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Economic Development front and centre of 2016-17 Budget

The 2016-17 Livingstone Shire Budget adopted today will deliver significant investment in major infrastructure project to support and grow the Shire's economy and realise its full potential to generate jobs and regional economic development.

Mayor Bill Ludwig said Council, in partnership with the State and Federal Governments, was investing more than \$25 million in key areas including the Foreshore Revitalisation, Tourism and job creating Economic Development projects like The Gateway Business and Industry Precinct.

"An investment of \$11.23 million in joint State and Federal funding has been committed to progress the Yeppoon Foreshore and Town Centre Revitalisation including design and construction of the Lagoon, playground, foreshore kiosk," Mayor Ludwig said.

"The Yeppoon Multi-Storey Car Park which will also feature retail tenancies and state-of-the-art car wash, will see a further injection of \$8M to bring it to completion and fully operational by Xmas this year.

"Funding has also been allocated for installation of additional shade and site improvements at the multi-award winning Keppel Kraken.

"In Emu Park \$1.98 million has been committed to the Emu Park Village and Foreshore Revitalisation to progress revitalisation of the area from Kele Park to Main Beach.

"At Cooee Bay, Council and State Government have also joined forces with the Yeppoon Lions Club to jointly fund a \$350,000 major upgrade of the Wreck Point scenic lookout that was originally established by the Yeppoon Lions in the early 1980s," Mayor Ludwig said.

Deputy Mayor and Economic Development Councillor Graham Scott said the combined works would create immediate economic uplift across Livingstone Shire.

"Council's commitment to major infrastructure will not only service the needs of the community now and into the future, but firmly position the region as a destination of choice to work, live and invest without losing our natural assets," Cr Scott said.

"Importantly, we're also delivering the Shirewide trunk infrastructure our residents need including a \$1 million augmentation of the Yeppoon Sewage Treatment Plant, \$140,000 for the Ogmoo Water Main and \$80,000 toward the Mount Charlton Road Steel Main refurbishment at The Caves."

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