

The background image shows a vibrant outdoor water park scene. In the foreground, a large, curved water feature with a mosaic top and a textured, stone-like body is spraying water. A young girl and a young boy are smiling and playing near the water. In the background, there are lush green plants, a building with a sign that says "ATTITUDE", and a clear blue sky. A large teal circle is overlaid on the bottom right of the image, containing the title text.

LIVINGSTONE
COMMUNITY PLAN

TOWARDS
2050







ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Council acknowledges and pays respect to the Darumbal and Woppaburra people as Traditional Custodians of the land within Livingstone. Council also acknowledges and pays its respects to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who now reside within this area.

The *Livingstone Community Plan: Towards 2050* commits to honouring the history and ongoing contributions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to the Livingstone region and the fundamental role they play in shaping our region.

OUR COMMUNITY



The Livingstone region in Central Queensland comprises coastal and rural areas along the Capricorn Coast which spans over 11,776 square kilometres from north of the Fitzroy River to Ogmore. The northern part of the region extends west into Mount Gardiner and the Eugene State Forest.

Livingstone is home to more than 37,000 residents. The major centres include the coastal towns of Yeppoon and Emu Park, with the smaller settlements of Byfield, Farnborough, Cawarral, Keppel Sands, Glenlee, Glendale, The Caves, Yaamba, Marlborough, Stanage Bay and Ogmore making up Livingstone.

The area has an abundance of natural features including countless beaches, picturesque national parks, pristine rainforests and idyllic offshore islands, making it an ideal tourist destination and place to live. Livingstone is characterised by a regional, laidback atmosphere, away from the bustle of Southern Queensland.

The people of the Darumbal nation first occupied the land that is now known as Livingstone. There are six clan groups of the Darumbal nation, who, before European settlement, lived in distinct territorial boundaries but would come together for ceremonial purposes and shared a common language. The Woppaburra people lived on the Keppel Islands off the coast of Livingstone and were sea-faring island specialists living off the island environment and surrounding inshore reefs and ocean.

Non-Indigenous people are recorded to have lived in what is now known as Livingstone from 1853. Livingstone was first established as a Local Government in 1879, and then amalgamated with three other councils to become Rockhampton Regional Council in 2008. After a de-amalgamation process driven by community feedback, Livingstone Shire Council was re-established on 1 January 2014.

OUR VISION

Based on the community engagement, the following vision statement has been agreed upon:

**'Livingstone is
welcoming, connected,
and resilient with a
relaxed community spirit,
celebrated for
its natural beauty,
vibrant culture,
and thriving
economy'**

The Livingstone vision may seem 'high level' but it is intended to be implemented in a way that reflects the unique characteristics of the Livingstone community. To achieve the vision, the Livingstone community will put in place the strategies set out in this Plan.

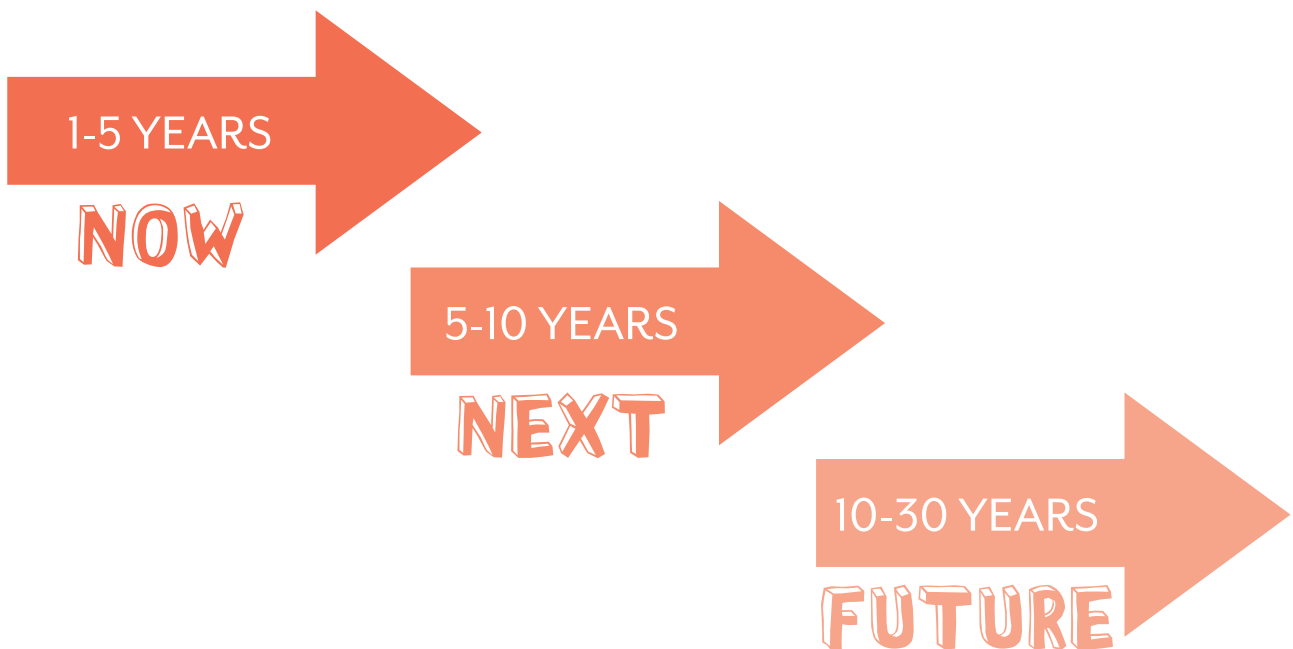
A WHOLE OF COMMUNITY PLAN

‘LIVINGSTONE IS WELCOMING, CONNECTED, AND RESILIENT WITH A RELAXED COMMUNITY SPIRIT, CELEBRATED FOR ITS NATURAL BEAUTY, VIBRANT CULTURE AND THRIVING ECONOMY.’

Livingstone Community Plan: Towards 2050 is a 30-year community planning project guided by the Livingstone community, for the community.

Livingstone Shire Council has led a whole of community planning process to develop a 30-year vision with clear community priorities for the region. The process will shape and define the future priority projects and strategies which Council implements and / or influences. The process has involved long term thinking and collaboration with the community.

The planning process identifies where the community is now, as well as where it wants to be in the future. It provides a clear set of strategies with a view to achieving the community’s priorities and aspirations for the future. It is a form of direct democracy and allows stakeholders to participate and work together towards a common goal.



Community, Council, and all levels of government will need to work together to shape the future of Livingstone. *Livingstone Community Plan: Towards 2050* is the product of an extensive community consultation process (refer to page 35).

In developing this Whole of Community Plan, Council has built *Livingstone Community Plan: Towards 2050* around five themes to guide the community towards achieving its vision for Livingstone. Under each of these themes Council has, in collaboration with the community, developed goals and strategies to achieve the vision.

The themes are:



For each strategy, Council will play one of four roles, which will differ depending on the strategy:

COUNCIL'S ROLE	DESCRIPTION
Provider	Delivering the service
Regulator	Regulating activities through legislation, local laws and policies
Facilitator	Assisting others to be involved in activities by bringing groups and interested parties together
Advocate	Promoting the interest of the community to other decision makers and influencers.





THEME 1: LIVEABLE LIVINGSTONE

A 'Liveable Livingstone' will support and advocate for services for the wellbeing of the people of Livingstone at any age and with any ability.

GOAL	CONNECTION TO VALUES	STRATEGY	COUNCIL'S ROLE
1.1 Access to quality housing & healthcare	Leadership Collaboration	1.1.1 Advocate for a range of housing options, including affordable housing, to meet the changing needs of the community	Advocate
		1.1.2 Advocate for improved provision of, and access to, physical and mental health facilities and services	Advocate
		1.1.3 Develop preventative health care strategies to keep people well for longer	Facilitator
1.2 Supporting healthy living at any age		1.2.1 Improve accessibility and inclusion for people of all ages and abilities	Provider
		1.2.2 Facilitate greater access to aged care support services	Facilitator
		1.2.3 Promote wellbeing by addressing environmental health, community safety and social cohesion	Facilitator
1.3 Places for active & passive recreation		1.3.1 Provide community facilities and services to encourage healthy and active lifestyles	Provider
		1.3.2 Facilitate self-sustaining community associations, clubs and volunteering	Facilitator
		1.3.3 Provide safe and welcoming places for people of all ages and abilities	Provider

THEME 1: LIVEABLE LIVINGSTONE

What you told us!

'Maintain a close community, supportive & understanding'

'Playground upgrades in non-coastal areas ie The Caves - with so many young families in the district and also tourists driving straight past we should have a fabulous and inviting playground for locals and tourists to utilise!'

'Love living here. Like the small feel but has everything you need. Friendly place. Beautiful place. There's something for everybody'

'I value our country lifestyle & community spirit'

'A beautiful quiet area that is close to a major city with access to an airport.'

'Aged Care & Child Care - insufficient facilities across the region to meet a growing need...'

'The small community lifestyle where most facilities and services are a short car trip away.'

'I value the region's laid back lifestyle and minimal development. Everything is easy and there are many sporting opportunities for our kids '

'I value the relaxed lifestyle & strong sense of community pride'

'Engaging youth in the community'

'The people and environment. It is such a fantastic place to bring up children'

'It still offers a comparatively free and relaxed lifestyle with pleasant beaches, islands and other natural attractions, as well as educational and cultural services'

'I value the facilities for my young family but worry there isn't enough for older children.'

'Making more recreation areas such as the Lagoon or more public areas for recreation'

What you can do!

***'Go outside!
Take advantage of Livingstone's stunning walks and swimming pools'***

'Support your local sporting team'

'Join a club and get involved in activities you care about or volunteer to support your community'



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THEME 2: THRIVING LIVINGSTONE

Prioritise the Traditional Owners and the importance of the place and country of Indigenous people; offer a diverse range of cultural activities and events; and develop and sustain a diverse economy.

GOAL	CONNECTION TO VALUES	STRATEGY	COUNCIL'S ROLE
2.1 Recognition, respect & support for Indigenous people, history & culture	Equity Respect	2.1.1 Support equitable education, health and employment opportunities for Indigenous people	Facilitator
		2.1.2 Embed respect for Indigenous culture and peoples into the practice of Council and the community	Facilitator
		2.1.3 Conserve items and places of Aboriginal cultural heritage significance and celebrate Indigenous culture and people through community events and partnership approaches	Regulator/ Provider
2.2 Diverse business, industry & employment		2.2.1 Provide support and guidance to local businesses to assist them to thrive	Provider
		2.2.2 Develop strategies to build diverse employment skills and capacity in the community, particularly among young people	Facilitator
		2.2.3 Target economic development in growth areas and major centres to attract businesses and employment	Facilitator
2.3 A welcoming & desirable place to visit		2.3.1 Develop a tourism strategy which capitalises on the location of Livingstone, celebrates its Indigenous culture and natural assets, and reflects the needs to retain Livingstone's identity as a relaxed, coastal and rural area.	Provider
		2.3.2 As part of the tourism strategy, investigate opportunities to increase accommodation options and explore eco-tourism possibilities	Facilitator
		2.3.3 Maintain foreshore facilities to a high standard for the benefit of the community and to continue to attract visitors	Provider
2.4 Arts & cultural activities & facilities that strengthen social connections		2.4.1 Provide and promote sporting, community and cultural events and festivals, throughout the year, targeted at a range of different ages, interests and abilities.	Provider
	2.4.2 Develop and support a culturally diverse creative arts program.	Provider/ Facilitator	

THEME 2: THRIVING LIVINGSTONE

What you told us!

'More importance on first peoples of the land in which we stand'

'A community centre with space for arts and performances and a co-working space to encourage gig economy workers to choose the region'

'...we are feature rich region and with current infrastructure works being completed to make our region more liveable and a tourist attraction, we need to continue to utilise and promote LSC region as a tourist destination'

'More variety of cultural offering'

'I value local jobs, community sport, involvement for all community members and tourism'

'I value the diversity of the area, from 'rural to reef' we have so much to offer for not only our locals but also tourists'

'More jobs and different types of jobs - more opportunities for young people.'

'We need to continue to utilise and promote the LSC region as a tourist destination. The more tourists, the more visitors will realise how great our region is and in turn spend more money in the local businesses'

'Supporting small local business owners'

'Attract people to the area'

'Continue building infrastructure that encourages tourism'

'Tourism - there needs to be activities to keep the tourists coming back'

'Adopt a universal welcoming aura that is unique, generating interest from 'far and wide' to a special place to live, play, invest and work!'

'Increase tourism while keeping area relaxed'

What you can do!

'Respect Indigenous cultural heritage and country'

'Share your skills with others'

'Volunteer or offer your skills to community festivals, markets, performances or other events'

'Encourage interstate and overseas friends to come and visit you in Livingstone'

'Buy locally and support small businesses in your area'

'Enrol in a course'





THEME 3: NATURAL LIVINGSTONE

Protect, sustainably manage and enhance the natural beauty, landscapes and resources of the country of the Darumbal and Woppaburra people in order to safeguard the sustainability and environmental resilience of the region into the future.

GOAL	CONNECTION TO VALUES	STRATEGY	COUNCIL'S ROLE
3.1 Enhanced reuse and recycling of resources	Leadership	3.1.1 Investigate options for locally-based, accessible re-use and recycling systems for waste, water and energy.	Advocate/ Provider
		3.1.2 Support transitions to alternative forms of energy	Facilitator
		3.1.3 Review options to incentivise businesses and households to participate and invest in re-use, recycling and energy and water saving practices	Facilitator
3.2 Protection of coastlines & waterways		3.2.1 Secure clean drinking water sources and protect drinking water catchments.	Provider/ Regulator
		3.2.2 Develop coastline and ocean health strategies to minimise pollution, protect Livingstone's unique marine environment and manage future sea level rise	Provider/ Facilitator
		3.2.3 Pursue excellence in environmental and industry practices to protect and enhance environmental health	Regulator
3.3 Conservation of natural assets and green corridors		3.3.1 Consult with Traditional Owners about traditional land management and protection methods and consider their interests in conservation policies	Facilitator
		3.3.2 Participate in and promote innovative, localised conservation and enhancement programmes to ensure the preservation of natural assets, bushland and biodiversity and manage threats to the environment.	Regulator/ Provider
		3.3.3 Advocate to State and Federal Government on matters which affect the health, wellbeing and sustainability of Livingstone's natural environment.	Advocate

THEME 3: NATURAL LIVINGSTONE

What you told us!

'We need incentives for sustainable housing and development'

'We need more stringent recycling at Landfill Gate and more frequent recycling collection'

'Combating climate change'

'Maintaining the natural beauty of the coastline'

'The natural environment is the most important part of our region. At present there are many unique natural assets that make living in this part of the world a real pleasure.'

'Preservation of local ecosystems for future generations'

'Climate change action should be the top priority because it has the potential to affect every other priority'

'Better management of the estuary systems in the Shire to ensure the natural beauty for all generations to come'

What you can do!

'Start up, or contribute to, community vegetable gardens'

'Think about ways to reduce energy use in your home including LED light bulbs, water saving shower heads and improved insulation'

'Take action at home to recycle and minimise waste'

'Look into renewable energy sources for your home'

'Be water smart'

'Leave your car at home. Try to integrate walking, cycling and buses into your day to day routine'





THEME 4: LEADING LIVINGSTONE

Provide transparent, accountable leadership which listens to the needs of the Livingstone community and advocates strongly for Livingstone's interests to State and Federal Governments.

GOAL	CONNECTION TO VALUES	STRATEGY	COUNCIL'S ROLE
4.1 Innovative & accountable leadership to achieve a shared future	Equity Respect	4.1.1 Ensure that all decisions are strategically aligned with <i>Livingstone Community Plan: Towards 2050</i> and regularly report the progress against the Plan to the community.	Provider
		4.1.2 Ensure that Council expenditure is sustainable and rating systems are equitable	Provider
		4.1.3 Provide financial data to the community which makes transparent costs and subsidies of all services and to all locations across Livingstone	Provider
		4.1.4 Pursue financial sustainability through effective use of Council's assets and resources and prudent risk management	Provider
4.2 Collaboration & partnerships to advocate for the needs of the community		4.2.1 Develop partnerships with businesses, adjoining councils, key local employers (including Defence), universities and professional associations to work together to achieve shared priorities	Facilitator
		4.2.2 Enhance relationships with Federal and State Governments to advocate on behalf of the Livingstone and Central Queensland community	Advocate/ Facilitator
4.3 Engagement with the community as advisors & partners		4.3.1 Serve the community by providing great customer experience, valued for money and quality services	Provider
		4.3.2 Communicate proactively to build trust, understanding and transparency	Provider
		4.3.3 Engage with the community in meaningful dialogue and demonstrate how community participation is being used to inform decisions	Provider

THEME 4: LEADING LIVINGSTONE

What you told us!

'What I would like to see is the Rural side of the things being taken in to consideration when money is being spent as we seem to get missed out while the coastal area is being developed'

'The rates should be spent on all the Shire not just the Coast'

'Continuous improvement with respect to spending and cost saving'

'Remember that Livingstone is all of the Shire, not only the urban areas'

'Continuing to listen to residents'

What you can do!

'Participate in community engagement activities'

'Engage with local and state Government about the issues that matter to you are about your region'

'Come to Council meetings'

'Vote in elections'

'Talk to Council staff and Councillors'





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THEME 5: FUTURE LIVINGSTONE

Become a resilient community prepared for future economic, social, environmental and infrastructure challenges to ensure Livingstone retains its unique character and thrives into the future.

GOAL	CONNECTION TO VALUES	STRATEGY	COUNCIL'S ROLE
5.1 Balanced environmental & development outcomes	Leadership	5.1.1 Maintain the distinct qualities of the Livingstone identity and ensure that new development is sympathetic to the characteristics and local needs of particular localities	Regulator
		5.1.2 Ensure land use planning and development is sustainable and considers the importance of local habitat and green corridors	Regulator
		5.1.3 Protect and enhance productive farmland to respond to local, regional and economic needs	Regulator
		5.1.4 Review options for development at Great Keppel Island which balance stewardship of its environmental values and a desire to showcase its unique tourist potential	Facilitator/ Regulator
5.2 Connected places, people & services		5.2.1 Provide safe and well-designed transport networks including road, cycleway and pedestrian connection that provide accessibility for rural and coastal residents	Facilitator/ Regulator
		5.2.2 Assess and regulate development activity to promote good design in the built environment	Regulator
		5.2.3 Work to enhance internet connectivity and promote innovative technologies to streamlining services	Facilitator
5.3 Community capacity & resilience in respect of future risk		5.3.1 Provide effective emergency management and emergency prevention services	Provider/ Facilitator
		5.3.2 Support the community to build its capacity and adapt to changing social, economic and climatic conditions, including ensure resilience of infrastructure to respond to changing climate and disasters	Facilitator
		5.3.3 Work with police, community leaders, fire and emergency services, and the state government to develop safety strategies and crime prevention programs for the protection of all members of the Livingstone community	Facilitator

THEME 5: FUTURE LIVINGSTONE

What you told us!

'Maintaining liveability with population growth'

'Balance growth & provision of services with maintaining a relaxed, affordable lifestyle, with more housing and services for seniors'

'Do not wish to see the coast over developed and targeting tourism to the detriment of the environment which attracts tourists and residents in the first place. Sympathetic and purposeful development in keeping with the value of the community'

'Preparing to live with natural disasters'

'Ensuring developments are in line with the vibe and lifestyle'

'Development while maintaining that small town Yeppoon feel'

'Management of development and maintaining character and charm'

'Equipping upskilling and developing our young people for effective local and global citizenship'

'Ensure balance between development and environment'

'Knowledge of our history and community isn't lost while trying to go forward'

'Maintaining a vibrant caring community with continued population growth'

'Ensuring the genuine authenticity of the history and community isn't lost while trying to go forward'

What you can do!

'Learn First Aid or become a volunteer with the State Emergency Services or Emergency Volunteering Crew'

'Have a Disaster Action Plan in place'

'Drive safely and consider other road users including pedestrians and cyclists'



LIVINGSTONE AT A GLANCE

POPULATION GROWTH



+26%
(2006 - 2016)
LIVINGSTONE

+13.7%
(2006 - 2016)
CENTRAL QLD

+20.5%
(2006 - 2016)
QLD

55,740 estimated residents by 2041



1.6% per year
(2016 - 2041)



AGING POPULATION



RESIDENTS AGED

65+ (2018)

LIVINGSTONE **18.4%**
QLD **15.4%**

42 **51**

2016
LIVINGSTONE
MEDIAN AGE

2041
LIVINGSTONE
MEDIAN AGE

INCOME & HOME OWNERSHIP

69.7%

HOME OWNERSHIP



\$1,300
per week

LIVINGSTONE
MEDIAN
INCOME

\$1,402
per week

QUEENSLAND
MEDIAN
INCOME

\$1,875
per month

LIVINGSTONE
MEDIAN MORTGAGE
REPAYMENTS

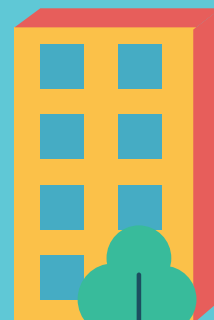
\$1,733
per month

QUEENSLAND
MEDIAN MORTGAGE
REPAYMENTS

\$380,000

MEDIAL SALE PRICE

LIVINGSTONE



EMPLOYMENT



COMMON OCCUPATIONS LIVINGSTONE | 2016

Technicians & Trade Workers 18.2%

Professionals 15.5%

Clerical & Administrative Workers 12.6%

Community & Personal Service Workers 11.4%

CULTURAL MAKEUP

81.2%

PEOPLE BORN
IN AUSTRALIA

4.4%

PEOPLE
IDENTIFYING AS
ABORIGINAL OR
TORRES STRAIT
ISLANDER

88.1%

PEOPLE SPEAK
ENGLISH AS THEIR
FIRST LANGUAGE

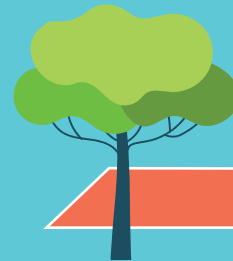


EDUCATION



30.7%

WERE ATTENDING
AN EDUCATIONAL
INSTITUTION IN 2016



ENVIRONMENT

Total protected area (State Forests,
Conservation Parks, Resources Reserves
and National Parks) in Livingstone

754.6km²

FAMILY COMPOSITION



COUPLES WITHOUT CHILDREN 45%

COUPLES WITH CHILDREN 40%

ONE PARENT FAMILIES 14%

OTHER FAMILIES 1%





What do people like about Livingstone?

Figure 1 - Most common words used in response to the question 'Thinking about the Livingstone region as a whole, what do you value most about the region?'

Source: Representative phone survey of Livingstone community 2019

What is the community's vision for Livingstone?

Figure 2 - Most common words 'What are three words you would use to describe your vision for the area over the next thirty years?'

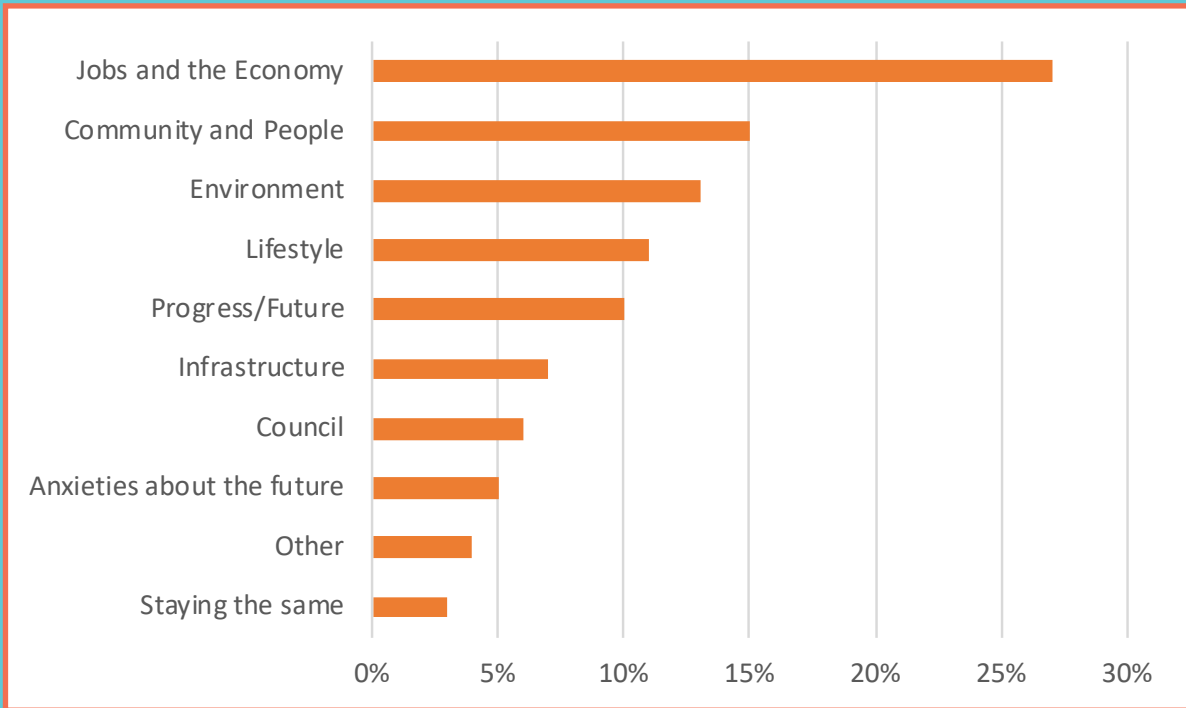
Source: Representative phone survey of Livingstone community 2019



Vision - Top Themes

Figure 3 - Topics emerging from question 'What three words would respondents use to describe their vision for the Livingstone Shire region?'

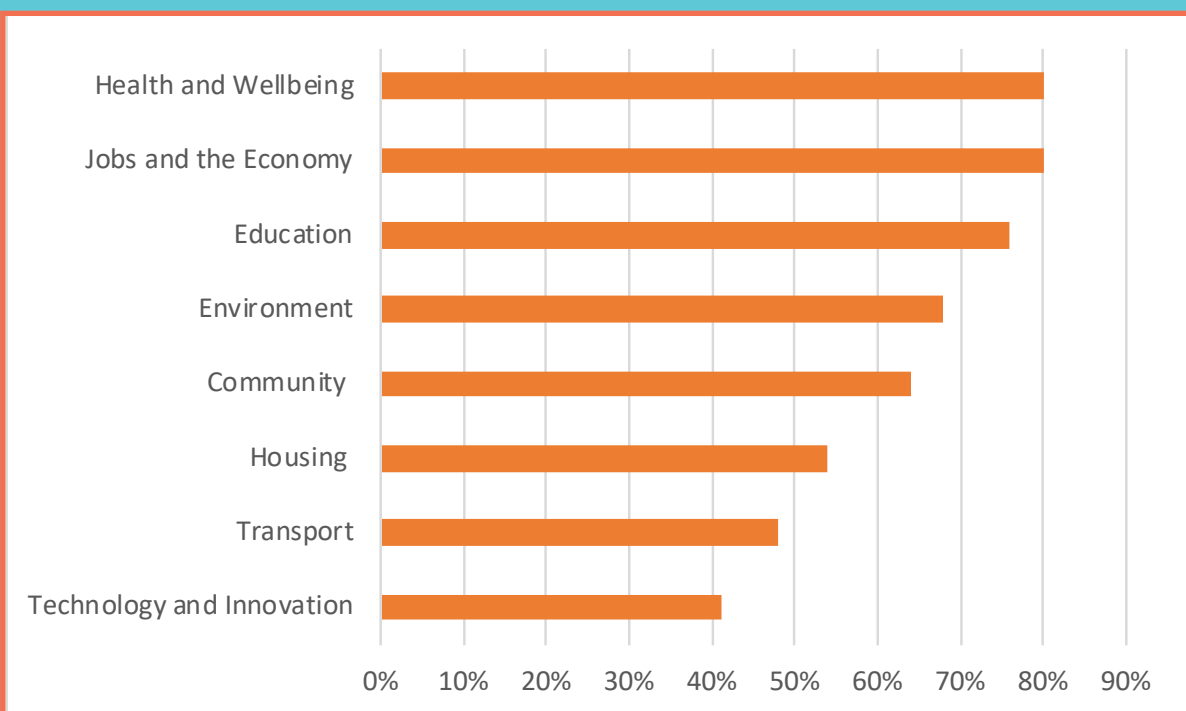
Source: Representative phone survey of Livingstone community 2019



What are our specific priorities for the future?

Figure 4 - Percentage of phone survey respondents who rated topic 'very important' when asked to prioritise eight (8) topics

Source: Representative phone survey of Livingstone community 2019





CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES

The community engagement process identified key challenges and key opportunities for the Livingstone Whole of Community Plan, shown below.

CHALLENGES		OPPORTUNITIES	
Balancing growth with local character	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The need to balance growth whilst maintaining the culture that Livingstone’s residents and visitors value so much • Sustaining the coastal ‘vibe’ and supporting appropriate levels of population growth without becoming a ‘concrete jungle’ • Maintaining the village character of places and Livingstone’s independence • Finding a balance between preserving the past with modernising for the future 	Environmental sustainability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is an opportunity to be a regional leader in relation to the environmental stewardship of Livingstone’s natural assets • Strategies and partnerships could be developed for innovative sustainability programmes, waste management as part of a circular economy, ecotourism and natural asset management
Environmental & waste management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building resilience to climate change impacts • Sustainable management of the environment • Encouraging use of renewable energy and emphasis on waste management 	Economic diversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving economic resilience through diversity of business offerings • Stimulation of online and small scale start-ups to capitalise on local skills • Innovation around potential investment partnerships between government, community and business
Liveability & learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encouraging housing diversity to suit a range of needs at different stages of life • Stimulating local employment to retain residents • Providing suitable transport, health and support services for future population needs 	Connectivity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving connectivity and accessibility between Rockhampton and Yeppoon (as key areas of employment and housing) as well as between smaller and rural areas • Enhancing communication as a mutual responsibility between council, community and potential partners in the region

LINKING LOCAL & STATE PRIORITIES

Livingstone Shire Council alone cannot deliver the vision of *Livingstone Community Plan: Towards 2050*. Collectively, the community of Livingstone can deliver the vision using *Livingstone Community Plan: Towards 2050* to guide the direction and have shared responsibility to advocate for the community's needs, create partnerships and achieve outcomes that link community, business and government priorities including:

- Queensland Government State Planning Policy 2017
- Current Queensland Government Priorities (see table below)
- The Queensland Plan 2014
- Central Queensland Regional Plan 2013
- Active Livingstone Strategy (2018)
- Livingstone Shire Seniors Needs Analysis Review 2018
- Local Government Infrastructure Plan under the Livingstone Planning Scheme 2018

1. Create jobs in a strong economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase private sector investment • Engage more young Queenslanders in education, training or work
2. Give children a great start	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase the number of babies born healthier • Increase child immunisation rates • Improve wellbeing prior to school
3. Keep Queenslanders healthy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase the number of Queenslanders with a healthy body weight • Reduce suicides
4. Keep communities safe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce the rate of crime victims • Reduce rates of youth reoffending
5. Protect the Great Barrier Reef	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce Queensland's contribution to climate change • Improve water quality
6. Be a responsive government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make Queensland Government services easy to use

Table 1 - Queensland Government State Priorities

MEASURING PROGRESS...

MEASURING PROGRESS TOWARDS *LIVINGSTONE COMMUNITY PLAN: TOWARDS 2050*

REPORTING

Reporting on the plan will tell us how the community's performance is tracking against the objectives of *Livingstone Community Plan: Towards 2050* as time goes on.

Council will remain accountable to this plan by reporting on our progress against it through:

1. Annual Report / Operational Plan:

- Will demonstrate alignment of activities and services with *Livingstone Community Plan: Towards 2050*
- Will detail progress on strategies under each theme covered in *Livingstone Community Plan: Towards 2050*

2. End of Term Report - Every 5 Years

- *Livingstone Community Plan: Towards 2050* will be reviewed independently of local government election cycles, in a report every five years until 2050
- The 5 year report will summarise Council's achievements and challenges in implementing the whole of community plan over the previous five years.
- *Livingstone Community Plan: Towards 2050* can be amended as time goes on if attitudes, vision and priorities of the community change. In due course, five year reports may also make recommendations to hold further engagement with the community to see if priorities have changed.

ALIGNING LIVINGSTONE COMMUNITY PLAN: TOWARDS 2050 TO EXISTING PLANS

Council will be aligning existing annual plans and budgets, 5 year corporate plans and other strategic plans (eg land use plans) to dovetail into the priorities identified within *Livingstone Community Plan: Towards 2050*. *Livingstone Community Plan: Towards 2050* will also guide Council's investment decisions, service delivery and strategies for the long term future.

REVIEW

Livingstone Community Plan: Towards 2050 is a long term plan. It will be formally reviewed by each newly elected Council and at that time the community will be given the opportunity to revisit the themes and strategies of the Plan to ensure they continue to reflect the community's needs and aspirations.

HOW THE PLAN WAS DEVELOPED...

HOW WAS THE *LIVINGSTONE COMMUNITY PLAN: TOWARDS 2050* DEVELOPED?

Workshops with councillors and staff to develop a suitable engagement approach for local needs and context

- A range of online and offline engagement methods to meet the preferences of different community members with different engagement needs
- A range of locations and formats (e.g. Yeppoon, Emu Park, shopping centres, foreshore, markets) to raise awareness of the projects and reach different groups (e.g. visitors, tourists, residents, workers)
- A range of techniques to enable both simple, quick engagement (e.g. choice voting with tokens at pop-ups) and more detailed engagement (e.g. surveys, workshops)
- Provision of an open opportunity for all community members to have their say by replicating the phone and online survey on Council's website
- Workshops with a range of community stakeholders to understand their long term priorities
- Media articles to raise broader awareness of the project objectives and project status

We have set out the range of engagement techniques used, below.



ACTIVITY	NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS	DATE	RESPONSIBILITY
Workshops with Council staff	64	March 2019	CLG
Demographically representative phone survey (Livingstone Shire residents)	418	May-July 2019	CLG
An online survey on the 'Get Involved' website (open to general public)	167	May-June 2019	Council
An online survey on the 'Get Involved' website (open to Livingstone Shire Council employees)	67	May-June 2019	Council
Workshop with Executive Leadership Team at Council	6	31 May 2019	Council
'Pop-up' community engagement sessions at the following times and locations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday 15 June AM (Yeppoon Central Shopping Centre) • Saturday 15 June PM (Yeppoon Lagoon/ Foreshore) • Sunday 16 June AM (Emu Park Markets) 	428 (direct engagement) Additional passive engagement of more than 600 people	15-16 June 2019	CLG and Council
Community Engagement Workshops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 17 June AM - Government and non-Government organisations representatives • Monday 17 June PM - Broader community • Tuesday 18 June AM - business and industry representatives 	45	17-18 June 2019	CLG and Council
School engagement workshops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coowoonga State School • Emu Park State School • Sacred Heart State School • Saint Brendan's College • Saint Ursula's College • Yeppoon State High School • Yeppoon State School • Youth Action Group 	240	June 2019	Council
Deliberative panel with members of the Livingstone community to test the themes and strategies that came out of the community engagement	25	September 2019	CLG

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHY DO WE NEED A WHOLE OF COMMUNITY PLAN?

Once finalised, *Livingstone Community Plan: Towards 2050* will have positive effects on all aspects of life in the Livingstone region. The plan will respond to the aspirations, hopes and visions of the community through a democratic process. *Livingstone Community Plan: Towards 2050* will enable local and state government to respond to the immediate local needs and desires of the community as well as long term planning for changes in demographics and environment.

WHY IS IT A 30 YEAR PLAN?

Big ideas often take time to implement and / or influence. The timeframe of 30 years is generally the amount of time necessary for a generational change enabling big things to happen. The length of this horizon is reflective of the high-level, visionary nature of whole of community planning. Long term planning will be dynamic and will be reviewed and refocused as goals are achieved, and to accommodate new ideas as the next generation of Livingstone community leaders emerge.

HOW WILL THIS ONE BE DIFFERENT TO THE CURRENT COUNCIL CORPORATE PLAN, THE PLANNING SCHEME AND OTHER PLANS?

Livingstone Community Plan: Towards 2050 is a whole of community plan. The plan is broader than Council business and service activities. The plan reflects the community's aspirations about the future of our region. The plan is about taking action on what you would like the Livingstone region to look like in 30 years' time. The process of developing the plan was led by the community's opinions about the future, and implemented and / or influenced by the Council and Councillors on your behalf.

IS THIS COMMUNITY PLAN REQUIRED BY LAW?

In some Australian states (for example New South Wales), whole of community planning is mandated under legislation, but this is not currently the case in Queensland. Livingstone Shire Council is one of the only communities in Queensland undertaking a large community planning exercise of this nature. This contemporary and innovative approach to planning for both community and Council will transparently link local aspirations to regional and state opportunities.

HOW WILL THE LIVINGSTONE COMMUNITY PLAN: TOWARDS 2050 BE USED TO PLAN FOR THE FUTURE?

The whole of community plan will sit over all of the other plans that Livingstone Shire Council manages and apply to the delivery of everything Council does, guide the allocation of resources, and it will drive big decisions made for and into the future. The plan will also help Council advocate for the community's bigger goals about education, health, and transport planning to State and Federal government. As the plan reflects the aspirations and goals of the Livingstone community, it will inform everything Council does.

ACCESS, EQUITY & INCLUSION STATEMENT

The Livingstone community and Livingstone Shire Council are committed to welcoming all people who choose to live in or visit our region and to building a sense of place and belonging where people can live, work and play. Inclusion and participation are key to building a strong community. Livingstone is committed to preserving the dignity of all people and to ensure services, facilities and public spaces are openly inviting and fully accessible.



SUSTAINABILITY STATEMENT

The values of the Livingstone community are strongly tied to its local natural environment, including its beautiful beaches, islands, waterways, rock formations and valleys. The parks, gardens and natural bushland contribute greatly to the lifestyle, culture and beauty of the region.

Livingstone is committed to leaving a positive legacy for future generations through responsible stewardship of its natural areas – this is the shared responsibility of the residents of Livingstone. The community can contribute to that stewardship by minimising resource use (energy, water, and waste) and treating these natural areas with respect.

Creating a vibrant, liveable and sustainable future for Livingstone is a key priority. Livingstone bases our support for sustainability on the United Nations 2030 agenda for sustainable development and seek to align our corporate and community values with the seventeen (17) UN Sustainable Development Goals. Livingstone recognises the need to take action to address and adapt to climate change and will continue to build sustainability measures into all future planning processes.



STAY IN TOUCH!

We would love to hear your thoughts about
Livingstone Community Plan: Towards 2050

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A BIG THANK YOU!

To all community members who participated in; pop up engagement sessions at Yeppoon Lagoon/Foreshore, Emu Park markets, Yeppoon Central Shopping Centre, community workshops, telephone and online surveys.

Also to the *Livingstone Community Plan: Towards 2050* panel, Council Whole of Community Plan Project team, Councillors and Council's Executive Leadership Team.





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