

The future of Sheridan Gardens, Broomehill



The Shire of Broomehill-Tambellup wants to hear from the whole community about the future use and ownership of Sheridan Gardens, the Shire-owned garden between the Broomehill Hall and the Imperial Hotel. Please read the information in this flyer, complete the survey inside and return it to the Shire, or complete the survey online.



What is being proposed?

The Broomehill Village Co-operative, which owns the Imperial Hotel, has proposed that Sheridan Gardens be developed as a community beer garden and event space. Its proposal includes:

- landscaping, seating, shade and lighting, then permanent tables, shade structures and front fencing
- extending the hotel's liquor licensed area over the site
- works funded by the Co-operative, with no capital cost to the Shire
- the public able to walk through, and Hall hirers able to use the space at no extra cost
- the Shire transferring ownership of the land to the Co-operative, with a lease discussed as an interim option

What this means

No decision has been made. The Council has not agreed to lease, transfer or sell Sheridan Gardens.

The Broomehill Hall is not part of this proposal. It is not proposed to be sold, transferred or leased.

This is early consultation. If a specific lease or transfer is proposed later, there must be further public notice and another chance to comment.



Complete the survey online

Scan this code with your phone camera, or visit shirebt.wa.gov.au and follow the link on the home page. Prefer paper? The paper survey starts on page 3.

The options the Council could consider

The survey asks for your views on each of these. They are listed in no order of preference.

No change	The Shire keeps Sheridan Gardens and continues to maintain it as a public garden.
Licence or use agreement	The Shire keeps ownership and gives the Co-operative permission to use the space on set terms for a set period.
Lease	The Shire keeps ownership and leases the land to the Co-operative. The land returns to the Shire at the end of the lease.
Transfer of ownership	The Shire transfers the land to the Co-operative, with conditions such as public access written in. This is the Co-operative's preferred option.

The story of Sheridan Gardens

A community-built garden

Sheridan Gardens was created in September 2012 as part of the Hidden Treasures Bloom Festival. The Shire engaged landscape designer Aaron East to design and build it, and local volunteers worked alongside him to construct it. The Shire has maintained the garden since.

Its name

In June 2013 the Council invited the Broomehill community and the Broomehill Historical Society to suggest a historically significant name. Two names were put forward: "End of the Line", recognising the railway and the start of the Holland Track, and "Sheridan's Memorial Garden". On 22 August 2013 the Council officially named the garden Sheridan's Memorial Garden. It is now commonly known as Sheridan Gardens.

Who was Mrs Sheridan?

The name recalls Mrs Kathleen Sheridan, a widow and prominent local businesswoman. She became licensee of the Imperial Hotel in 1905 and its lessee in her own right in 1909, when the hotel was owned by Mrs Garrity. In 1910 she had the hall next door built, first known as Sheridan's Hall. The garden sits between the two buildings most closely tied to her.

Its neighbours

The Hall passed to the Broomehill Road Board in 1917, housed the local government office until 1965, and was the centre of district social life until 1986. It has been on the State Register of Heritage Places since 2005. The Imperial Hotel, on the Shire's local heritage list, closed in 2019 and was bought by the community-owned Broomehill Village Co-operative in 2022.

SURVEY CLOSES 5PM TUESDAY 27 OCTOBER 2026

Complete the survey inside and drop it at the Shire office at 30360 Great Southern Highway, Broomehill or 46-48 Norrish Street, Tambellup, or post it to 46-48 Norrish Street, Tambellup WA 6320. Extra copies are available from both offices.

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Please complete one survey per person. Extra copies are available from the Shire offices. Return your completed survey by **5pm on Tuesday 27 October 2026** to the Shire office at 30360 Great Southern Highway, Broomehill or 46-48 Norrish Street, Tambellup, or post it to 46-48 Norrish Street, Tambellup WA 6320.

Privacy

Your responses are collected by the Shire for the purpose of this consultation. Results will be reported to the Council in a public agenda as a summary. Written comments may be quoted without names. Where many responses use identical wording, they will be counted and reported as a group.

Section 1. About you

These questions help the Shire understand who has taken part. They are not used to give more or less weight to any response.

1. Which of the following describe your connection to the Shire of Broomehill-Tambellup?

Tick all that apply.

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|---|---|--|
| ☐ I live in the Broomehill townsite | ☐ I live in the Tambellup townsite | ☐ I live on a rural property in the Shire |
| ☐ I own property in the Shire but live elsewhere | ☐ I own or operate a business in the Shire | ☐ I visit the Shire |
| ☐ Other (please specify) _____ | | |

2. What is your age group?

Tick one box.

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|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| ☐ Under 18 | ☐ 18 to 24 | ☐ 25 to 34 | ☐ 35 to 49 |
| ☐ 50 to 64 | ☐ 65 and over | ☐ Prefer not to say | |

3. Do you have any involvement with the Broomehill Village Co-operative, the Imperial Hotel or the proposal?

Tick all that apply. We ask this so the Council can see the full range of views across the community. It does not change how your response is counted.

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| ☐ I am a member or shareholder of the Co-operative | ☐ I am a director or committee member of the Co-operative | ☐ I have volunteered at Co-operative events or busy bees |
| ☐ No involvement | ☐ Prefer not to say | |
| ☐ Other involvement (please specify) _____ | | |

4. Do you, or a group you belong to, use or hire the Broomehill Hall?

Tick one box.

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| ☐ Yes, regularly | ☐ Yes, occasionally | ☐ No | ☐ Unsure |
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Section 2. Sheridan Gardens today

5. How often do you currently visit or use Sheridan Gardens?

Tick one box.

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| ☐ Weekly or more | ☐ Monthly | ☐ A few times a year | ☐ Rarely |
| ☐ Never | ☐ I was not aware of it before this survey | | |

Tick all that apply.

7. How important are the following to you about Sheridan Gardens as it is now?

Tick one box in each row.

8. How would you rate the current condition and presentation of Sheridan Gardens?

Tick one box.

- ### Section 3. The proposed use

9. Overall, to what extent do you support or oppose Sheridan Gardens being developed as a community beer garden and event space adjoining the Imperial Hotel?

Tick one box.

- ☐ Strongly support ☐ Support ☐ Neutral ☐ Oppose
- ☐ Strongly oppose ☐ Unsure

10. To what extent do you support or oppose each of the following elements of the proposal?

Tick one box in each row.

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11. What benefits, if any, do you think the proposal could bring?

Tick all that apply.

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| ☐ More activity and life in the Broomehill town centre | ☐ Support for reopening the Imperial Hotel | ☐ A place for community events | ☐ Better presentation of the town for travellers |
| ☐ Maintenance of the site at no cost to the Shire | ☐ Support for local jobs and accommodation | ☐ I do not see any benefits | |
| ☐ Other (please specify) _____ | | | |

12. What concerns, if any, do you have about the proposal?

Tick all that apply.

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| ☐ Loss of public open space | ☐ Alcohol being served in a space used by families and children | ☐ Noise or late-night activity | ☐ Public access being restricted in practice |
| ☐ Fencing changing the look and feel of the space | ☐ Impact on the heritage setting of the Hall and hotel | ☐ Change to the character of a named memorial garden | ☐ What happens if the Co-operative or operator cannot maintain the site |
| ☐ Parking or traffic | ☐ Fairness to other community groups and to Tambellup | ☐ Whether the community receives fair value for public land | ☐ I have no concerns |
| ☐ Other (please specify) _____ | | | |

13. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the proposed use of Sheridan Gardens?

Please write your comments below.

Section 4. Public access and the Broomehill Hall

14. How important is it to you that the public continues to have free access to and through Sheridan Gardens from the Broomehill Hall?

Tick one box.

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| ☐ Very important | ☐ Important | ☐ Somewhat important | ☐ Not important |
| ☐ Unsure | | | |

15. How important is it that people using or hiring the Broomehill Hall can continue to use Sheridan Gardens with their functions at no extra cost?

Tick one box.

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| ☐ Very important | ☐ Important | ☐ Somewhat important | ☐ Not important |
| ☐ Unsure | | | |

16. If Sheridan Gardens became part of the hotel's liquor licensed area, how would this affect your use of the space?

Tick one box.

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| ☐ I would use it more | ☐ No change | ☐ I would use it less | ☐ I would not use it |
| ☐ Unsure | | | |

Section 5. Future ownership and management

The Council could consider a number of options for the future of Sheridan Gardens. These are set out below in no order of preference. Any lease or transfer would need to follow the legal process under the *Local Government Act 1995*, which may include public notice, an independent valuation and a further opportunity for the community to comment.

Options A to D are set out in full on the front page of this flyer, with what each one means and what to consider.

17. To what extent do you support or oppose each option?

Tick one box in each row.

	STRONGLY SUPPORT	SUPPORT	NEUTRAL	OPPOSE	STRONGLY OPPOSE	UNSURE
Option A. No change	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Option B. Shire keeps ownership, with a licence or use agreement	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Option C. Lease to the Co-operative	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Option D. Transfer of ownership to the Co-operative	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

18. Which ONE option do you most prefer?

Tick one box.

☐ Option A. No change

☐ Option B. Licence or use agreement

☐ Option C. Lease

☐ Option D. Transfer of ownership

☐ No preference

☐ Unsure

☐ Other (please specify) _____

19. If the Council were to consider a licence, lease or transfer, how important would each of the following safeguards be to you?

Tick one box in each row.

	VERY IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT	UNSURE
Public access guaranteed in the legal agreement	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Hall users' rights to use the space guaranteed in the legal agreement	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
The land returns to the Shire if the agreed use stops or conditions are broken	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
An independent valuation of the land or lease	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
The Co-operative and operator carry all insurance, maintenance and liability	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Regular reporting to the Shire on use and condition	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Limits on trading hours and noise	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Protection of the heritage setting of the Hall and hotel	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
The garden keeps its name and its recognition of Mrs Kathleen Sheridan	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
No cost to ratepayers for legal, survey or valuation costs	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Section 6. Final comments

20. Do you have any other comments about Sheridan Gardens or this proposal? Please write your comments below.