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## Bring your arts project to life!

Have you got an arts project that needs funding?

Local artists and community groups are invited to apply for the latest round of funding under the Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF), to assist with getting their arts projects off the ground.

RADF is a Queensland Government program through an Arts Queensland and Livingstone Shire Council partnership to support local arts and culture.

It helps to promote the significance and value of arts, culture and heritage as the key to supporting diversity and inclusivity, growing stronger regions and providing training, education and employment opportunities for Queensland artists and local communities.

The current round is open to applications from 1-30 November 2023.

Head to [livingstone.qld.gov.au/regional-arts-development-fund](http://livingstone.qld.gov.au/regional-arts-development-fund) to find out how you can apply for financial assistance for your innovative arts projects.



The community nursery grows and sells Australian natives (endemic to Capricornia) to the public and can provide advice as required to the community.



They usually have from 50 to 100 different species in stock with availability dependent upon the time of year, seed availability, current orders/projects, and propagation requirements.

You can visit the nursery at Yeppoon Landfill on Wednesdays and Fridays from 8.00am to 3.00pm.

### JOIN THE CREW!

The nursery relies on the hard work and effort of our volunteers who help out with various nursery tasks. We welcome new volunteers!

## Your Water Bill



Council recently adopted its 2023-24 Budget and in an effort to encourage the conservation of water across the Shire, Council has made changes to the water consumption billing tiers and charges, which are reflected in the water notice included with this issue of Reach.

Your water bill is based on the amount of water used per quarter, with charges reflecting usage. Responsible water use is rewarded with lower charges.

Residents and businesses are encouraged to follow the easy water saving tips below to reduce the risk of a high water bill:

- Create a Consumption Log – read your water meter regularly!
- Install water-saving fixtures
- Water lawns and gardens in the early morning and late afternoon
- Capture rainwater for outdoor use
- Swap baths for showers
- Don't plant large trees over pipes and mains that run through your property
- Regularly maintain automatic watering systems
- Turn taps off gently to lengthen the life of washers
- Check for internal or concealed underground leaks if you suspect water consumption is excessive
- Regularly inspect your pool for cracks and signs of leaks
- Install water hammer arrestors if you have a water hammer problem
- Ensure all building and renovation work is undertaken by a licensed professional and approved by Council

Visit [livingstone.qld.gov.au/water](http://livingstone.qld.gov.au/water) to find out how to check for leaks, read your meter and more water conservation tips!

## 2023-24 ADOPTED WATER CONSUMPTION CHARGES (PER QUARTER)

Tier	Consumption	Charge per kilolitre
Residential Tier 1	Up to 30kL	\$1.01
Residential Tier 2	Over 31kL and less than 105kL	\$1.54
Residential Tier 3	Over 105kL	\$3.10
Commercial	All usage	\$2.54

## 2022/23 VS 2023/24 CONSUMPTION CHARGES COMPARISON

Below is an example of the water consumption charges for a relatively low residential water user who has used 56kL in a quarterly billing period. *Total billed amount is rounded up to nearest cent.*

Year	Tier	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Total Bill
22/23	Tier	45kL	46-120kL	>120kL	
	Cost/kL	\$0.91	\$1.39	\$2.79	
	Billed kL	45	11	0	
	Amount	\$40.95	\$15.29	\$0	<b>\$56.25</b>
23/24	Tier	30kL	31-105kL	>105kL	
	Cost/kL	\$1.01	\$1.54	\$3.10	
	Billed kL	30	26	0	
	Amount	\$30.30	\$40.04	\$0	<b>\$70.35</b>

Below is an example of the water consumption charges for a relatively high residential water user who has used 241kL in a quarterly billing period. *Total billed amount is rounded up to nearest cent.*

Year	Tier	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Total Bill
22/23	Tier	45kL	46-120kL	>120kL	
	Cost/kL	\$0.91	\$1.39	\$2.79	
	Billed kL	45	75	121	
	Amount	\$40.95	\$104.25	\$337.59	<b>\$482.80</b>
23/24	Tier	30kL	31-105kL	>105kL	
	Cost/kL	\$1.01	\$1.54	\$3.10	
	Billed kL	30	75	136	
	Amount	\$30.30	\$115.50	\$421.60	<b>\$567.40</b>

## Emu Park Sewage Treatment Plant Upgrade Commences

The Emu Park Sewage Treatment Plant upgrade is one step closer to completion, with detailed design work finalised and site works now underway.

This \$6.6 million project, awarded to Liquitek Pty Ltd, encompasses improvements to the aeration and control system, dewatering processes, and the replacement of main sewage treatment tanks.

Funding for the project comes from both Livingstone Shire Council and the Queensland Government, with a commitment of \$4 million from the Local Government Grants and Subsidies Program.

The project is expected to be completed in 2024.

For updates on the project, visit Council's website.



## How to download your waste eVouchers



Ten annual waste vouchers are provided electronically to all ratepayers via the Livingstone Waste Wise app. Follow these simple steps to access them:

1. Visit the App Store on your mobile device or scan the QR code
2. Download the Livingstone Waste Wise App
3. Navigate to the voucher icon and follow the instructions
4. If you are a Landlord, pass on the eVouchers to your tenants. This will assist them to keep your property clean and tidy.



For more information and other options for downloading, visit [livingstone.qld.gov.au/waste](http://livingstone.qld.gov.au/waste)



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# Where could bike riding take you?

Bike riding isn't just about getting from A to B. Whether you're seeking a new adventure with friends, more quality family time together outdoors, or a fun way to clear your mind and feel fit and healthy, bike riding can take you there.

With plenty of safe bike paths and trails all over Livingstone that keep you off the road and away from traffic, it's easy and safe to explore by bike no matter your age, stage or ability.

So, what are you waiting for? Discover more about the Shire's bike riding routes and why women across Livingstone are taking to two wheels at [livingstone.qld.gov.au/BikeRidingTakesYouPlaces](http://livingstone.qld.gov.au/BikeRidingTakesYouPlaces)

It's never too late to get back on a bike or take up riding for the first time!

Already ride a bike? Tag your riding adventures on your socials with the hashtag #BikeRidingTakesYouPlaces, to share where bike riding takes you and inspire other women to take up riding too!

## Mix family with fresh air

Bike riding takes you places—like away from technology, to quality time together outdoors.



Discover all the benefits and explore where bike riding in Livingstone could take you. Scan the QR code or visit [www.qld.gov.au/bikeriding](http://www.qld.gov.au/bikeriding)



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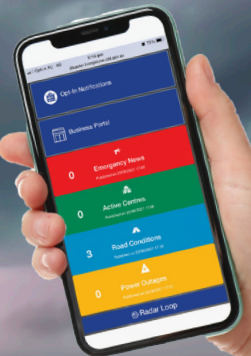
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