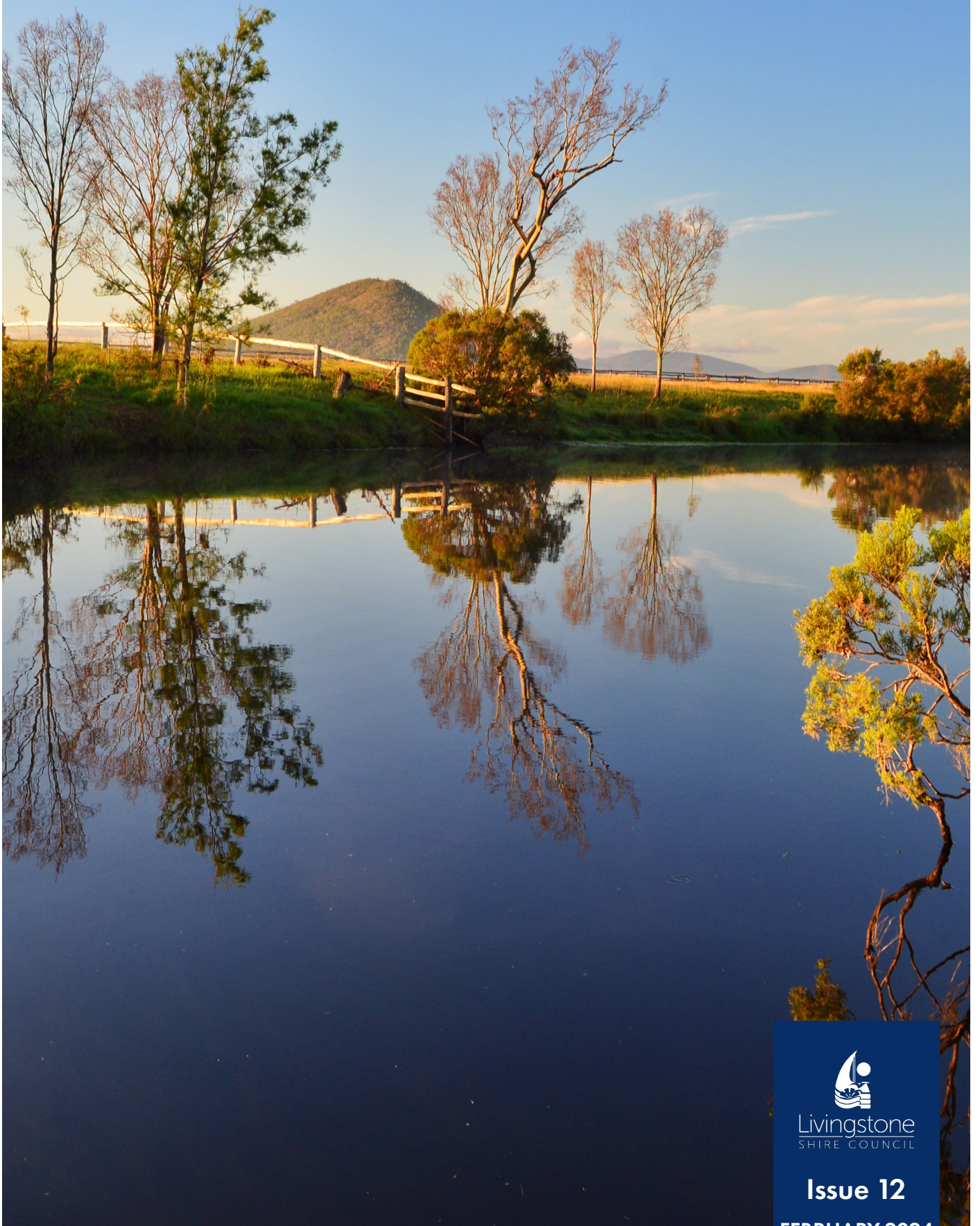


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Water Usage in Our Hottest Months

Included with this issue of Reach, you'll find your water consumption notice, detailing your water usage from October to December.

As we approach the upcoming distribution of your next water notice in April —typically reflecting the highest usage for the year —we urge you to consider responsible water practices during these scorching months.

The forthcoming bill often catches homeowners off guard due to increased consumption driven by factors like dry weather, heat, guests, and pool activity. By practicing mindful water management now, you can mitigate the potential shock of a higher bill in April.

Discover effective water conservation strategies, handy leak detection tips, and meter reading guidelines at www.livingstone.qld.gov.au/water.

Should you have any questions regarding your bill or water usage, please feel free to reach out to our Customer Support team.



Have your Say on Flying Fox Management



Livingstone Shire Council, in collaboration with the Queensland Government, is developing a Flying Fox Roost Management Plan for Emu Park, Keppel Sands, Yeppoon, and Marlborough. Flying foxes, protected by the Nature Conservation Act 1992, play a vital role as pollinators.

The plan aims to inform and guide the community on handling flying fox colonies, addressing issues, and protecting both community well-being and the well-being of native animals in their habitat.

Complete the online survey at getinvolved.livingstone.qld.gov.au



LG Elections on the Horizon

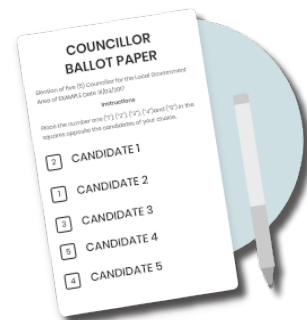
Mark your calendars for Saturday, 16 March as the Shire gears up for the 2024 Local Government Elections.

The elections are facilitated by the Electoral Commission Queensland (ECQ) and include elections for mayors and councillors in each of Queensland's 77 councils.

Details of dates, times and locations for early voting will be available on the ECQ website in early March.

Remember, voting is compulsory, so make sure your voice is heard!

For more information, please visit ecq.qld.gov.au/elections/election-events/2024-local-government-elections.



Did you know that Council offers a seamless way to manage your requests, payments and applications?...

Emu Park Water Reservoir: A Milestone Achieved for Water Security

The Southern Capricorn Coast has achieved a significant boost to its water supply, thanks to the completion of a \$2.86 million, four-megalitre concrete reservoir. The project was supported by a \$2 million contribution from the Federal and Queensland Governments under the Local Economic Recovery (LER) Program, alongside \$860,000 from Council.

Surpassing the size of the existing Emu Park storage by 1.8 times, the reservoir elevates water storage to 6.27ML, accommodating the region's ongoing growth. Constructed with 500 cubic meters of concrete, 80 tonnes of reinforcing steel, and over 5km of post-tensioned steel strands, the reservoir plays a crucial role in enhancing water security and resilience for years to come.



Capricorn Coast Memorial Gardens: Creating Lasting Memories

Last month saw the official opening of the new Capricorn Coast Memorial Gardens, a significant milestone in our community's future planning.

Located between Yeppoon and Emu Park, the memorial gardens will meet the region's needs for the next 50 years. This serene setting offers an alternative to formal cemeteries, featuring a lawn cemetery, ashes gardens, and an open pavillion.

The Gardens aim to provide respectful and dignified memorialisation accessible to all. The facilities include an all-access amenity, bench seating for reflection, and ample parking. Future stages will enhance the natural bush setting, with plans for a bush chapel and additional ashes gardens.

For more information visit livingstone.qld.gov.au/cemeteries



The Station Progress: A Hub for Community Recovery and Entertainment

Livingstone Shire Council is thrilled to share an update on The Station Western Precinct project, set to become a vibrant community space. Partnering with local firm Limestone Pacific Pty Ltd, this \$2.5 million initiative, funded by the Australian Government's Black Summer Bushfire funding, is progressing well with site decontamination complete and the undercover areas, multi-purpose stage and amenities building coming along.

Internal fit out will commence soon along with construction of the play equipment, external paved areas, fencing, and landscaping.

Once complete, the versatile space aims to connect people with post-disaster support and information during disaster periods.

Scheduled for public access by March 2024, the precinct, operated by Limestone Pacific, will host recovery events and feature The Station Taprooms—a family-friendly entertainment venue showcasing local talent, food, and craft beers.

Throughout non-disaster periods, the amenities and outdoor areas will be open to the community, ensuring a welcoming and inclusive environment. Stay tuned for ongoing updates as we progress toward the completion of this vital community hub.

For further project updates please visit livingstone.qld.gov.au/council-projects or livingstone.qld.gov.au/projects



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Grant Opportunities to Empower Your Vision

Discover the key to turning your community projects into reality with Livingstone Shire Council's diverse grant programs. As we dive into a promising year, seize the opportunity to bring your initiatives to life through our upcoming grant programs:



COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME

Part of a not-for-profit community group with a vision for positive change? The Community Grants Scheme is designed to support a wide range of initiatives that:

- » Benefit the local community in meaningful ways.
- » Extend beyond event-centric activities.
- » Promote inclusivity, diversity, and accessibility.
- » Align with the Livingstone Shire Community Plan.
- » Actively engage and involve the community.
- » Involve and empower the youth.
- » Have a sustainable impact.

Application Period: 12 Feb – 8 March



EVENT SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

Planning a dynamic community event?

The Event Sponsorship Program is your gateway to funding for various occasions, including:

- » Sporting events that invigorate our community.
- » Agricultural shows and other annual celebrations like Pinefest.
- » Lively markets that add vibrancy to our neighborhoods.
- » Cultural events, including captivating concerts.
- » Events held at iconic venues like the Emu Park Cultural Hall, Yeppoon Town Hall, or any park/reserve.

Application Period: 19 Feb – 19 March



REGIONAL ARTS DEVELOPMENT FUND

Embarking on an artistic endeavour?

The Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) stands ready to champion projects that:

- » Facilitate artists and arts workers' professional development.
- » Foster arts and cultural networks across our community and beyond.
- » Provide essential support and advice for artists and arts organisations.
- » Showcase local talent and narratives that resonate.
- » Bring forth First Nations specific art projects.
- » Unveil captivating public artworks.

Application Period: 29 Feb – 31 March

It's never too early to start preparing for success!

Mark the application dates for each funding opportunity and take the first step towards turning your ideas into reality. Visit livingstone.qld.gov.au/community to kickstart your journey towards securing the funding your project deserves.

Rates Insights



LIVINGSTONE WASTE WISE APP: UNLOCK YOUR WASTE VOUCHERS

Access your ten annual waste vouchers effortlessly through the Livingstone Waste Wise app. Waste vouchers are issued at the start of each financial year. Yet to redeem yours? Follow these steps:

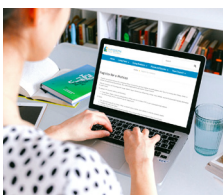
- » Visit the App Store to download the Livingstone Waste Wise App.
- » Navigate to the voucher icon and follow instructions.

Landlords, pass eVouchers on to tenants for property upkeep. More info livingstone.qld.gov.au/waste



PENSIONER RATE REBATE: CLAIM YOUR ENTITLEMENT

Council offers a Pensioner Rate Rebate to pensioners who qualify for the State Government Subsidy. Pensioners who have already lodged an application will, under normal circumstances, not be required to apply again each year. However, if you've moved or recently purchased property in the Shire and it's your principal place of residence, a new application is required. Apply in writing using the form at livingstone.qld.gov.au/concessions-and-charges.



GO GREEN: OPT-IN FOR ELECTRONIC NOTICES

Say goodbye to paper notices! Livingstone Shire property and animal owners can receive Rates, Water, and Animal correspondence electronically. Opt-in for a faster, more reliable, and eco-friendly service:

- » Visit livingstone.qld.gov.au/register-for-e-notices to complete a simple online form.
- » Future notices will then be sent as an Adobe PDF to your nominated email address.

Don't worry! You will still be sent a link to our quarterly Reach newsletter.