



SHIRE OF LAKE GRACE

PRIVACY AND RESPONSIBLE INFORMATION SHARING (PRIS) ALIGNMENT STATEMENT

Introduction

The Shire of Lake Grace recognises that effective governance, community trust and quality service delivery rely upon the responsible management of information. As part of the Western Australian Government's Privacy and Responsible Information Sharing (PRIS) reforms, public authorities are required to demonstrate how privacy and responsible information sharing principles align with their strategic objectives, organisational culture and community outcomes.

The Shire's Strategic Community Plan, Aspire 2033, establishes a clear vision of "A safe, inclusive and growing community, embracing opportunity." This vision provides a strong foundation for the implementation of PRIS by recognising the importance of protecting personal information, maintaining public confidence and using information responsibly to achieve positive outcomes for the community.

The Shire acknowledges that information is one of its most valuable assets. The collection, use, storage and sharing of information underpin almost every function of local government, from community development and emergency management to infrastructure planning, economic development and governance. The implementation of PRIS will strengthen the Shire's existing commitment to transparency, accountability and ethical decision-making while ensuring information is managed in a manner that balances privacy protection with public benefit.

Alignment with the Aspire 2033 Vision

The Aspire 2033 vision seeks to create a safe, inclusive and growing community that embraces opportunity. Achieving this vision requires strong community confidence in the way the Shire manages information and delivers services.

Privacy protection contributes directly to community safety by ensuring personal information is collected and managed responsibly. Inclusive communities are built upon trust, respect and confidence that information provided to the Shire will be handled appropriately. At the same time, responsible information sharing enables the Shire to work collaboratively with government agencies, service providers and community organisations to improve service delivery, support informed decision-making and identify opportunities that benefit the district.



The implementation of PRIS therefore supports the Shire's vision by strengthening community trust while enabling better outcomes through the responsible use of information.

Alignment with the Economic Pillar

Aspire 2033 identifies a prosperous economy supporting diversification of industry as a key aspiration for the district. Economic growth relies upon informed planning, strategic investment and strong partnerships between local government, industry and other stakeholders.

The Shire regularly manages information associated with planning, development, tourism, housing initiatives, economic development projects and external funding opportunities. PRIS supports these activities by ensuring information is accurate, secure and appropriately governed. Responsible information sharing enables evidence-based planning and strengthens collaboration with government agencies, funding bodies and regional partners.

By improving the quality, accessibility and governance of information, PRIS supports the Shire's ability to attract investment, advocate for infrastructure improvements and deliver sustainable economic outcomes for the community.

Alignment with the Environment Pillar

The Environment Pillar seeks to achieve a well-maintained and attractive natural and built environment that meets the needs of current and future generations.

The Shire's environmental and infrastructure responsibilities require the management of significant information relating to roads, waste management, emergency water supplies, bushfire preparedness, planning approvals and environmental initiatives. Effective management of this information is critical to ensuring informed decisions are made regarding community assets and environmental sustainability.

PRIS strengthens these activities by establishing clear governance around information management while supporting the responsible exchange of information with external agencies and emergency service organisations. This contributes to better risk management, improved service planning and enhanced protection of community assets and natural resources.

Alignment with the Social Pillar

The Social Pillar aspires to create a valued, healthy and inclusive community and lifestyle. This pillar has the strongest connection to privacy and responsible information sharing principles.



Many of the Shire's community services involve the collection and management of personal information. This includes information relating to community programs, health services, youth initiatives, aged services, volunteer groups, sporting organisations and community events. Community members must have confidence that their information is being managed respectfully and securely.

Privacy protection demonstrates respect for individuals and reinforces the Shire's commitment to inclusion and community wellbeing. Equally important is the ability to share information responsibly where it supports better outcomes for residents. Responsible information sharing enables stronger collaboration with health providers, community organisations and government agencies, ultimately improving the services available to the community.

The implementation of PRIS supports a culture where personal information is respected while ensuring information can be used appropriately to enhance service delivery and community outcomes.

Alignment with the Leadership Pillar

Aspire 2033 identifies strong governance and leadership, demonstrating fair and equitable community values, as a cornerstone of the Shire's future direction.

The objectives of PRIS align directly with this aspiration. Effective privacy management and responsible information sharing are fundamental components of good governance. They support accountability, transparency, legislative compliance and ethical decision-making.

The Shire is committed to maintaining high standards of governance and recognises that responsible stewardship of information is essential to achieving this objective. PRIS provides a framework that strengthens organisational accountability, improves risk management practices and supports informed decision-making across all areas of the organisation.

By embedding privacy and responsible information sharing principles into everyday operations, the Shire reinforces its commitment to integrity, fairness and public trust.

Organisational Culture and Community Values

Although Aspire 2033 does not prescribe a formal set of organisational values, the Strategic Community Plan consistently reflects a number of core principles that underpin the Shire's culture and decision-making.

These principles include integrity, accountability, respect, transparency, collaboration and leadership. Each of these principles is strengthened through the implementation of PRIS.



Protecting personal information demonstrates respect for individuals and their privacy rights. Responsible information sharing promotes collaboration and enables better decisions. Strong governance arrangements reinforce accountability and integrity, while transparent information practices build trust between the Shire and the community it serves.

The implementation of PRIS therefore supports and enhances the values already embedded throughout the Aspire 2033 Strategic Community Plan.

Commitment to Privacy and Responsible Information Sharing

The Shire of Lake Grace is committed to developing a culture in which privacy, information security and responsible information sharing form part of everyday business practice. This commitment extends across all service areas, governance activities and community interactions.

Council, the Chief Executive Officer, Executive Leadership Team and designated PRIS Champions will work together to ensure that privacy considerations are integrated into organisational planning, decision-making and service delivery. Staff will be supported through education, awareness and ongoing improvement initiatives that promote responsible information management practices.

The Shire recognises that privacy protection and responsible information sharing are complementary objectives that together contribute to stronger governance, improved services and better community outcomes.

The Privacy and Responsible Information Sharing reforms align strongly with the Shire of Lake Grace's Aspire 2033 Strategic Community Plan and support the delivery of its long-term vision for the district.

PRIS strengthens the Shire's ability to operate as a trusted and accountable local government by ensuring personal information is protected, information is shared responsibly and decisions are informed by reliable data and evidence.

Through the implementation of PRIS, the Shire of Lake Grace will continue to build community confidence, enhance organisational capability and support the achievement of a safe, inclusive and growing community that embraces opportunity.