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## From the Mayor

**Welcome to a brand-new year!**

As we step into 2025, I am motivated to deliver the very best for our community, and grateful for the progress we made together in 2024. It was a year of challenges, opportunities, and achievements, all embraced with our collective spirit of resilience and innovation.

Reflecting on the past year, I am reminded of the words of Helen Keller: "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." This sentiment perfectly captures the essence of our community's journey - our successes are a testament to the power of collaboration and the unwavering dedication of our residents, businesses, governments, and Council team.

Among the highlights of 2024 were several key infrastructure upgrades that have enhanced connectivity and liveability across our region. Our Safer Suburban Streets initiative on Ocean Park Avenue/Eucalyptus Avenue has made our streets safer. The Jabiru Drive connection through to the signalised intersection at The Pines Estate/Yeppoon Road is another step forward in improving our local infrastructure. Additionally, the Ramsay Creek Flood Study has been completed, providing crucial insights for the Northern Corridor land use plan.

Community engagement and support were at the forefront of our efforts. The Partnering for Progress Procurement Forum was a success, with 21% of Council spend directed to local suppliers. We celebrated the 35th birthday of The Community Centre and saw the Youth Action Group open the new Youth Room. In the spirit of community, we granted over \$300,000 to various community and sporting groups, artists, and events.

Looking ahead, we have exciting projects on the horizon. The East-West Connector Road, when completed, will change the way traffic flows around Tanby Road and the Lammermoor suburbs by bypassing our congested areas. Additionally, the Temporary Local Government Planning Instrument will unlock suitable land for affordable housing, ensuring our community continues to grow in a progressive and inclusive way.

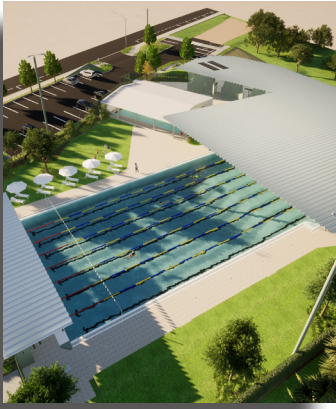
Updates on major infrastructure projects like the Great Keppel Island Masterplan projects, Yeppoon Aquatic Centre redevelopment, and Landfill cell project are included in this newsletter.

I encourage you to stay informed and engaged as we continue to build a progressive and inclusive Shire. Here's to another year of successes and prosperity for Livingstone Shire.

Let's Go Livingstone!

Cr Adam Belot  
**Mayor**

# MAJOR PROJECT UPDATES



## Yeppoon Aquatic Centre Redevelopment

The Yeppoon Aquatic Centre redevelopment is making a splash! The \$15.87 million upgrade, led by Woollam Constructions, will transform the facility into a state-of-the-art hub for sport, recreation, and wellbeing.

Features include a heated 50-metre pool with a submersible swim wall to cater to multiple user groups, extended shaded areas for comfort, new entrance, and upgraded amenities with a Changing Places all-accessibility changeroom.

Demolition of the existing structures is nearly complete and earthworks are soon to commence, with completion of the project expected by December 2025. We are committed to supporting our community during this period, with extended Yeppoon Lagoon hours and Learn-to-Swim programs relocated to Seaspray Health and Fitness Centre in Zilzie.



## Great Keppel Island Rejuvenation Projects

In partnership with and funded by the Queensland Government's Department of State Development and Infrastructure and the Department of Tourism and Sport, significant progress is being made on the Great Keppel Island Concept Masterplan projects. Here are the latest updates:

**Wastewater Treatment Plant & Amenities:** Contract awarded to Pensar Construction Group Pty Ltd, with construction set to start in Quarter Two 2025. This project will transform the island's infrastructure, ensuring it can continue to thrive as a key destination for tourism and regional development. An amenities block halfway along Fisherman's Beach is also being constructed as part of this project.

**Arrivals Plaza & Amenities:** The Great Keppel Island Arrivals Plaza Detailed Design tender closed on 28 January, and submissions are being reviewed. This project will feature a gathering place for visitors, a new amenities building with toilets, lockers, change facilities, and a multi-purpose tenancy space for various commercial uses.

**Wayfinding and Interpretive Signage:** Temporary signage has been erected, with more permanent signage to come. The tender for this project has been awarded to Dotdash. This project ensures visitors can easily locate and navigate key attractions, amenities, and transport points while learning about the island's unique cultural and natural heritage.

**Boardwalks:** The tender has been awarded to NewScape Design. This project involves the investigation and design development of three distinct boardwalk sites, providing visitors with safe, environmentally sensitive pathways to explore the island's unique coastal landscapes.



## Yeppoon Landfill Cell

Council has commenced construction of the new landfill cell (Cell 3A) at the Yeppoon Landfill site. This \$5.5 million project, awarded to local contractor Calibre Earthmoving and Environmental, is designed to support the Shire's growing waste management needs through 2040. The project received support from the Queensland Government's Works 4 Queensland program, which contributed \$4.18 million.

The new cell will incorporate an advanced liner system to safeguard the environment and is scheduled for completion by September 2025. This initiative underscores Council's commitment to proactive infrastructure planning and local job creation, ensuring a sustainable future for our community.

It's up to all of us to save valuable landfill cell space by recycling where possible and reducing waste. These efforts not only protect our environment but also help manage future costs, which will be reflected in our rates.



To view all current Council projects, find the answers to frequently asked questions or ask a question about a project, please visit [livingstone.qld.gov.au/council-projects](https://livingstone.qld.gov.au/council-projects) or scan the QR code.

## New Water Bill Estimator Available

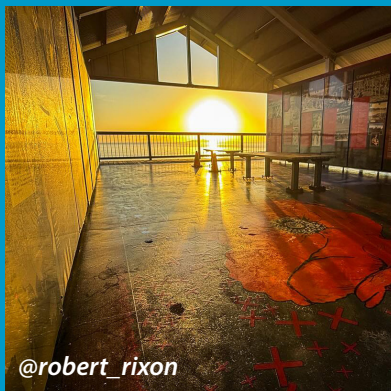
Keep tabs on your water usage with our handy Water Bill Estimator. Simply enter your meter readings to get an estimate of your upcoming quarterly cost. Regular checks can help you manage your water use better. Check it out at [livingstone.qld.gov.au/waterbillestimator](https://livingstone.qld.gov.au/waterbillestimator)

Total Consumption (kL)	34	Duration (Days)	79	
Average Daily Consumption (kL)	0.43	Total Consumption Amount	\$45.22	
Consumption Usage and Amount Breakdown				
Tier	Description	Rate\$/kL	Consumption(kL)	Consumption(\$)
1st Tier	up to 90kL/quarter	1.33	34	\$45.22
2nd Tier	>90kL/quarter	3.11	0	\$0.00

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## REGISTRATIONS OPEN MONDAY 10 FEBRUARY



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This is proudly funded by the Queensland Government through the Active Women & Girls Funding.

## Stay Connected with Council

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