WE ARE GROWING

WANGARATTA AT A GLANCE
• Population 27,065
• 46.9% work full time, 16.1% part time, 2.3% are unemployed
• 9.9% have a Bachelor Degree or higher
• Number 1 Employment Industry: Health Care and Social Assistance

COUNCIL’S RESPONSIBILITIES
• Promoting the social, economic and environmental viability and sustainability of the municipal district
• Improving the overall quality of life of people in the local community
• Promoting appropriate business and employment opportunities
• Advocating the interests of the local community to other communities and governments
• Providing and maintaining community infrastructure in the municipal district
• Undertaking strategic and land use planning for the municipal district.

CHALLENGES FOR COUNCIL
• We are getting older - our median age has climbed from 33 in 1991 to an estimated 44 in 2014
• Our population growth rate is languishing a long way behind the average for Victoria
• Our economic output has stayed much the same over the last ten years despite real growth in the Victorian economy
• The number of businesses have fallen in the last three years
• Manufacturing employment is falling but still the second most important source of jobs
• Median house price growth is not keeping pace with the average for rural and regional Victoria