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## A Message from the Mayor

Hi Everyone,

In response to the current COVID-19 situation across Queensland and within Livingstone, Council has decided to postpone any Council organised public activities and events until further notice.

I appreciate this is a difficult time for the community, however we must do what we can to help limit the spread of the virus during the peak of the outbreak to reduce pressure on our frontline health workers and hospitals.

Please be assured, Council has a business continuity plan in place to make sure that essential community services continue.

Residents are also encouraged to sign up to Council's suite of online services available 24/7 which includes animal registrations, rates payments and more at [www.livingstone.qld.gov.au](http://www.livingstone.qld.gov.au)

I'd like to thank the community for its patience and co-operation during this time and encourage residents to follow the advice of Queensland Health as well as the Queensland and Australian Governments.

We'll be sure to update you once Council events and activities are back up and running.

This is a timely reminder to be kind to one another as we deal with the challenges of COVID-19 in our community.

Thank you and stay safe,

**Mayor Andy Ireland**



## Boundary Review Update

In 2020, the Minister for Local Government instructed the Queensland Electoral Commission to investigate changing the boundary of Livingstone Shire Council which would see the three suburbs of Glenlee, Glendale and Rockyview transferred to Rockhampton Regional Council.

Livingstone Shire Council is strongly against this proposal to protect the financial and strategic future of the whole shire.

Potentially, the boundary change could see a significant increase in rates, a reduction of services, or both.

The Queensland Treasury Corporation is currently undertaking its own financial analysis on the impact to both Councils.

After the analysis has been completed, the Minister for Local Government has requested a survey be carried out this year of Rockhampton and Livingstone residents to get their view on the proposed change.

How that survey would be conducted is still being determined by the Boundary Commissioner.

Council will keep residents updated through Get Involved ([getinvolved.livingstone.qld.gov.au](http://getinvolved.livingstone.qld.gov.au)) about this important issue as more information becomes available.

Don't forget that all eServices offered by Livingstone Shire Libraries are available anytime, anywhere!

# MAJOR PROJECT NEWS

## Works to begin upgrading major road in Cooee Bay

Livingstone Shire Council is due to start work on Stage 2 of upgrades to Matthew Flinders Drive in Cooee Bay, thanks to funding from the Queensland Government.

The estimated \$1.69m reconstruction project, fully funded under the *Works for Queensland (W4Q)* program, is scheduled to start early this year and is expected to run through to August, weather-permitting.

The project includes renewal of the road pavement and upgrades to stormwater pipes, pits, kerbs and channels.

The section of road to be upgraded runs from Edward Street to Gregory Street.



## Two rural bridges to be replaced in Livingstone Shire

Two rural timber bridges will be replaced with concrete bridges at Canal Creek thanks to funding from both the Australian Government and Livingstone Shire Council.

The existing single lane bridges on Doonside and Werribee Road will be replaced to improve safety, heavy vehicle access and reduce maintenance.

The Werribee Creek Bridge will be replaced first, followed by the Doonside Bridge, which has already been closed due to safety concerns.

The combined cost is \$1.58m and is 50/50 jointly funded by the Australian Government through the Bridges Renewal Program and by the Livingstone Shire Council.



## Resource Recovery Centre to be built in 2022

A \$3m Resource Recovery Centre will be built at the Yeppoon Landfill this year. The facility will divert waste from landfill by increasing the level of sorting and capturing of reusable, recyclable, or recoverable materials.

The project includes; a covered check-in, regulated waste storage, and a resource recovery shed connecting to the existing landfill road system.

Landfill volumes at the current rate will fill the existing cell by October 2025 therefore investment in a new cell is crucial. The Resource Recovery Centre will help expand the lifetime of the current cell due to the diversion of waste. Construction is expected to be completed by September.





# Australia Day 2022 AWARDS

Each year, Livingstone Shire celebrates the achievements and contributions of outstanding members of our community through the Australia Day Awards.

The past year has been a challenging one for everyone but it has demonstrated the great community spirit that makes our Shire great!

We would like to extend a huge congratulations to our 2022 Livingstone Shire Council Australia Day Awards Winners.

### Citizen of the Year

Malcolm Wells

### Young Citizen of the Year

Breanna Willett

### Living Legend

Donald Knowles

### Community Group Service Award

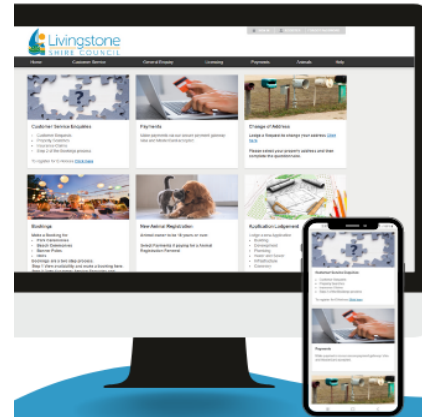
Emu Park Surf Club

### Outstanding Service to the Public Sector Award

Dr Debra Ibbotson

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## Turtle eggs aren't the only eggs on our shorelines that must be protected...

Every summer, 36 shorebird species migrate to Australia from Siberia, Alaska, China and Japan. Some flying a round trip of 30,000km!

Most of these migratory birds lose half of their body weight and stop on Capricorn Coast beaches, islands and wetlands to feed, rest and breed alongside our 18 resident shorebirds.

What's the biggest threat to these endangered and vulnerable birds?

Off-leash dogs...followed closely by human disturbance, driving on beaches, removal of beach scrub, plastics and predators.

Keep an eye out for signs near identified nest sites, like this one at Farnborough Beach, asking dog owners to please keep your dogs on a lead so they don't trample nests or chase exhausted birds that need energy for their return flight.



## Change of hours coming to the Yeppoon Reuse Market

From 1 March 2022, the Yeppoon Reuse Market (formerly the Tip Shop) will be changing their hours to Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 8am-4pm.

The Yeppoon Reuse Market is located at the Yeppoon Landfill and recovers good quality items that were destined to become landfill, such as household items and furnishings, collectables, books and toys, sporting equipment, and much more.

Until 1 March, you can still come and grab a bargain on Wednesday and Saturday from 8am-4pm and Sunday from 10am-2pm.

Don't forget, your trash is someone else's treasure! If you have useful goods you don't want, don't bin them, drop them off at the Yeppoon Reuse Market.

## YEPPOON REUSE MARKET

New! Opening Hours

Tuesday 8:00am - 4:00pm

Thursday 8:00am - 4:00pm

Saturday 8:00am - 4:00pm

Commencing 1 March 2022