government	5/18/2021 10:00 AM
16	Community not developer	5/18/2021 9:57 AM
17	I personally would appreciate partnership with the great wooden boat building places in the world to help with the build of Independence! That is all. I know who we don't need.	5/17/2021 10:26 PM

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Profiteering developers. The partner depends on the vision. For a vision of peace, we only need residents with that vision.

#	RESPONSES	DATE
18	None	5/17/2021 8:29 PM
19	KI community organisations, KI Council .	5/17/2021 12:45 PM
20	The marine industry.	5/16/2021 10:27 AM
21	Investors, and locals who have vision.!	5/16/2021 8:59 AM
22	Depends on what we what. Do we want something that is replicated across regional Australia as we compete with other regional tourism spots that end up all looking the same or will our uniqueness be what everyone will be looking for when they get bored by the relenting sameness.... So, if it's corporate Australia we are stuffed. If it is Islanders then it must not be about capitalism - make a motza. It must be able retaining what we have not getting bigger - need more car parking, need more dunny power, need to expand, and explayn, and expand, and thereby lose everything. It will just end up an impersonal wasteland. If it is Islanders then it has to be leaders in our community, not capitalists, no climate denying mayors, not people who want development for development's sake. We could partner with other communities who are trying to protect and retain their uniqueness, their community's individuality and energy. Vision can be about working together not spending funds. It can be people power (depending on the demographics) participating in community- led activities. Helping new businesses that want to be unique and be a part of the community would have to be a focus so creating and supporting the pathway for those business deemed connected with community spirit to get permissions, to go through the arduous processes that businesses are subject to..	5/15/2021 5:26 PM
23	Council would be a disaster. State & Federal Government is driven by growth. The only option is to partner with an organisation/company that agrees with the values set by the AM community. Such entities exist. Before this can happen the community needs to "own its future" A community that owns its future will attract the right partner - been there done that!	5/15/2021 4:11 PM
24	Council	5/15/2021 1:07 PM
25	Community , Council .. SA Walking group, SA Bike group , Bird Australia, Dept of Transport	5/11/2021 12:55 PM
26	Each other. Bantering council is pointless. If it makes them money they will want to partner with us	5/10/2021 3:10 PM
27	The community! The people who live there!	5/10/2021 9:50 AM
28	Local government,local association,arpa, shed	5/10/2021 9:05 AM
29	Investors (current businesses AND future investors), government agencies e.g. SATC, identify a way we can capitalise on the maritime history and the seafood opportunity which is unique to the island and support the industries that are creating employment for those who are of working age in the town. KI Council to ensure infrastructure supports our vision. Regional Development Board to have access to grant funding that may become available.	5/10/2021 9:04 AM
30	The key businesses in AR - Mercure, wanderers, all the airbnb owners, the cafes, and oyster shops. They set the tone of the place by their investment not just toe are a buck but become a valuable part of what makes this tiny town so attractive for locals and the trickle of new owners and residents we need to keep the lights on.	5/9/2021 6:28 PM
31	Someone that can invest money into American river. Listen to the younger residents as they will be left with a town that the village elders moulded for themselves	5/8/2021 8:37 PM
32	No one	5/8/2021 5:38 PM

Q7 Describe American River in one word

Answered: 35 Skipped: 2

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Enjoyable	5/21/2021 3:50 PM
2	Unique	5/21/2021 12:52 PM
3	Unique	5/21/2021 11:32 AM

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4	History	5/21/2021 12:04 AM
5	shacks	5/20/2021 12:58 PM
6	A fire disaster waiting to happen	5/20/2021 8:41 AM
7	7	5/19/2021 9:42 PM
8	sleepy little seaside town.	5/19/2021 12:45 PM
9	Diamond in the rough	5/19/2021 6:49 AM
10	Historic	5/18/2021 8:21 PM
11	Poised	5/18/2021 7:01 PM
12	Haven	5/18/2021 6:57 PM
13	relaxed	5/18/2021 6:17 PM
14	Dying	5/18/2021 3:43 PM
15	Peaceful	5/18/2021 2:56 PM
16	Tranquillity	5/18/2021 12:08 PM
17	Tranquility	5/18/2021 10:42 AM
18	Currently has nil sole, drug problems + high unemployment	5/18/2021 10:00 AM
19	Sleepy	5/18/2021 9:57 AM
20	Peaceful	5/17/2021 10:26 PM
21	Peaceful	5/17/2021 8:29 PM
22	tranquil	5/17/2021 12:45 PM
23	Hilly	5/16/2021 10:27 AM
24	Backwater.	5/16/2021 8:59 AM
25	Unique	5/15/2021 5:26 PM
26	Special	5/15/2021 1:07 PM
27	unique	5/11/2021 12:55 PM
28	Fantastic	5/10/2021 3:10 PM
29	Restful	5/10/2021 9:50 AM
30	Home	5/10/2021 9:05 AM
31	Tranquil	5/10/2021 9:04 AM
32	at the moment - asleep. for the future the aim is - awakening	5/9/2021 6:28 PM
33	Serenity	5/9/2021 9:13 AM
34	Boring	5/8/2021 8:37 PM
35	Serene	5/8/2021 5:38 PM

Q8 In the future (3, 5, 10, 20+ years), what does American River want to be known for?

Answered: 35 Skipped: 2

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Known for local seafood and produce with accommodation in a relaxed setting.	5/21/2021 3:50 PM
2	Research and development center for positive impact aquaculture integrated with Ecotourism	5/21/2021 12:52 PM

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3	A pleasant place to live, visit and to holiday at	5/21/2021 11:32 AM
4	A fantastic place in which to live or visit.	5/21/2021 12:04 AM
5	shacks	5/20/2021 12:58 PM
6	8	5/19/2021 9:42 PM
7	all of the above	5/19/2021 12:45 PM
8	The world decides, American river becomes the playground for the Uber rich and the ancillary population of slaves for the visiting celebrities	5/19/2021 6:49 AM
9	Not stupid aquaculture. Just because it can be done on KI or AR doesn't automatically qualify the product as being world class. This over estimation of local produce quality on a world stage, where KI is nowhere within, does shit people off. AR should however leverage the history gift from Flinders, Baudin, & Quaker sealers, the latter of which is currently being very well executed by Tony Klieve and RIG team. Very popular attraction to the township. Let that serve as a perfect example.	5/18/2021 8:21 PM
10	Water based activities, maritime history and natural beauty.	5/18/2021 7:01 PM
11	Peace and tranquility	5/18/2021 6:57 PM
12	that will be determined by a few people since the locals will likely never be listened to with any truth. Money always take precedence	5/18/2021 6:17 PM
13	History well preserved and a gem in kangaroo islands crown	5/18/2021 3:43 PM
14	See above	5/18/2021 2:56 PM
15	Quality experiences and accommodation in a great natural setting	5/18/2021 12:08 PM
16	For being the quiet, down-to-earth place to get away from it all. Not a facade.	5/18/2021 10:42 AM
17	Food/Wine/Holiday/Boating destination	5/18/2021 10:00 AM
18	Peace and charm	5/18/2021 9:57 AM
19	What an impossible question that is. do you mean, what does the majority of AR Residents want it to be known for? If so how can I an individual tell you that? You could have phrased it thus: what would you wish AR to be known for in the future? My answer then would be: its serenity, its innocence, its unembellished charm.	5/17/2021 10:26 PM
20	Isolated serenity.	5/17/2021 8:29 PM
21	community spirit and a positive living environment	5/17/2021 12:45 PM
22	a marine orientated township.	5/16/2021 10:27 AM
23	World class Marina and pristine water to access.	5/16/2021 8:59 AM
24	Perfect place for people to spend time whether it be years or a week to relax, , to write, to read, to fish, to paint, to share, to recover, to relax, to enjoy....	5/15/2021 5:26 PM
25	a place that time forgot, where human beings are real, where vistas are untainted by the falsity of progress.	5/15/2021 4:11 PM
26	oysters, safe boating, family life and sport	5/15/2021 1:07 PM
27	serenity quiet peaceful place	5/11/2021 12:55 PM
28	Sustainable solutions	5/10/2021 3:10 PM
29	It's natural environment, the connection of its small community, a place to visit with interesting shops, galleries, cafes along a boardwalk highlighting the river and the fauna who live there	5/10/2021 9:50 AM
30	Boating and fishing and a vibrant wharfe culture around both	5/10/2021 9:05 AM
31	Low impact nature based tourism with unique local seafood experiences, some of the best oysters in the world.	5/10/2021 9:04 AM
32	that is for the group to decide - my view is a piece of paradise, not asleep, not booming, just enough to support and be supported by its community.	5/9/2021 6:28 PM
33	For it's fine food, beer and wine all consumed in comfort whilst visually taking in all the views the river has to offer	5/9/2021 9:13 AM

34	Wharf precinct white sandy beach with a tidal pool between wharf and boat ramp. Which has been brought to the table on numerous occasions (don't suite the older people in town) a town that can support itself infrastructure and development to create employment for it's residents	5/8/2021 8:37 PM
35	Quiet, wildlife and habitat protected	5/8/2021 5:38 PM

Q9 What is needed for the NATURAL ENVIRONMENT in the future?

Answered: 36 Skipped: 1

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	There needs to care and forethought to retain the natural environment as it is. This is our greatest asset. There is a lot of talk about development at the wharf. There have been two previous marina proposals for this area, both of which were found to be impossible to construct /develop because of the impact on Pelican Lagoon. A conundrum as it is our greatest asset as well as being a limitation. We do not want to be in the situation where a development destroys the future fishing capacity in this area as has happened with the St Kilda mangroves north of Adelaide in the last 6 months. There needs to a concerted effort to control invasive weeds and to maintain the natural environment in at least a similar or better state than it is today.	5/23/2021 8:10 AM
2	Needs for the Natural Environment include fixing up the filled areas of the wharf and boat ramp. Wetlands for Storm Water Retention and Treatment.	5/21/2021 3:50 PM
3	Native oyster reef to improve species diversity, natural ocean habitats and controlled coastal development that are in keeping with the natural character of the town and minimize impact on water quality to protect the positive impact aquaculture industry	5/21/2021 12:52 PM
4	Retain as much natural vegetation, scrub and fauna	5/21/2021 11:32 AM
5	Protection and conservation of natural resources and a population that sees the value of the natural environment and strives to look after it.	5/21/2021 12:04 AM
6	undeveloped coastlines	5/20/2021 12:58 PM
7	9	5/19/2021 9:42 PM
8	maintenance for fire control	5/19/2021 12:45 PM
9	Stormy Daniels Tiger escaped continues to breed with the black panthers that mysteriously appeared and very rare to have native animals as rodkill	5/19/2021 6:49 AM
10	I would like to see a live stream of the sea floor of the lagoon 24/7. Glass bottom automated pontoon boat etc, but the internet would be too crap.	5/18/2021 8:21 PM
11	Anything that protects the glossy black cockatoos. Trees in the new estate as you come in - it's bare.	5/18/2021 7:01 PM
12	Maintain the habitat for fish stocks and bird life especially glossy black cockatoos.	5/18/2021 6:57 PM
13	revegetation and rejuvenation of the biosphere embracing all that is there and obvious but also that which is also there but not obvious such as the seedbank which exists in the soil and just needs encouragement. We also need to provide for the interests of the indigenous wildlife such as ospreys and sea eagles and also the fish and other marine components of what is a wonderful ecosystem	5/18/2021 6:17 PM
14	Sustainable building with no fly in fly out Chinese workers .	5/18/2021 3:43 PM
15	Make people retain the native scrub	5/18/2021 2:56 PM
16	Good vegetation management, fire management, better development controls	5/18/2021 12:08 PM
17	Preservation. That's a given, right?! Are there species that would thrive within a dedicated sanctuary at American River? Both land and marine?	5/18/2021 10:42 AM
18	No fishing in American River at all. Food/Wine/Marina	5/18/2021 10:00 AM
19	Leave it the fuck alone and preserve amenity - no mass tourism Development, ents	5/18/2021 9:57 AM
20	Absence of clearance. Education of residents and a monitoring of compliance with	5/17/2021 10:26 PM

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environmental regulations . Encouragement of plantings incorporating fire safe methods. Education about our endemic species, flora and fauna.

21	.	5/17/2021 8:29 PM
22	road kurbing and footpaths	5/17/2021 12:45 PM
23	Less combustible trees.	5/16/2021 10:27 AM
24	Eradication and a full ban on cats on KI!.	5/16/2021 8:59 AM
25	Certainly not a relationship with current state Environment Department who are so busy flogging off the place there will be nothing unique left. Watch what they offer as strings always attached. What is needed is a ban on all the bloody chain-saw activity. Pop your head out anytime during the weekend particularly and all you will hear is endless cutting. I'm not joking. They just do not understand that the natural environment which includes trees is a major attractant to both tourists and to new settlers. Once you cut them down it takes ages to replace them. Bare and bland is where we are going. What is needed is rules and enforcement. Stop cutting down the bloody trees how simple is that?	5/15/2021 5:26 PM
26	a realisation that the natural environment cannot exist without a fundamental agreement with the unnatural environment that is encroaching on it.	5/15/2021 4:11 PM
27	keep an eye on all future developments being cognisant of sea level rise	5/15/2021 1:07 PM
28	Protect the sensitive breeding grounds of the Glossy Black Cuckatoos and other bird life, protect the coastal reserves and inland reserves from over development .	5/11/2021 12:55 PM
29	Understanding of our community impacts on it (the natural environment)	5/10/2021 3:10 PM
30	It needs to be protected to keep it as a place where the animals and birds have a place to live and breed. The housing and hotels/resorts need to be considered so that the natural breeding and living areas are preserved	5/10/2021 9:50 AM
31	More signage about walking tracks which are amazing.	5/10/2021 9:05 AM
32	Maintain what we have, ensure developments are fitting to the environs, low scale developments, ecotourism to preserve and educate	5/10/2021 9:04 AM
33	avoiding quick buck schemes that don't fit the unique nature of this tiny town. Promoting the pristine nature and being prepared to balance that with just enough activity to keep a sense of soul for the town. We have a big issue with ageing population here so need to get cracking and work to just keep the lights on in the next few years.	5/9/2021 6:28 PM
34	Respect and full consideration	5/9/2021 9:13 AM
35	Nothing. Strategic development is needed	5/8/2021 8:37 PM
36	To keep the habitat from being destroyed by graham wolkom	5/8/2021 5:38 PM

Q10 What SERVICES are needed in the future?

Answered: 37 Skipped: 0

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Fuel, community taxi or similar to health appointments in Kingscote or an outreach medical service in the River.	5/23/2021 8:10 AM
2	Services include fuel, supermarket, boat tie up to a new pontoon and availability to trades people.	5/21/2021 3:50 PM
3	Fuel, child care, health, water	5/21/2021 12:52 PM
4	Telecommunication services that work, and all the usual council services. A petrol outlook is needed in the short term until EVs take over	5/21/2021 11:32 AM
5	clearer trail marking signage and promotion; possibly fuel	5/21/2021 12:04 AM
6	water and sewer services	5/20/2021 12:58 PM
7	Fuel. Bus. IGA.	5/20/2021 8:41 AM

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8	10	5/19/2021 9:42 PM
9	health, water, road repairs.	5/19/2021 12:45 PM
10	State and federal funding of kangaroo island and all rural areas no longer occurs local government was privatised for efficiency much like unicorp in the far west coast or the loveday Riverland area initially good now corrupt and disastrous	5/19/2021 6:49 AM
11	Not sure. Depends on tourism and perm-pop. Glass bottom boat tour up the lagoon. Miniature railway attraction along the foreshore from the wharf to CFS building (this leverages from the near vicinity being the only railway ever built on KI). Who doesn't enjoy a ride on a miniature railway. Stick the art. People are sick of boring art. No flasy Gold Coast shit either, such as paragliding behind boats.	5/18/2021 8:21 PM
12	Fuel, visiting medical services, more cafes/restaurants, new hotel development,	5/18/2021 7:01 PM
13	7 day a week meals including evening meal. Health services (doctor/nurse) at least weekly. Fuel. Reliable ferry service to American River. A grocery/hardware store.	5/18/2021 6:57 PM
14	fuel and groceries.	5/18/2021 6:17 PM
15	Petrol and lpg . Viable and sensible tourist ventures. . Eg marinas boardwalks restaurants cafes	5/18/2021 3:43 PM
16	Shop, fuel, things that encourage families	5/18/2021 2:56 PM
17	Fuel supply, visiting medical services, more dining options	5/18/2021 12:08 PM
18	The shop/post office is good. Keep it going. Small businesses that add value to what's already on offer without over-doing it. A cafe that does breakfast/brunch so as not to take away from the offerings of the Oyster Farm. A retreat that does yoga, meditation and all that hippie shit. Serene water sports like paddle boarding or kayaking.	5/18/2021 10:42 AM
19	Coffee/Food/Wine off long jetty in front old shop, small marina + fuel + water	5/18/2021 10:00 AM
20	Fuel, general store, nature-based activities, cellar/farm door shops and eateries	5/18/2021 9:57 AM
21	Medical. Fuel.	5/17/2021 10:26 PM
22	.	5/17/2021 8:29 PM
23	potable water supply, auto fuel, better marine infrastructure	5/17/2021 12:45 PM
24	All services required in a town.	5/16/2021 10:27 AM
25	Most services need improving.	5/16/2021 8:59 AM
26	Well we've lost the medical centre. Helen Richards will be turning in her grave if she was dead. She fought so hard and for what? nothing. There is a local shop but you need electricity for cars.. yes cars. You needed it yesterday. Aged care in an updated Carnavon, personalised as Carnavon is and as it is recognised Australia-wide as the best practice.	5/15/2021 5:26 PM
27	fuel, food, water reticulation, power security , waste regulation,	5/15/2021 4:11 PM
28	water supply	5/15/2021 1:07 PM
29	Town Centre to be established at wharf area for tourist and resident hub. Community Bus, Medical Visits. Commercial industries on the wharf to be relocated.	5/11/2021 12:55 PM
30	Access to water	5/10/2021 3:10 PM
31	Cfs, ambulance, the community club, a men's shed, a craft/artists guild, wildlife and flora protection and conservation	5/10/2021 9:50 AM
32	Fuel, better internet, health,	5/10/2021 9:05 AM
33	fuel, healthcare, childcare, chemist depot, iga when it can be supported by a larger community, workers accommodation	5/10/2021 9:04 AM
34	Ambos', post office/ well stocked general store at longer hours like say 10 years ago, fuel, fuel, fuel even if at the turnoff to the River, restaurants, cafe's and community groups providing services outside short time slots and with all manner of restrictions on who can go there, when its open, what is on offer. We can't be a Victor Harbor but we can get our act organised to serve the visitors better and then with a steady hand ask for a fair recompense.	5/9/2021 6:28 PM
35	Fuel, better parking around the warf / boat ramp, more food outlets, public toilets near the playground, bigger caravan park maybe extended behind the community club (the shed)	5/9/2021 9:13 AM

36	Fuel. Shops. Better phone service, road management work for the dole scheme.	5/8/2021 8:37 PM
37	A few more cafes	5/8/2021 5:38 PM

Q11 What INFRASTRUCTURE & AMENITY is needed in the future?

Answered: 35 Skipped: 2

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	A relocation of the oyster shed would be great. the development at the wharf has created a problem with access, congestion and safety. In the original EDR Court approval of the oyster shed it was clearly stated that the shed next to the tennis courts not be rebuilt and that all materials pertaining to the oysterlease ie nets bouys etc be stored out of sight. neither of these have happened and the old shed was replaced. The oyster operation has been very good for the river and must be commended but this is a classic example of devt decisions being made and then ad hoc devt taking place anyway. There does not need to be any over water development as there is planty of available land with water views for cafes, restaurants etc. Everywhere in American River has an amazing view ! There is community land near the oval and shed that could be used for further infrsructure with approval by the community.	5/23/2021 8:10 AM
2	Marine structures for boats, camping and caravaning reserves and walking/ bike pathways to lessen car movements.	5/21/2021 3:50 PM
3	Parking, traffic management, improved signage,	5/21/2021 12:52 PM
4	As in 10 above	5/21/2021 11:32 AM
5	cycling and walking trails, improved paths, facilities for fire management.	5/21/2021 12:04 AM
6	water and sewer services	5/20/2021 12:58 PM
7	Public toilets. Swimming area	5/20/2021 8:41 AM
8	11	5/19/2021 9:42 PM
9	a board walk from the front of Mercure lodge to fire station area at high tide mark that you could fish off sit along & is wheelchair & even goffer friendly plus a fuel outlet somewhere around town or out at the hogbay & river turnoff..	5/19/2021 12:45 PM
10	The "common Non binary" exist only as nomadic hunted fugitives many are reported but the thriving raids are less each year	5/19/2021 6:49 AM
11	There is enormous potential to have a dry dock slipway put down at the wharf. It is basically waiting to be put there with minimal infrastructure.	5/18/2021 8:21 PM
12	Marina or services for boaties. develop the area between the wharf and jetty to include boardwalk, safe swimming area (lido).	5/18/2021 7:01 PM
13	Defined visitor parking. Public toilets and BBQ shelters. Swimming beach. Health services (perhaps at the ambulance station). Grocery store open 7 days a week. A population that supports local business so they can extend opening hours and inventory. The town centre zoning does not really work for Moreanda Ave and Bimberta Ave area as it is not really attracting businesses but at the same time limits existing residences to improve/expand their homes. A sporting complex is a core community and public resource.	5/18/2021 6:57 PM
14	Fire fighting facility upgraded . Relatable electrical providers . Internet that works .	5/18/2021 3:43 PM
15	Road verge maintenance, nice native garden beds, improved wharf area.	5/18/2021 2:56 PM
16	Improve foreshore development and amenities, safe swimming	5/18/2021 12:08 PM
17	Maintain/create camping and picnic spots. Maintain public loos. Upgraded bushwalking trails.	5/18/2021 10:42 AM
18	Fuel + Marina + coffee + food & wine	5/18/2021 10:00 AM
19	Fuel	5/18/2021 9:57 AM
20	We need a punt across Pelican Lagoon, at the site of the shortest distance across to the Dudley side. It could carry 2-3 cars and passengers. Old John Buick built the Wellington	5/17/2021 10:26 PM

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punt. Why can't the current residents build similar. It would reduce roadkill on the Hog Boy Road. It would link Penneshaw to the River. It need not disturb the sea floor or marine life. It would not interrupt boating as boating is not allowed at that section anyway, it being a Marine Sanctuary.. survey it and see how many residents would support it. That's all.

21	.	5/17/2021 8:29 PM
22	Marina, a designated town centre with shops	5/17/2021 12:45 PM
23	A marina.	5/16/2021 10:27 AM
24	Caravan park, Marina, service station, restaurant on the wharf, international motel.	5/16/2021 8:59 AM
25	Limit the bloody signage. Electronic means will be the best way to get the message to people re parking, camping, toilets, eateries, walks, tourism experiences, airbus pick ups etc. Enviro friendly toilets. Disability and wheelchair access routes, ramps, including coastfronts, and sporting opportunities for those impaired.	5/15/2021 5:26 PM
26	low key development that is in sync with the demands of the natural environment.	5/15/2021 4:11 PM
27	not a lot	5/15/2021 1:07 PM
28	Water.	5/10/2021 3:10 PM
29	Cfs, ambulance, maybe add fuel sales to the general store, a local doctor clinic, men's shed, community groups for local parents, crafters, older residents etc.	5/10/2021 9:50 AM
30	Footpaths, designated undercover foodvan market place. Toilets at foreshore scenic drive.	5/10/2021 9:05 AM
31	25km zone from camp ground to playground, improve entrance at turn off to American river road, improve signage mess at turnoff to Tangara Drive, improve signage for visitors with a map of town and its features, boat ramp needs to have signage for parking management to ensure oyster punt can launch and retrieve safely year round, traffic control around the entry and exit to oyster farm on wharf, plantings of native edibles throughout town centre	5/10/2021 9:04 AM
32	Water, that is on its way, access to mainland - that is now far more difficult than it needs to be with lead times, limits on transits, and the jump through hoops resident pricing. Holiday home owners ferry costs are ridiculous for their investment and potential long term community involvement with the Island and the River	5/9/2021 6:28 PM
33	The wharf / boat ramp needs to become the main attraction Centre of the waterfront the basin between the wharf and boat ramp to become a swimming pool / water activities area with a deck spanning between allowing pop up bars and food outlets in peak season be it either permanent or yearly/ seasonal basis	5/9/2021 9:13 AM
34	Tidy up our foreshore. Tidal pool between wharf and boat ramp.	5/8/2021 8:37 PM
35	A seaside pool would be nice	5/8/2021 5:38 PM

Q12 What is needed for COMMUNITY & CULTURE in the future?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	This community does a good job of creating occasions and activities . Think the Pointers, the redevelopment of the hall and subsequent concerts, events, parties and dances there. The art gallery will grow and there are events such as the gala day and fishing comp that will return post covid. The whole island suffers from the lack of cultural activities but when things arise it would be good to make sure American River is on the calendar. In my experience the River consistently has the biggest audiences/attendances of any community when events happen in the different towns.	5/23/2021 8:10 AM
2	Entertainment area for events with seating and shelter.	5/21/2021 3:50 PM
3	Services for families including childcare, playgroup and even a kindy.	5/21/2021 12:52 PM
4	A recognition of the history of American River	5/21/2021 11:32 AM
5	Support for art gallery/museum to open daily; support for The Shed and the community hall.	5/21/2021 12:04 AM
6	open spaces and playground area	5/20/2021 12:58 PM

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7	12	5/19/2021 9:42 PM
8	a place to show all of the american river history from 1803 to now.	5/19/2021 12:45 PM
9	Hope	5/19/2021 6:49 AM
10	A place to have a drink outside the tiny service window of 2 nights a week without outsiders being made to feel they are interrupting a Jamieson family gathering i.e.-less clique us/them attitude. AR has an enormous chip on its shoulder and in other regions the locals are not known renowned for being welcoming or particularly friendly to outsiders. They will wish to deny that, but it is very apparent. Open the place...not just when management feels like it. Yes, talking here about the shed sports club (drinking club). Leverage from the historic gift. Organize more sailing regattas. But again, the locals need to get the stick out of their ass.	5/18/2021 8:21 PM
11	Openness for change. A sense of togetherness. More visiting performers.	5/18/2021 7:01 PM
12	Art gallery expands and is run by a paid position with assistance from volunteers. Water connection enables a community garden to be established. A safe swimming beach is created and maintained. Musical performances are held at the community hall. Maintain the ability of residents to live a simple and affordable life.	5/18/2021 6:57 PM
13	Create jobs via local investment .	5/18/2021 3:43 PM
14	Things to encourage families	5/18/2021 2:56 PM
15	Support for events at community hall, residents forum	5/18/2021 12:08 PM
16	Identity. Something residents can be proud of. "Hey, this is what we worked toward".	5/18/2021 10:42 AM
17	Employment/Tourism	5/18/2021 10:00 AM
18	Mountain bike trail Mecca	5/18/2021 9:57 AM
19	Community: Unity. RIG, the SHED, and ARPA need to unify to work together. All have at core the same charter which is the good of the community. Their efforts would be magnified if there were more harmony. CULTURE: Education about our history of place. a maritime museum that celebrates the diverse history of American a river: the sealers, their indigenous "wives", the settlers, the Chinese cannery workers, the scots, the salt miners, the gypsum and charcoal and yucca gum producers, all here in American River and so few know about them. Let's celebrate this diverse story. With a fitting tribute, a maritime museum. When the Independence sails out, a museum will grow.	5/17/2021 10:26 PM
20	expand on the treasures you have	5/17/2021 12:45 PM
21	That will develop.	5/16/2021 10:27 AM
22	Football team, jobs, more housing.	5/16/2021 8:59 AM
23	Depending on the population, The Shed is a focus, it may need some sprucing and renovations but care needs to be taken that a huge monstrosity is not build to take in the crowds.. ending up in an impersonal mess. The Shed is so unique. Hope they change the salad bar back to pre Covid once the pandemic is over. Community needs a recreation centre.	5/15/2021 5:26 PM
24	A leader that can overcome the innate negativity of communities to progress	5/15/2021 4:11 PM
25	tyhe current sports ground is great	5/15/2021 1:07 PM
26	Community Fire Plan, Sports Hub for multi sports indoor and outdoor. Make American River the Glossy Black Cockatoo Centre with murals on all buildings and flying flags. Newsletter of local happenings in our Village. Greet and meet new residents.	5/11/2021 12:55 PM
27	Community garden would be my first choice	5/10/2021 3:10 PM
28	A neighbourhood centre with some of the above suggested groups. More boardwalks through the fauna breeding areas, to raise awareness and protect the wildlife who live and breed in the area. A local artisan or crafters group with a shopfront/cafe to be able to sell their products	5/10/2021 9:50 AM
29	New ideas, but old. Regatta used to be the highlight of the town with food and stalls on the wharfe would be great to see a couple a year and a yaught club boating club. Festivals to utilize the hall and bring people around	5/10/2021 9:05 AM
30	A safe place to swim with a pontoon	5/10/2021 9:04 AM
31	Some really hard thinking on where volunteer starts and ends. The ageing population makes that more critical as the older ones naturally can't bear the load they once did and we don't	5/9/2021 6:28 PM

have many younger ones here or even coming forward to carry the load.

32	Security and employment	5/9/2021 9:13 AM
33	For the older generation to step back and let the younger residents have a say	5/8/2021 8:37 PM
34	A progress assostiation which is not corrupt	5/8/2021 5:38 PM

Q13 What is needed for BUSINESS & EMPLOYMENT in the future?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	There are many small businesses in the community. Imposing from above is not the way to grow a place. Help with startup ideas, accounting, marketing etc are things that will be of help so people can feel secure in investing in their future in the town. We do not need a town full of cleaners and hospitality workers for large developments. This is not to denigrate these occupations but there needs to be alternatives as well.	5/23/2021 8:10 AM
2	Coordinated approach between major tourist developments and community to provide local services..	5/21/2021 3:50 PM
3	Community support for businesses investing in the town. Water. Security of tenure to encourage investment and long term employment opportunities	5/21/2021 12:52 PM
4	Tourist related enterprises	5/21/2021 11:32 AM
5	Emphasis on smaller, local enterprises. A small scale conference facility catering for conferences up to 200 people but not a multistorey building -2 stories maximum.	5/21/2021 12:04 AM
6	local shop	5/20/2021 12:58 PM
7	13	5/19/2021 9:42 PM
8	mains water & australia wide advertising	5/19/2021 12:45 PM
9	KI business is shrouded by the Putin satellite ems interference, slaves for all desires and needs are supplied from world wide trained dolphins are superb lobster fishermen	5/19/2021 6:49 AM
10	The place gained notice as a fishing resort/health spa. Some ideas mentioned could create a few jobs.	5/18/2021 8:21 PM
11	More businesses	5/18/2021 7:01 PM
12	very little	5/18/2021 6:17 PM
13	Incentive to inject and attract private enterprises. Back up with improved transportation via reduce costs of travel to and fromm	5/18/2021 3:43 PM
14	More businesses to be based here	5/18/2021 2:56 PM
15	Better and appropriate advertising, improved visitor services	5/18/2021 12:08 PM
16	The shop/post office is good. Keep it going. Small businesses that add value to what's already on offer without over-doing it. A cafe that does breakfast/brunch so as not to take away from the offerings of the Oyster Farm. A retreat that does yoga, meditation and all that hippie shit. Serene water sports like paddle boarding or kayaking.	5/18/2021 10:42 AM
17	Encourage tourism/business get people to visit as not a destination at all currently. We have seen the town die for past 15-20 years	5/18/2021 10:00 AM
18	Mountain bike trail mecca, eateries, AirBnB style acocomodation (self host)	5/18/2021 9:57 AM
19	Incentives (housing, training, subsidies?) for staff - I'm not qualified to suggest solutions but I do know it's hard to get staff all over the island. There is more work than people willing to do it.	5/17/2021 10:26 PM
20	perhaps all KICouncil work should be contracted out to locals	5/17/2021 12:45 PM
21	Town and marine based business and employment.	5/16/2021 10:27 AM
22	Marina, caravan park, restaurant on the marina.	5/16/2021 8:59 AM

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23	Support for business to establish so assistance through the regulatory processes. Employment will always be limited to hospitality and increasing retail within the township. So training and housing for those employees.	5/15/2021 5:26 PM
24	A good plan will take care of this	5/15/2021 4:11 PM
25	more tourist orientation	5/15/2021 1:07 PM
26	Town central hub where tourist and residents meet .Make the wharf area open space town link to nearby cafe supermarket and central hub .	5/11/2021 12:55 PM
27	A more holistic tourism approach. Something that makes the river a place to absolutely visit	5/10/2021 3:10 PM
28	Support for young families including a child care centre (could be attached to a community centre. More eco tourism opportunities - such as tours of pelican lagoon, boardwalks through breeding areas with local guides to raise awareness of this unique area. A small fuel sales outlet so tourists have somewhere local to fill their cars	5/10/2021 9:50 AM
29	Businesses that can offer fulltime work not just casual. I can get 5 casual jobs but not one full-time	5/10/2021 9:05 AM
30	Entice younger people to move to the town, workers accommodation, entice families to move to the town, water connected, improved business networking to gain efficiencies from shared services, resources and consolidated freight etc.	5/10/2021 9:04 AM
31	More focus and work to provide services - eg lots of money has been slashed around by govt's so issues such as bowling greens, swimming pools, expansion of the community shed and speed up of key tourism activities such as RIG would be a shot in the arm for the township. Employers to be more aligned with how they can attract and retain staff in what is essentially a remote rural location - eg limited casual hours at shitty rates is just why they can't get staffing. Lots of consultant hep around at no cost to work through and find the sweet spots here but it does take a change of approach toward staff. The backpackers are gone for a few years at least	5/9/2021 6:28 PM
32	A plan and vision with some federal assistants	5/9/2021 9:13 AM
33	Businesses employing locally	5/8/2021 8:37 PM
34	Not a misguided state driven development	5/8/2021 5:38 PM

Q14 Last Thoughts. Is there anything else that you would like us to know?

Answered: 33 Skipped: 4

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Utilise existing community land for parklands and nature reserves to maintain the council owned land for a visually pleasant amenity and fire risk reduction through vegetation maintenance.	5/21/2021 3:50 PM
2	Kangaroo Island Shellfish and KAR Management (The Oyster Farm Shop) have conducted ethical, sustainable (environmental, financial and social) in the town of American River since 2008. We employ around 10-15 staff plus contractors throughout each year with significant personal investment into the town. We have been striving for security of tenure on the wharf to enable further investment since 2008 and are currently progressing a project in conjunction with council to invest further in improved fencing along Tangara Drive in order to improve the overall amenity of the town centre. Work will commence on this during winter. We are also building a waterfront tasting room in the front bay of one of the oyster sheds on the wharf for high end experiences focussed on local aquaculture and wine. Our farm shop will have increased dining capacity and street appeal also. These two businesses have survived a one in 30 year storm, two year statewide spat shortage, bushfires and now covid. We have kept our staff employed and continue to contribute to the local economy through these iconic Kangaroo Island businesses. We are leaders in positive impact aquaculture and are passionate about the environment. We hope we make our community proud and that we are supported as we continue to invest our livelihood into the future of American River. Security of tenure is now the biggest challenge we face and indeed holds back further investment. If this is not achieved then the future of the businesses will be in jeopardy.	5/21/2021 12:52 PM

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3	The island is isolated from the rest of the state with a small population to support the revenue that the local government needs to service it. The State government must give it special consideration and funding if its tourist potential is to be fulfilled.	5/21/2021 11:32 AM
4	American River has the capacity to be seen as an attractive place to live and visit but if it is over-developed then it will lose the very thing that people enjoy -its tranquility and old world charm	5/21/2021 12:04 AM
5	no need for multi storey hotels	5/20/2021 12:58 PM
6	Kangaroo Island in the last 20 years, has had no increase in permanent population. Agriculture offers economic stability.Tourism ebbs and flows. Future tourism will be noticeably different. The foreseeable tourism experience will need to be carefully advertised, managed and promoted.To speak to duplication of services in American River, (fuel, supermarket, alcohol etc) with a static Island population, is nonsensical.The dilution of distribution will lead to greater business failures. The construction of a 135 room motel development with associated staff accommodation should be supported.It's a passive investment that will offer the relief valve sometimes needed, while not overly disrupting or stressing American River residents or infrastructure.What will American River look like in 20 years? - as it does now.	5/19/2021 9:42 PM
7	probably but can't think of anything	5/19/2021 12:45 PM
8	When does California implode? The rest of Blade Runner 2049 should be possible for "American" River by 2100	5/19/2021 6:49 AM
9	Leverage the historic gift (Flinders, Baudin, Pendleton, Railway). Leverage the historic tourism of resort/spa. Include new attractions such as a sponsored sail boat/board regatta with a decent prize. Get the locals to get the stick out their ass and stop acting like inbred banjo players who embarrass the rest of the KI locals. The place is otherwise beautiful. You can give me a call Darren if you want to unpack details or further explanation - Steve Berzel. Cheers mate	5/18/2021 8:21 PM
10	nope	5/18/2021 7:01 PM
11	yes.....we only have one American River and one natural world. Please don't let greed take it away. It belongs to all species and not just developers.	5/18/2021 6:17 PM
12	At present it's a basket case . People Who try to generate progressive thought regularly shut down by the fundamentals greens and Conservative. We need balance we need jobs we need support from my local and state governments we need more affordable transport to and from the island	5/18/2021 3:43 PM
13	These questions are far too fluffy and open ended. They need to be more directed to get proper responses from people.	5/18/2021 2:56 PM
14	Keep future developments small scale to avoid urban blight	5/18/2021 12:08 PM
15	Don't fuck it up and have it be the next Byron Bay!	5/18/2021 10:42 AM
16	Yes, allow a small marina as all natural cove already and remove that old rusty boat and don't allow for KIC to live there!	5/18/2021 10:00 AM
17	Nope	5/18/2021 9:57 AM
18	Thank you for asking. That's appreciated.	5/17/2021 10:26 PM
19	Dont let AMR be spoilt with tourism developments	5/17/2021 12:45 PM
20	Yes. Get on with developing a marina.	5/16/2021 10:27 AM
21	Stop living inn the past with the non progressive not in my back yard attitude that this Island is infected with. To many lefty people with to much to say.	5/16/2021 8:59 AM
22	Gone was the time when you could pop down to the wharf and get some fresh fish. Sad.	5/15/2021 5:26 PM
23	Yes, Inevitably we can't progress beyond the limits which are imposed by the natural environment without superimposing an unnatural set of principles around any development, The Gold Coast development is one such case in point, once a natural wetlands habitat supporting species now extinct and all in the name of growth. Small + Character + Environmental respect = Good	5/15/2021 4:11 PM
24	good luck	5/15/2021 1:07 PM
25	Link the village together with walkways and bike paths.	5/11/2021 12:55 PM

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26	Where can I become a ARPA member	5/10/2021 3:10 PM
27	Keep this town small and connected. We don't need large resorts to make it like everywhere else. Keeping the tourism to smaller accomodations help protect the look, feel and environment of American river. Keep our small town small!	5/10/2021 9:50 AM
28	The river needs to change to survive would be great to see it come back to life. We used to have boats and windsurfing and horse riding so much activities for people to do now it's limied. Encourage new business like houseboats.	5/10/2021 9:05 AM
29	American River is unique. It is this uniqueness that we should capitalise on, not try to imitate what other places on the island have.	5/10/2021 9:04 AM
30	The tiny town has a huge fan base across the state and some careful marketing plus fixing the ferry issue could find we have a small but steady return to how the township was 30 years ago. The environment and location is so attractive that the 'lock it away' mindset will just lead us down the path of a single mega resort and no soul for the town anymore ans no reside its to revitalise it in the future. We need to act now while we still have the residents that have and can continue to make a difference and help revitalise the township	5/9/2021 6:28 PM
31	No	5/9/2021 9:13 AM
32	For to many years we the younger generation have been shut out of having a say or not being listened to. We are the ones that will be left with what the older gen have left us. I have lived in American river since I was 16 now 43 it is still the same as when I moved here. Time people let go so we can move forward	5/8/2021 8:37 PM
33	Yes, why do we need an outside consultant to tell us what our vision is.	5/8/2021 5:38 PM