



ORDINARY MEETING

AGENDA

13 OCTOBER 2015

Your attendance is required at an Ordinary meeting of Council to be held in the Council Chambers, 232 Bolsover Street, Rockhampton on 13 October 2015 commencing at 9.00am for transaction of the enclosed business.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
9 October 2015

Next Meeting Date: 10.11.15

Please note:

In accordance with the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, please be advised that all discussion held during the meeting is recorded for the purpose of verifying the minutes. This will include any discussion involving a Councillor, staff member or a member of the public.

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1 OPENING

The opening prayer will be presented by Reverend Scott Ballment from the Parish of Rockhampton South Uniting Church.

2 PRESENT

Members Present:

The Mayor, Councillor M F Strelow (Chairperson)
Councillor C E Smith
Councillor C R Rutherford
Councillor G A Belz
Councillor S J Schwarten
Councillor A P Williams
Councillor N K Fisher

In Attendance:

Mr E Pardon – Chief Executive Officer

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Councillor Rose Swadling was previously granted leave of absence from 29 September 2015 to 14 October 2015 inclusive.

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held 8 September 2015

Minutes of the Special Meeting held 29 September 2015

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

6 BUSINESS OUTSTANDING

Nil

7 PUBLIC FORUMS/DEPUTATIONS

Nil

8 PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

Nil

9 COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1 PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING - 6 OCTOBER 2015

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Minutes of the Parks & Recreation Committee meeting, held on 6 October 2015 as circulated, be received and that the recommendations contained within these minutes be adopted.

(Note: The complete minutes are contained in the separate Minutes document)

Recommendation of the Parks & Recreation Committee, 6 October 2015**9.1.1 BUSINESS OUTSTANDING TABLE FOR PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE****File No:** 10097**Attachments:** 1. Business Outstanding Table for Parks and Recreation Committee**Responsible Officer:** Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer**Author:** Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer

SUMMARY

The Business Outstanding table is used as a tool to monitor outstanding items resolved at previous Council or Committee Meetings. The current Business Outstanding table for the Parks and Recreation Committee is presented for Councillors information.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Business Outstanding Table for the Parks and Recreation Committee be received.

Recommendation of the Parks & Recreation Committee, 6 October 2015**9.1.2 PARKS AND OPEN SPACE OPERATIONS REPORT - AUGUST 2015**

File No: 1464
Attachments: 1. Parks and Open Space Operations Report - August 2015
Authorising Officer: Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services
Author: Margaret Barrett - Manager Parks

SUMMARY

This report provides information on the activities and services of Parks and Open Space Unit for the month of August 2015.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report on the activities and services of Parks and Open Space Unit for August 2015 be received.

Recommendation of the Parks & Recreation Committee, 6 October 2015**9.1.3 CEDRIC ARCHER PARK IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

File No: 2043
Attachments: 1. Cedric Archer Park Master Plan & Stages
Authorising Officer: Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer
Author: Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services

SUMMARY

Project Control Group submitting implementation strategy for the delivery of prioritised projects through stages for the redevelopment of Cedric Archer Park.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the proposed Implementation Strategy for the redevelopment of Cedric Archer Park in the stages as prioritised for stages 1 to 4 be adopted and further consultation be undertaken regarding future stages.

Recommendation of the Parks & Recreation Committee, 6 October 2015**9.1.4 REQUEST FROM ROCKHAMPTON RACING PIGEON CLUB FOR REDUCTION OF LEASE FEES****File No:** 3805**Attachments:**

1. Reduction request letter from Rockhampton Racing Pigeon Club
2. Financial Statements of Rockhampton Racing Pigeon Club
3. Invoice from RRC to Rockhampton Racing Pigeon Club
4. Map of Church Park

Authorising Officer: Margaret Barrett - Manager Parks
Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services**Author:** Jacinta James - Sports and Education Supervisor

SUMMARY

Rockhampton Racing Pigeon Club utilises a building at Church Park and has requested a reduction in its Lease fees for the 2015/16 Financial Year to assist the Club in its ongoing operations.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council accede to the request from Rockhampton Racing Pigeon Club for a reduction of Lease fees for the 2015/16 Financial Year as per Option One detailed in the report.

Recommendation of the Parks & Recreation Committee, 6 October 2015**9.1.5 REQUEST FROM ROCKHAMPTON AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC FOR REDUCTION IN LEASE FEES****File No:** 4221**Attachments:**

1. Rockhampton and District Historical Society Reduction Request Letter
2. 2014 Reduction Letter from CEO to Rockhampton and District Historical Society Inc
3. Map of Stapleton Park

Authorising Officer: Margaret Barrett - Manager Parks
Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services**Author:** Jacinta James - Sports and Education Supervisor

SUMMARY

Rockhampton and District Historical Society utilise a Council-owned building at Stapleton Park. The Society has requested a reduction in rental fees for the 2015/16 Financial Year to assist the Club in its ongoing operations post Tropical Cyclone Marcia.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council accede to the request from Rockhampton and District Historical Society for a reduction of Lease fees for the 2015/16 Financial Year as per Option One detailed in the report.

Recommendation of the Parks & Recreation Committee, 6 October 2015**9.1.6 Lighthouse Baptist School Request for Tenure over Juds Park**

File No: 1464

Attachments:

1. Request for Tenure Letter from Lighthouse Baptist School
2. Map of Juds Park

Authorising Officer: Margaret Barrett - Manager Parks
Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services

Author: Jacinta James - Sports and Education Supervisor

SUMMARY

The Lighthouse Christian School is located beside Juds Park, 460 Norman Road, Norman Gardens and the school utilises the park land for school based activities including school sport and lunch breaks. After a number of discussions the School has formally requested tenure over Juds Park for its proposed usage times and days as detailed in the report.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**THAT**

1. Council accede to the request from Lighthouse Christian School to enter into a Trustee Permit with Council over Juds Park (being Lot 100 CP 860388) for a period of three (3) years commencing on 1 January 2016.
2. Council accede to the request from Lighthouse Christian School to enter into a Freehold Licence with Council over Juds Park (being Lot 1 RP 608019) for a period of three (3) years commencing on 1 January 2016.

Recommendation of the Parks & Recreation Committee, 6 October 2015**9.1.7 STATE GOVERNMENT 'GET PLAYING PLUS' FUNDING INITIATIVE**

File No:	349
Attachments:	1. 'Get Playing Plus' Fact Sheet
Authorising Officer:	Margaret Barrett - Manager Parks Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services
Author:	Jacinta James - Sports and Education Supervisor
Previous Items:	13.2 - State Government 'Get Playing Plus' Funding Initiative - Parks & Recreation Committee - 30 Sep 2014 9.00 am 17.2 - Royalties for the Regions Round 4 Expressions of Interest - Ordinary Council - 09 Sep 2014 9.00 am 13.3 - Redevelopment Priorities for 42nd Battalion Memorial Pool - Performance & Service Committee - 26 May 2015 9.00 am

SUMMARY

The report seeks endorsement of the Northside Pool Redevelopment as the Council project to be nominated for the State Government's 'Get Playing Plus' funding initiative.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council endorse the submission of an application for funding for the 42nd Battalion Memorial Pool Redevelopment project under the State Government's 'Get Playing Plus' funding program.

Recommendation of the Parks & Recreation Committee, 6 October 2015**9.1.8 ROCKHAMPTON REGIONAL COUNCIL CEMETERIES - NORTH ROCKHAMPTON AND GRACEMERE**

File No:	1464
Attachments:	1. Gracemere Cemetery Consultation Report
Authorising Officer:	Margaret Barrett - Manager Parks Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services
Author:	Sophia Czarkowski - Coordinator Parks Recreation Services
Previous Items:	9.1.3 - Concept Plan for the development of Gracemere Cemetery - Parks & Recreation Committee - 02 Jun 2015 9.00 am 9.2.8 - Concept Plan for the development of Gracemere Cemetery - Parks & Recreation Committee - 07 Apr 2015 9.00 am 11.5 - Rescind Resolution - Gracemere Redbacks Football Club Lease on Johnson Road Gracemere - Ordinary Council - 12 May 2015 9.00 am 8.3 - Gracemere Redbacks Football Club's proposed lease - Parks & Recreation Committee - 05 Mar 2013 12.00pm 8.4 - Regional Cemeteries - Capacity Assessment - Parks & Recreation Committee - 01 Apr 2014 3:00 pm 8.4 - Regional Cemeteries - Capacity Assessment - Rockhampton Memorial Gardens - Cost Comparison - Parks & Recreation Committee - 01 Jul 2014 9.00 am

SUMMARY

Council has previously resolved (June 2015) that the concept plans for the Gracemere Cemetery be received and that the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to process the conversion of Lot 2 SP163921 from Reserve for Park to Reserve for Cemetery. This report presents the outcome of the community consultation required for the conversion and feedback on the proposed plans as well as options for new burials within Rockhampton.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**THAT**

1. The Proposed Gracemere Cemetery Expansion Consultation report be received.
2. Council Officers commence construction of stage one at Gracemere Cemetery in line with the intent of the Concept Plans provided, utilising approved Capital Budget for 2015/16 Financial Year.
3. Council permit new burials at North Rockhampton Cemetery.

9.2 COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING - 6 OCTOBER 2015**RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the Minutes of the Communities Committee meeting, held on 6 October 2015 as circulated, be received and that the recommendations contained within these minutes be adopted.

(**Note:** The complete minutes are contained in the separate Minutes document)

Recommendation of the Communities Committee, 6 October 2015**9.2.1 ARTS AND HERITAGE MONTHLY OPERATIONS REPORT FOR AUGUST 2015****File No:** 1464**Attachments:** 1. Arts and Heritage Monthly Operations Report
for August 2015**Authorising Officer:** Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services**Author:** Peter Owens - Manager Arts and Heritage

SUMMARY

The report provides information on the programs and activities of the Arts and Heritage section for August 2015.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Monthly Operations Report of the Arts and Heritage section for August 2015 be received.

Recommendation of the Communities Committee, 6 October 2015**9.2.2 MUSIC BOWL**

File No: 5785
Attachments: Nil
Authorising Officer: Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services
Author: Cheryl Haughton - Manager Community Services

SUMMARY

Following an inspection by Councillors of the Music Bowl site basic repair works are to be undertaken to ready the venue for the 2015 Carols by Candlelight event.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council resolves that:

- (1) the matter be lifted from the table;
- (2) no corrective action be undertaken at this time on the roof structure deterioration outlined in the report provided by Brown Consulting;
- (3) only basic repairs be undertaken to make the Music Bowl site available for the staging of Carols by Candlelight on 12 December 2015;
- (4) a community labour force be engaged to undertake refurbishment of the grounds;
- (5) additional funding of \$75,000 be provided via a revised budget to facilitate the repairs.

Recommendation of the Communities Committee, 6 October 2015**9.2.3 COMMUNITIES AND FACILITIES MONTHLY OPERATIONAL REPORT****File No: 1464****Attachments: 1. Communities and Facilities Monthly Operational Report****Authorising Officer: Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services****Author: Cheryl Haughton - Manager Community Services**

SUMMARY

This report provides information on the activities of the Communities and Facilities section for the month of August 2015.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Monthly Operational Report on the activities of the Communities and Facilities section for the month of August be received.

Recommendation of the Communities Committee, 6 October 2015**9.2.4 ACQUISITION FOR THE ROCKHAMPTON ART GALLERY GIFT FUND**

File No: 465
Attachments: Nil
Authorising Officer: Peter Owens - Manager Arts and Heritage
Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services
Author: Tracy Cooper-Lavery - Gallery Director

SUMMARY

Acquisition of the work "Painting II" (1960) by Ian Fairweather to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Rockhampton Art Gallery.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT a further report detailing the funding for the acquisition of Painting II (1960) by Ian Fairweather be presented to Council prior to any decision to acquire being taken.

9.3 HEALTH AND COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE MEETING - 6 OCTOBER 2015**RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the Minutes of the Health & Compliance Committee meeting, held on 6 October 2015 as circulated, be received and that the recommendations contained within these minutes be adopted.

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Recommendation of the Health & Compliance Committee, 6 October 2015**9.3.1 REGULATED ACTIVITY FEE**

File No: 7816
Attachments: 1. Schedule of Fees
Authorising Officer: Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services
Author: Catherine Hayes - Manager Community Standards and Compliance

SUMMARY

This report seeks approval to set a prescribed fee for an application for approval to conduct or take part in a cake stall, sausage sizzle, car wash or similar fundraiser held on no more than 1 day which does not form part of a temporary entertainment event.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council resolves not to set a prescribed fee nor require an application for approval to conduct or take part in a cake stall, sausage sizzle, car wash or similar fundraiser held on no more than 1 day which does not form part of a temporary entertainment event if the applicant is constituted for religious, charitable or educational purposes and the Local Law be amended to reflect this determination.

Recommendation of the Health & Compliance Committee, 6 October 2015**9.3.2 REVISED UNLICENSED BUSINESS RESPONSE POLICY****File No:** 5246**Attachments:**

1. Draft Failure to Renew Licence Response Policy
2. Failure to Renew Licence Response Policy (V2)

Authorising Officer: Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services**Author:** Catherine Hayes - Manager Community Standards and Compliance

SUMMARY

This report outlines the review of the 'Unlicensed Premises Response Policy' and 'Failure to Renew Licence Response Policy'. The draft Unlicensed Business Response Policy is presented for Council's consideration.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council:

1. Adopt the draft 'Unlicensed Business Response Policy'; and
2. Rescind the 'Failure to Renew Licence Response Policy'.

Recommendation of the Health & Compliance Committee, 6 October 2015**9.3.3 RURAL DOGS**

File No: 11741
Attachments: 1. Working Dog Benchmarking Analysis
Authorising Officer: Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services
Author: Catherine Hayes - Manager Community Standards and Compliance

SUMMARY

Manager Community Standards and Compliance reporting on the fees and charges and processes for dogs on rural properties as requested by Council.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

1. THAT Council receives the report for their information and review.
2. THAT Council no longer requires notification of working dogs.

Recommendation of the Health & Compliance Committee, 6 October 2015**9.3.4 WILD DOG BOUNTY****File No: 7099****Attachments: 1. Bounty Benchmarking Analysis****Authorising Officer: Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services****Author: Catherine Hayes - Manager Community Standards and Compliance**

SUMMARY

Manager Community Standards and Compliance reporting on the reinstatement of wild dog bounties.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council receives the Wild Dog Bounty report for their information and review.

Recommendation of the Health & Compliance Committee, 6 October 2015**9.3.5 MONTHLY OPERATIONS REPORT COMMUNITY STANDARDS AND COMPLIANCE SECTION PERIOD ENDED AUGUST 2015****File No: 1464****Attachments:**

- 1. Monthly Operations Report for Community Standards and Compliance Section Period Ended August 2015**
- 2. August 2015 Traffic Light Report**
- 3. Financial Matters Report for August 2015**

Authorising Officer: Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services**Author: Catherine Hayes - Manager Community Standards and Compliance**

SUMMARY

The monthly Operations Report for Community Standards and Compliance Section as at 31 August 2015 is presented for Councillor's information.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Community Standards and Compliance Monthly Operations Report for August 2015 be 'received'.

Recommendation of the Health & Compliance Committee, 6 October 2015**9.3.6 DOG OFF-LEASH AREAS****File No:** 7437**Attachments:** Nil**Authorising Officer:** Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services**Author:** Catherine Hayes - Manager Community Standards and Compliance

SUMMARY

This report presents the feasibility of establishing further off leash park options and another agility park, similar to the one at Kershaw Gardens, as requested by Council.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the matter be referred to the Parks and Recreation Committee.

Recommendation of the Health & Compliance Committee, 6 October 2015**9.3.7 ANIMAL MANAGEMENT****File No: 1464****Authorising Officer: Michael Rowe – General Manager Community Services**

SUMMARY

The Mayor, Councillor Margaret Strelow raised a number of animal management initiatives which she outlined to the Health and Compliance Committee.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

1. THAT subject to evidence being supplied to Council that the animal was de-sexed and rehomed and not euthanized; a cash donation of \$100 every dog or \$50 every cat that they take; be given to any charity shelter and rehoming agency who do not get other government funding.
2. THAT animals supplied for rehoming be microchipped and have the first year of animal registration free of charge.
3. THAT the former Meals on Wheels building be set aside for Capricorn Animal Aid, subject to Council completing the processes that would formalise the transfer.
4. THAT Council request Livingstone Shire Council to consider opening their pound on the weekend.
5. THAT Council, to overcome the mismatch between the need to register at three months of age and veterinary best practice of de-sexing at six months of age, move to introduce a Puppy registration fee of \$30 for first year as soon as practical.
6. THAT Council introduce a scheme whereby eligible pensioners can apply for a \$50 voucher towards the cost of de-sexing animals at a local veterinary service of their choice.

9.4 BUSINESS ENTERPRISE COMMITTEE MEETING - 7 OCTOBER 2015**RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the Minutes of the Business Enterprise Committee meeting, held on 7 October 2015 as circulated, be received and that the recommendations contained within these minutes be adopted.

(**Note:** The complete minutes are contained in the separate Minutes document)

Recommendation of the Business Enterprise Committee, 7 October 2015**9.4.1 BUSINESS OUTSTANDING TABLE FOR BUSINESS ENTERPRISE COMMITTEE****File No:** 10097**Attachments:** 1. **Business Outstanding Table for Business Enterprise Committee****Authorising Officer:** Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer**Author:** Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer

SUMMARY

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COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

1. THAT the Business Outstanding Table for the Business Enterprise Committee be received.
2. THAT all involved with the Rockhampton sign at the Airport be commended.

Recommendation of the Business Enterprise Committee, 7 October 2015**9.4.2 CORPORATE SERVICES DEPARTMENT - ROCKHAMPTON AIRPORT
MONTHLY OPERATIONS AND ANNUAL PERFORMANCE PLAN REPORT****File No:** 7927**Attachments:** 1. Airport Monthly Operations & Annual
Performance Plan Report**Authorising Officer:** Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer**Author:** Ross Cheesman - General Manager Corporate Services

SUMMARY

The monthly operations and annual performance plan report for the Rockhampton Airport as at 31 August 2015 is presented for Councillors information.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

1. THAT the Corporate Services Departmental Operations and Annual Performance Plan Report for the Rockhampton Airport as at 31 August 2015 be "received".
2. THAT an assessment of temporary flood protection for the Rockhampton Airport be undertaken and a report come back to the Business Enterprise Committee.

Recommendation of the Business Enterprise Committee, 7 October 2015**9.4.3 ROCKHAMPTON REGIONAL WASTE AND RECYCLING MONTHLY OPERATIONS AND ANNUAL PERFORMANCE PLAN REPORT FOR PERIOD 1 AUGUST TO 31 AUGUST 2015****File No: 7927****Attachments: 1. RRWR Operational Report August 2015****Authorising Officer: Robert Holmes - General Manager Regional Services****Author: Craig Dunglison - Manager RRWR**

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an overview of Rockhampton Regional Waste and recycling (RRWR) for the month of August 2015.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the RRWR Operations report for the August 2015 period be received.

9.5 WATER COMMITTEE MEETING - 7 OCTOBER 2015**RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the Minutes of the Water Committee meeting, held on 7 October 2015 as circulated, be received and that the recommendations contained within these minutes be adopted.

(Note: The complete minutes are contained in the separate Minutes document)

Recommendation of the Water Committee, 7 October 2015**9.5.1 BUSINESS OUTSTANDING TABLE FOR WATER COMMITTEE****File No:** 10097**Attachments:** 1. **Business Outstanding Table for Water Committee****Authorising Officer:** Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer**Author:** Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer

SUMMARY

The Business Outstanding table is used as a tool to monitor outstanding items resolved at previous Council or Committee Meetings. The current Business Outstanding table for the Water Committee is presented for Councillors' information.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Business Outstanding Table for the Water Committee be received.

Recommendation of the Water Committee, 7 October 2015**9.5.2 DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND WATER SUPPLY (DEWS) ROCKHAMPTON
WATER SUPPLY SECURITY ASSESSMENT (RWSSA) REPORT****File No:** 2830**Attachments:** 1. Regional Water Supply Security Assessment
Report**Authorising Officer:** Robert Holmes - General Manager Regional Services**Author:** Bill Ricks - Coordinator Network Services

SUMMARY

DEWS have been working with FRW since June 2014 to undertake an assessment of the water supply security of the Fitzroy River Barrage and Eden Bann Weir supply. The RWSSA report highlights potential shortfalls in supply as water demand increases in the future. A number of actions by Council to examine and potentially undertake to help improve water supply security are included in the report.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Rockhampton Water Supply Security Assessment report prepared by Department of Energy and Water Supply (DEWS) be received and endorsed.

Recommendation of the Water Committee, 7 October 2015**9.5.3 FRW MONTHLY OPERATIONS REPORT - AUGUST 2015****File No:** 1466**Attachments:** 1. **FRW Monthly Operations Report for August 2015****Authorising Officer:** **Robert Holmes - General Manager Regional Services****Author:** **Jason Plumb - Acting Manager Fitzroy River Water**

SUMMARY

This report details Fitzroy River Water's financial position and other operational matters for the Council's information as at 31 August 2015.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the FRW Monthly Operations Report for August 2015 be received.

9.6 INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING - 7 OCTOBER 2015**RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the Minutes of the Infrastructure Committee meeting, held on 7 October 2015 as circulated, be received and that the recommendations contained within these minutes be adopted.

(**Note:** The complete minutes are contained in the separate Minutes document)

Recommendation of the Infrastructure Committee, 7 October 2015**9.6.1 BUSINESS OUTSTANDING TABLE FOR INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE****File No:** 10097**Attachments:** 1. **Business Outstanding Table for Infrastructure Committee****Authorising Officer:** Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer**Author:** Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer

SUMMARY

The Business Outstanding table is used as a tool to monitor outstanding items resolved at previous Council or Committee Meetings. The current Business Outstanding table for the Infrastructure Committee is presented for Councillors' information.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the configuration of the Diplock/Wooster Street intersection be reverted to its previous configuration.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Business Outstanding Table for the Infrastructure Committee be received.

Recommendation of the Infrastructure Committee, 7 October 2015**9.6.2 NAMING OF UN-NAMED ROAD 4.6KM ALONG THIRSTY CREEK ROAD, GOGANGO****File No:** 394**Attachments:**

1. Road Naming Submissions (included in Confidential)
2. Assessment Criteria and Results (included in Confidential)
3. Map Location of Road to be Named
4. Survey Plans
5. Gogango School Reunion 1951 (descendants)

Authorising Officer: Robert Holmes - General Manager Regional Services
Martin Crow - Manager Engineering Services
Angus Russell - Coordinator Strategic Infrastructure**Author:** Stuart Singer - Technical Officer

SUMMARY

This report provides a recommendation for the naming of an un-named road 4.6km along Thirsty Creek Road, Gogango and seeks Council's adoption of this name.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the un-named road 4.6km along Thirsty Creek Road, Gogango be named 'Stoneleigh Road'.

Recommendation of the Infrastructure Committee, 7 October 2015**9.6.3 ENGINEERING SERVICES MONTHLY OPERATIONS REPORT - OCTOBER 2015****File No: 7028****Attachments: 1. Monthly Operations Report - Engineering Services - 31 August 2015****Authorising Officer: Robert Holmes - General Manager Regional Services****Author: Martin Crow - Manager Engineering Services**

SUMMARY

This report outlines Engineering Services Monthly Operations Report for the period to the end of August 2015.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Engineering Services Monthly Operations Report for August 2015 report be received.

Recommendation of the Infrastructure Committee, 7 October 2015**9.6.4 CIVIL OPERATIONS MONTHLY OPERATIONS REPORT - OCTOBER 2015****File No: 7028****Attachments:**

- 1. Monthly Operations Report – Civil Operations – 30 August 2015**
- 2. Works Program - September - October 2015**

Authorising Officer: Robert Holmes - General Manager Regional Services**Author: David Bremert - Manager Civil Operations**

SUMMARY

This report outlines Civil Operations Monthly Operations Report 30 August 2015 (attachment 1), and also Works Program of planned projects for the months September – October 2015.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Civil Operations Monthly Operations Report for October be received.

Recommendation of the Infrastructure Committee, 7 October 2015**9.6.5 VENABLES STREET BERSERKER, PETITION CONCERNING DRAINAGE OF THE PROPERTIES****File No:** 8055**Attachments:**

1. Venables St design
2. Venables St cost estimate
3. Venables St overview of issue

Authorising Officer: Robert Holmes - General Manager Regional Services**Author:** David Bremert - Manager Civil Operations

SUMMARY

Council has received a petition from residents of Venables Street requesting drainage infrastructure be installed to drain the properties. This report presents a solution to this matter for Council's consideration.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the installation of a drainage line from number 165 to 157 Venables St and then out to Moores Creek be undertaken; and

THAT \$60,000 be transferred from budget line 0943162 - UCC-FP-Reconstruction Footpath to pay for this work.

Recommendation of the Infrastructure Committee, 7 October 2015**9.6.6 DRAINAGE ISSUES AT PROPERTY IN ALEXANDRA STREET, KAWANA****File No:** 8037**Attachments:**

1. Alexandra St property design
2. Alexandra St property overall picture
3. Alexandra St property estimate of cost

Authorising Officer: Robert Holmes - General Manager Regional Services**Author:** David Bremert - Manager Civil Operations

SUMMARY

Council has received a request from a property owner in Alexandra Street and other surrounding residents requesting drainage infrastructure be installed to drain the properties and alleviate the continued flooding of those properties following even average rain events. Options for a solution to these issues have been investigated and the Committee's endorsement of the preferred option is sought.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the installation of a drainage line from the property to an existing stormwater line at another Alexandra Street property as detailed in the report be undertaken; and

THAT \$50,000 be transferred from budget line 0943162 - UCC-FP-Reconstruction Footpath to pay for this work.

Recommendation of the Infrastructure Committee, 7 October 2015**9.6.7 PROPOSED PURCHASE OF 117 WHARF STREET, DEPOT HILL****File No:** 1743**Attachments:**
1. Aerial Map
2. Special Conditions**Authorising Officer:** Martin Crow - Manager Engineering Services
Robert Holmes - General Manager Regional Services**Author:** Angus Russell - Coordinator Strategic Infrastructure

SUMMARY*Report on the proposed purchase of property situated at Wharf Street, Depot Hill.***COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

THAT Council request a further extension under the current terms of Special Condition 2.1 from the seller until after the 2016 Local Government Election and to allow further time for the funding to be secured and a funding agreement to be entered into.

Recommendation of the Infrastructure Committee, 7 October 2015**9.6.8 ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR ROAD CORRIDOR PURPOSES - ALEXANDRA STREET AND BIRKBECK DRIVE, PARKHURST****File No:** 8974**Attachments:**

1. Drawings 2014-184-01 and 2014-184-02
2. Letter from EDQ
3. MVS Valuation Report - All lots
4. MVS Valuation Report - Only Land Required
5. Drawing R07-017-04

Authorising Officer: Martin Crow - Manager Engineering Services
Robert Holmes - General Manager Regional Services**Author:** Angus Russell - Coordinator Strategic Infrastructure

SUMMARY

The report seeks Council's approval to commence Taking of Land procedures under the Acquisition of Land Act 1967 for road corridor purposes.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to issue a Notice of Intention to Resume in accordance with section 7 of the Acquisition of Land Act 1967 for the resumption of land from the owners of Lots 1 and 4 on SP258300 described as "land requirement for road purposes" to extend the Alexandra Street road corridor, generally in accordance with Drawings 2014-184-01 and 2014-084-02.

10 COUNCILLOR/DELEGATE REPORTS**10.1 LEAVE OF ABSENCE - COUNCILLOR GREG BELZ - 11 OCTOBER TO 14 OCTOBER 2015 INCLUSIVE****File No:** 10072**Attachments:** Nil**Authorising Officer:** Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer**Author:** Megan Careless - Executive Support Officer

SUMMARY

Councillor Belz requesting leave of absence from Sunday 11 October to Wednesday 14 October 2015 inclusive.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT leave of absence be granted for Councillor Belz from Sunday 11 October to Wednesday 14 October 2015 inclusive to fulfil board duties for the Australian Local Government Association.

BACKGROUND

Councillor Greg Belz has advised the Chief Executive Officer that as Vice President of the Australian Local Government Association he is required to attend board duty commitments from Sunday 11 October to Wednesday 14 October 2015 inclusive.

11 OFFICERS' REPORTS

11.1 KERSHAW GARDENS CONCEPT MASTER PLAN - COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

File No:	11716, 11717
Attachments:	1. Minutes Parks & Recreation Committee 04 August, 2015
Authorising Officer:	Margaret Barrett - Manager Parks Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services
Author:	Vincent Morrice - Coordinator Parks Restoration Project
Previous Items:	9.1.9 - Kershaw Gardens Remediation and Restoration Project - progress report - Parks & Recreation Committee - 04 Aug 2015 9:00am Parks & Recreation Committee at its meeting on 6 October 2015 resolved that the matter be referred to the Ordinary Meeting to be held on 13 October 2015.

SUMMARY

Council has engaged specialist consultants to assist with the development of a Concept Master Plan for Kershaw Gardens. The Concept Master Plan will help to guide immediate and future decisions on development options and priorities and will assist in informing future budgets. There is broad community interest in Kershaw Gardens and it is considered that a structured Community Engagement program is necessary to ensure the appropriate level of information and consultation is achieved.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council undertakes four (4) weeks of Community Engagement for the Kershaw Gardens Concept Master Plan and endorses the use of the concept documents presented as the foundation for same.

COMMENTARY

Council has engaged specialist consultants to assist with the development of a Concept Master Plan for Kershaw Gardens. The Concept Master Plan will help to guide immediate and future decisions on development options and priorities and will assist in informing future budgets.

The concept presented thus far builds upon the theme of "Rockhampton's Big Backyard" and proposes delivery guided by the following three desired outcomes:

- a canvas of connected and inclusive spaces
- a narrative of people, place and community
- an interactive + flexible natural environment

The consultants, Urbis, will be present at the meeting to present the draft Kershaw Gardens Concept Master Plan.

BACKGROUND

On Friday 20 February 2015, Tropical Cyclone Marcia hit Central Queensland as a category 3 cyclone, causing extensive damage across the region.

As a result Kershaw Gardens, one of Rockhampton's premier attractions, was severely damaged and is now largely closed while Council clears the debris and commences remediation and restoration of the area.

PREVIOUS DECISIONS

Parks and Recreation Committee 4 August, 2015 (copy attached).

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Engagement staff wages funded from relevant budget and marketing collateral expensed against Kershaw Gardens.

CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN

Living, Learning & Leisure

Goal: A safe, caring and healthy community that we all belong to

Parks & Open Spaces

- Plan for appropriate open space within the Region
- Ensure botanical collections are maintained and developed

CONCLUSION

There is broad community interest in Kershaw Gardens and a structured Community Engagement program is necessary to ensure the appropriate level of information and consultation is achieved.

**KERSHAW GARDENS CONCEPT
MASTER PLAN –
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**Minutes Parks & Recreation Committee
04 August, 2015**

Meeting Date: 13 October 2015

Attachment No: 1

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

4 AUGUST 2015

13 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS**13.1 KERSHAW GARDENS REMEDIATION AND RESTORATION PROJECT -
PROGRESS REPORT****File No:** 1464**Attachments:** Nil**Authorising Officer:** Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services**Author:** Margaret Barrett - Manager Parks

This report is considered confidential in accordance with section 275(1)(h), of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, as it contains information relating to other business for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government or someone else, or enable a person to gain a financial advantage.

SUMMARY

Kershaw Gardens has been closed to the public since February; a remediation project commenced works on site on 21 April 2015, this report is an update on progress.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**THAT:**

- The verbal briefing on progress of remediation at Kershaw Gardens be received;
- Master plans for the entire site be developed and presented to Council;
- Detailed planning for the area of Knight Street area be commenced as soon as possible; and
- An update on remediation be made to the community and a new sign be made as soon as the Master Plan is available.

Moved by: Mayor Strelow**Seconded by:** Councillor Rutherford**MOTION CARRIED**

11:07AM Councillor Williams left the meeting

11.2 TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF KERSHAW GARDENS

File No:	11716,11717,1464
Attachments:	1. Resolution - Ordinary Council Meeting 14 April, 2015
Authorising Officer:	Margaret Barrett - Manager Parks Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services
Author:	Vincent Morrice - Coordinator Parks Restoration Project
Previous Items:	Temporary Closure of Kershaw Gardens - Ordinary Council - 14 Apr 2015 9.00 am

SUMMARY

Kershaw Gardens was heavily impacted by Tropical Cyclone Marcia in February 2015. In order to ensure public safety and enable the remediation and reconstruction of the Gardens, closure is required.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council approve:

1. In accordance with Council Local Law No 4 (Local Government Controlled Areas, Facilities and Roads) 2011, section 8, the temporary closure of sections of Kershaw Gardens in order to carry out restoration and construction works arising from the impact of TC Marcia;
2. In accordance with Council Local Law No 4 (Local Government Controlled Areas, Facilities and Roads) 2011, section 8 (2) this partial closure to be for a further period of six months commencing 15 October 2015; and
3. Area of closure and staged re-opening in accordance with the approved rehabilitation and restoration plan.

COMMENTARY

TC Marcia struck Rockhampton on 20 February 2015, with significant impacts across the region. Kershaw Gardens has been greatly impacted as the effect of the tree fall and erosive nature of the rainfall has impacted the land-fill capping across the Gardens, exposing waste of varying nature.

BACKGROUND

Kershaw Gardens was established in the late 1970's/ early 1980's on the banks of Moore's Creek with some areas of the Gardens established on closed land-fill. The Gardens have been closed to the public since the event, in line with the Local Disaster Coordinator advice that all Parks were closed.

The process of vegetation clearance and site sampling commenced on 21 April with the establishment of a compound at the Charles St entrance to control site access; this area includes a vehicle wash-down facility to facilitate decontamination of vehicles, plant & equipment operating on the site. Appropriate site management equipment/ facilities and essential first aid are in place.

In April 2014 Council resolved to temporarily close the Park for six months under Local Law 4 in order to allow clean up, remediation and restoration to be effected safely.

The vast majority of the fallen timber has been cleared and processed (with the exception of the Southern Rainforest) and a detailed site investigation has been carried out to determine the distribution and nature of waste.

Detailed remediation planning has commenced and design consultants engaged to develop a new concept master plan to guide the restoration of the Gardens.

Liaison continues with the relevant state agencies and funding submissions have been submitted to the State Government.

PREVIOUS DECISIONS

Closure of site to facilitate remediation and restoration. Ordinary Council Meeting 14 April 2015 (copy attached).

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Extraordinary Special Assistance (Category D) has been sought from the Commonwealth Government, via the Queensland Reconstruction Authority to fund the remediation and restoration of the Kershaw Gardens. A funding submission has also been lodged for the Local Government Grants and Subsidies Program (LGGSP) 2015-16.

There is currently \$3,171,500 in approved funding for the 2015/16 financial year.

LEGISLATIVE CONTEXT

Council Local Law No 4 (Local Government Controlled Areas, Facilities and Roads) 2011, section 8 provides the power for Council, by resolution, to temporarily or permanently close a local government controlled area to public access.

STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

Staff assigned to maintenance responsibilities at Kershaw Gardens were initially redeployed to the Botanic Gardens to assist with restoration activities. Staff are progressively being deployed to Kershaw to meet maintenance requirements. Temporary augmentation of establishment numbers will be considered where demonstrated need exists.

RISK ASSESSMENT

Corporate Risk Register entry:

Integrity of land-fill cap at Kershaw Gardens heavily impacted through (TC Marcia) tree fall and erosion with potential to effect public health and safety and environmental impact.

CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN

Living, Learning & Leisure

Goal: A safe, caring and healthy community that we all belong to

Parks & Open Spaces:

Ensure botanical collections are maintained and developed

Maintain the Region's sports fields, parks, gardens, playgrounds and open spaces

CONCLUSION

The extension of the closure of sections of Kershaw Gardens will ensure public safety and enable the required remediation and restoration activities to be undertaken as required and funded.

TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF KERSHAW GARDENS

**Resolution - Ordinary Council Meeting
14 April, 2015**

Meeting Date: 13 October 2015

Attachment No: 1

ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES

14 APRIL 2015

11.5 TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF KERSHAW GARDENS

File No: 1464
Attachments: Nil
Authorising Officer: Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services
Author: Margaret Barrett - Manager Parks

SUMMARY

Kershaw Gardens was heavily impacted by Tropical Cyclone Marcia in February 2015. In order to ensure public safety and enable the remediation and reconstruction of the Gardens, full closure is required.

10:25AM Councillor Belz left the meeting.

10:30AM Councillor Belz returned to the meeting.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT Council approve:

1. In accordance with Council Local Law No 4 (Local Government Controlled Areas, Facilities and Roads) 2011, section 8, the temporary closure of Kershaw Gardens in order to carry out restoration and construction works arising from the impact of TC Marcia;
2. In accordance with Council Local Law No 4 (Local Government Controlled Areas, Facilities and Roads) 2011, section 8 (2) this closure to be for an initial period of six months;
3. Area of closure in accordance with the approved rehabilitation and restoration plan; and
4. Opening of parts of the park as early as possible with a focus on the area facing the Bruce Highway and that the bunting and fencing be moved and minimised as quickly as it is safe to do so.

Moved by: Mayor Strelow
Seconded by: Councillor Rutherford
MOTION CARRIED

11.3 POLICIES FOR ADOPTION - ADVERTISING SPENDING AND CARETAKER PERIOD**File No:** 5238**Attachments:**
1. Advertising Spending Policy
2. Caretaker Period Policy**Authorising Officer:** Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer**Author:** Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer

SUMMARY

Chief Executive Officer presenting Advertising Spending and Caretaker Period policies for adoption by Council.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Advertising Spending Policy and Caretaker Period Policy, as attached to the report, be adopted.

BACKGROUND

Following the Councillor Workshop on 12 August 2015 to review Council policies, the following policies have been reviewed and are now referred to Council for adoption:

- Advertising Spending Policy
- Caretaker Period Policy

A copy of the Policies are attached to this report, indicating amendments made to both Policies.

POLICIES FOR ADOPTION - ADVERTISING SPENDING AND CARETAKER PERIOD

Advertising Spending Policy

Meeting Date: 13 October 2015

Attachment No: 1



ADVERTISING SPENDING POLICY (STATUTORY POLICY)

1 Scope:

This Policy applies to Rockhampton Regional Council employees who spend expenditure on advertising on behalf of makes provision for the control of expenditure on advertising placed by Rockhampton Regional Council. This (RRC) in various media and applies to all RRC employee includes electronic advertising (including the use of internet), paid advertising or notice in any medium to promote goods or services (including facilities) provided by the Council.

This policy excludes advertising for:

- Employees (i.e. recruitment);
- The Acquisition or disposal of property, plant and equipment used, or to be used by the Council in its business;
- Tenders or expressions of interest under section 228(4) of the Local Government Regulation 2012; or
- Reports published in the media where no payment is made for the report or where publicity is achieved (free of charge) for promotion of ideas, goods and services provided by Council.

1.1 What this Policy applies to:

Section 140 (2) of the Local Government (Finance, Plans and Reporting) Regulation 2010 defines **advertising** as:

"Advertising is promoting an idea, goods or services to the public for which a fee is paid."

Examples of mediums commonly used for promoting ideas, goods or services—magazines, newspaper, radio, television".

The Policy also applies to electronic advertising, including the use of the internet.

The Policy applies to any paid advertisement or notice in any media in any medium to promote goods or services (including facilities) provided by the Council.

1.2 What this Policy does not apply to:

The Policy does not apply to advertising for employees (e.g. recruitment).

The Policy does not apply to advertising for the acquisition or disposal of property, plant and equipment used, or to be used by the Council in its business.

The Policy does not apply to advertisements for tenders or expressions of interest under section 177 of the Local Government (Finance, Plans and Reporting) Regulation 2010 or the Council's policy on Procurement.

The Policy does not apply to reports published in media where no payment is made for the report or where publicity is achieved (free of charge) for promotion of ideas, goods and services provided by Council.

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2 Purpose:

~~The purpose of this Policy is To ensure Council meets legislative advertising requirements whilst obtaining value for money in advertising placement.:~~

- ~~▪ To meet the requirements of the legislation;~~
- ~~▪ To ensure appropriate authorisation of advertising expenditure; and~~
- ~~▪ To ensure the Council obtains value for money in advertising placement.~~

3 Related Documents:**Primary**

~~Local Government Regulation 2012~~

Secondary

~~Local Government (Finance, Plans and Reporting) Regulation 2010 Act 2009~~

~~Code of Conduct for Employees~~

~~Purchasing Policy – Acquisition of Goods and Services~~

4 Definitions:

To assist in interpretation, the following definitions apply:

<u>Advertising</u>	<u>As per section 197(3) of the Local Government Regulation 2012:</u> <u>Advertising is promoting, for the payment of a fee, an idea, goods or services to the public.</u> <u>Examples include - magazines, newspaper, radio, television, social media platforms".</u>
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<u>Caretaker Period</u>	<u>As per section 90A of the Local Government Act 2009:</u> The period during an election for a local government that starts on the day when the public notice of the holding of the election is given and ends at the conclusion of the election. As per section 90(A) of the Local Government Act 2009: The period during an election for the local government that – Starts on the day when public notice of the holding of the election is given under the Local Government Electoral Act; and Ends at the conclusion of the election.
<u>CEO</u>	<u>Chief Executive Officer</u> A person who holds an appointment under section 194 of the Local Government Act 2009. This includes a person acting in this position.
Council	Shall mean Rockhampton Regional Council
<u>Councillor/s</u>	<u>The Mayor and Councillors of Rockhampton Regional Council, within the meaning of the Local Government Act 2009.</u>
<u>CEO</u>	Shall mean Chief Executive Officer of Rockhampton Regional Council
<u>Election Period</u>	<u>As per the Schedule Dictionary of the Local Government Electoral Act 2011:</u> The period starting on the day when public notice of the holding of the election is given under section 25(1) and ending on the close of the poll for the election.
<u>Employee</u>	<u>Local government employee:</u> (a) t <u>The chief executive officer; or</u> (b) a <u>A person holding an appointment under section 196 of the Local Government Act 2009.</u>

5 Policy Statement:

Advertising should only be used where the purposes of ~~the~~ Council or the benefit of the community is advanced. ~~It should not be used to promote the particular achievements or plans of a particular Councillors or groups of Councillors.~~ In particular, advertising should not be used to influence ~~the voters-electors in during~~ an election period.

5.1 ~~The~~ Council may incur expenditure for advertising only if the:

- ~~the a~~Advertising is for providing information or education to the public; and
- ~~the i~~Information or education is provided in the public interest; and
- ~~the a~~Advertising falls into one of the categories set out in ~~S~~section 5.2.

5.2 Acceptable uses of ~~the Council moneys~~pending expenditure for advertising are:

- To advise the public of a new or continuing service or facility provided by ~~the~~ Council;
- To advise the public about changes to an existing service or facility provided by ~~the~~ Council;
- To increase the use of a service or facility provided by ~~the~~ Council on a commercial basis with a view to profit;
- To increase the use of a service or facility provided by Council free of charge that has community benefit (such as a library);

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- To change the behaviour of people in the Council's area for the benefit of all or some of the community and/or to achieve the objectives of ~~the~~ Council;
- To advise the public of the time, place and content of scheduled meetings of ~~the~~ Council;
- To advise the public of the decisions made by ~~the~~ Council at its meetings;
- To request comment on proposed policies or activities of ~~the~~ Council;
- To advertise matters required by legislation to be advertised;
- ~~Where the advertisement facilitates the administration of ~~the~~ Council; or~~
- To promote the Region.

5.3 Council must ensure that any advertising expenditure during a caretaker period is in accordance with the provisions in sections 90A through to 90D of the Local Government Act 2009.

The Council must not:

~~During the period of three months preceding an election of the local government other than a by-election;~~

OR

~~During the period after the date of a by-election is advertised until the day of the election:~~

~~Place advertisements relating to future plans unless, and only to the extent that, those plans have been formally adopted by the Council;~~

~~Advertise the activities of the Council other than in the manner and form it is customary for the Council to advertise its activities;~~

~~Place advertisements which seek to influence support for particular candidates, groups of candidates or potential candidates in the election; or~~

~~Bear the cost of advertisements featuring one or more Councillors or containing quotations attributed to individual Councillors, unless acting in a role authorised by Council for the purposes of section 5.2.~~

Note: ~~This does not preclude Councillors appearing in unpaid publicity or other publicity where the cost is not borne by the Council.~~

5.4 All expenditure on advertising must be approved by the ~~Chief Executive Officer~~ CEO or a delegated officer.:

~~—~~ The approving officer must ensure that ~~the~~ the:

- ~~The e~~Expenditure is in accordance with this ~~P~~policy;
- ~~The c~~Cost of the advertisement is appropriate for the number of people it is intended to inform and provides a quantifiable benefit to ~~the~~ Council or to the public; and
- ~~The c~~Cost is available in the relevant budget item and meets the ~~usual~~ requirements for expenditure approvals.

5.5 Controls:

~~A summary of advertising expenditure will be tabled in a report to Council on an annual basis. To facilitate this all advertising will be coded to Advertising (Account code 2506) and classified according to the headings under 5.2 above.~~

6 Review Timelines:

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This Policy is reviewed when any of the following occur:

6.1. As required by legislation;

6.1.6.2. The related information is amended or replaced; or.

6.2.6.3. Other circumstances as determined from time to time by the Council.

~~Notwithstanding the above, this Policy is to be reviewed at intervals of no more than two years.~~

7 Responsibilities:

Sponsor	Chief Executive Officer
Business Owner	Chief Executive Officer
Policy Owner	Manager Governance and Support
Policy Quality Control	Corporate Improvement and Strategy

**EVAN PARDON
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

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POLICIES FOR ADOPTION - ADVERTISING SPENDING AND CARETAKER PERIOD

Caretaker Period Policy

Meeting Date: 13 October 2015

Attachment No: 2



CARETAKER PERIOD POLICY (ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY)

1. Scope:

This Policy applies to ~~all Rockhampton Regional Council (RRC) Councillors, and to all Council officers, whether permanent, temporary, casual or part-time~~ employees, contractors ~~and or~~ volunteers of the Rockhampton Regional Council.

2. Purpose:

~~Council will enter a caretaker period prior to Local Government Quadrennial elections. During the caretaker period, certain restrictions shall apply to Council, Councillors and Council officers.~~ To ensure the ordinary business of Council continues in a responsible, transparent and legally-compliant manner in the period leading up to an election.

3. Related Documents:

Primary
Nil

Secondary

~~Local Government Act 2009 (LGA)~~
~~Local Government Regulation 2012~~
~~Local Government Electoral Act 2011 (LGEA)~~
~~Local Government Electoral Regulation 2012~~
 Advertising Spending Policy
 Advice Guidelines for Councillor Requests for Advice to Help a Councillor Make a Decision Policy
Code of Conduct
Election Management Plan
Expenses Reimbursement and Provision of Facilities for Mayor and Councillors Policy
 Community Grants and Sponsorship Policy
 Community Grants and Sponsorship Procedure – Community Assistance Program
 Community Grants Procedure – Councillors Discretionary Funds
 Councillors Vehicle Use Policy
Election Management Plan
Expenses Reimbursement and Provision of Facilities for Mayor and Councillors Policy
 Guidelines for Councillor Requests for Information Policy
Local Law No. 1 (Administration) 2011
Local Law No 1.4 (Installation of Advertising Devices) 2011

4. Definitions:

To assist in interpretation, the following definitions apply:

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<u>Caretaker Period</u>	<u>As per section 90A of the Local Government Act 2009:</u> The period during an election for a local government that starts on the day when the public notice of the holding of the election is given and ends at the conclusion of the election.
<u>CEO</u>	<u>Chief Executive Officer</u> A person who holds an appointment under section 194 of the Local Government Act 2009. This includes a person acting in this position.
<u>Civic Events</u>	<u>A public event that initiates, manages and has full responsibility for.</u> An event or ceremony which involves a guest(s) of honour and invited guests approved by the Mayor. Civic events are initiated by the Mayor.
<u>Committee</u>	<u>A committee established under the Local Government Regulation 2012:</u> <u>Standing Committee</u> - A group of Councillors created by a resolution of the Council to undertake functions as determined under the Local Government Act 2009 or Local Government Regulation 2012 decided by a Council resolution. A standing committee may either be a delegated or non-delegated committee. <u>Advisory Committee</u> - A group of Councillors, and in some cases, non-elected representatives, for the performance of any duty, not of a permanent nature, created by resolution of the Council to undertake functions as determined under the Local Government 2009 or Local Government Regulation 2012 decided by a Council resolution. An advisory committee cannot be a delegated committee.
<u>Community Events</u>	<u>Events including but not limited to media launches, promotional events, community engagement, workshops, dinners, receptions, Mayoral events, awards, invitations to make submissions, local fairs.</u> An event, ceremony or gathering aimed at the whole community which demonstrates a clear community benefit, or serves an educational or welfare purpose.
<u>Conclusion of Election</u>	<u>As per section 7(a) of the Local Government Electoral Act 2011:</u> The day on which the last declaration of a poll conducted in the election is displayed at the office of the returning officer.
<u>Contractor</u>	A person that performs a specific act or acts including the provision of services to Council under an agreement enforceable by law.
<u>Council</u>	Rockhampton Regional Council
<u>Council Table</u>	The body of elected Councillors of Rockhampton Regional Council.
<u>Councillor/s</u>	The Mayor and Councillors of Rockhampton Regional Council, within the meaning of the Local Government Act 2009.
<u>Election Material</u>	<u>As per section 90D of the Local Government Act 2009:</u> Anything able to, or intended to, influence an elector about voting at an election or affect the result of an election.
<u>Election Period</u>	<u>As per the Schedule Dictionary of the Local Government Electoral Act 2011:</u> The period starting on the day when public notice of the holding

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	<u>of the election is given under section 25(1) and ending on the close of the poll for the election.</u>
<u>Employee</u>	<u>Local government employee:</u> <u>(a) the chief executive officer; or</u> <u>(b) a person holding an appointment under section 196 of the Local Government Act 2009.</u>

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<u>Fresh Election</u>	<u>As per the Schedule Dictionary of the Local Government Electoral Act 2011:</u> <u>An election of all the Councillors of a local government that is not a quadrennial election.</u>
<u>Major Policy Decision</u>	<u>As per Schedule 4 Dictionary of the Local Government Act 2009:</u> <u>A decision:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>About the appointment of a CEO;</u> ▪ <u>About the remuneration of the CEO or the local government;</u> ▪ <u>To terminate the employment of the CEO or local government; or</u> ▪ <u>To enter into a contract the total value of which is more than the greater of \$200,000 or 4one% of local government's net rate and utility charges as stated in the local government's audited financial statements included in the local government's most recently adopted annual report.</u>
<u>Mayor</u>	<u>The Mayor is an elected member of Rockhampton Regional Council, also referred to as a Councillor, with additional responsibilities as outlined in section 12(4) of the Local Government Act 2009.</u>
<u>Resources</u>	<u>Includes employees, services, information, equipment, printing, photographs, graphic design, public funds, grants, media services, materials published by Council (e.g. newsletters), hospitality, stationery, property, facilities, website, vehicles, administrative tools, and telecommunication devices.</u>
<u>Term of office</u>	<u>As per section 159 of the Local Government Act 2009:</u> <u>A Councillor's term starts on—</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>(a) If the Councillor is elected—the day after the conclusion of the Councillor's election; or</u> <u>(b) If the Councillor is appointed—the day on which the Councillor is appointed.</u> <u>As per section 160 of the Local Government Act 2009:</u> <u>A Councillor's term ends—</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>(a) If the Councillor is elected at a quadrennial election or at a fresh election—at the conclusion of the next quadrennial election; or</u> <u>(b) If the Councillor is elected at a fresh election and a declaration is also made under a regulation—at the conclusion of the quadrennial election after the next quadrennial election; or</u> <u>(c) If the Councillor is elected or appointed to fill a vacancy in the office of another Councillor—at the end of the other Councillor's term; or</u> <u>(d) When the Legislative Assembly ratifies the dissolution of the local government under section 123; or</u> <u>(e) When the Councillor's office becomes otherwise vacant.</u>
<u>Volunteer</u>	<u>Any person, who of their own free will, offers to undertake unpaid work for Council and is accepted as a volunteer by the CEO and/or his authorised delegates.</u>

Refer Schedule 1.

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5. Policy Statement:

Council will enter a caretaker period prior to Local Government quadrennial elections. During this time certain restrictions apply to RRC Council, Councillors, employees, contractors and volunteers to ensure ordinary business of RRC continues.

Council reaffirms its commitment during an election period to:

- The efficient continuation of Council's day to day business;
- Transparent actions and decision-making;
- Actions that do not, or cannot be perceived to, bind an incoming Council table in its operational delivery;
- The suspension of major policy decisions;
- The neutrality of Council officers employees, contractors and volunteers; and
- The continuation of the principle that the use of public funds for electoral purposes is unacceptable.

Elected members Councillors should take particular care in any campaign activity to ensure that there can be no possible perception of the use of Ccouncil provided resources and l-or facilities for activity that could be perceived as having some electoral flavour.

It is acknowledged that during an election period candidates may make election commitments which they intend to honour if they are elected. – Such commitments are not subject to this Policy.

5.1 Timing and Planning

The dates of a caretaker period are determined by the Electoral Commission Queensland.

5.2¹ Council ~~Table~~ Meetings and Council Committees

Council Table meetings and its Standing Ccommittees will continue to meet during the caretaker period for the purpose of making decisions in the public interest. However, Council will defer making any decisions will be deferred from being made during the caretaker period which:

- Could be perceived to unreasonably bind an incoming Council Table in its operational delivery; or
- Constitute a major policy decision¹ for which Ministerial approval has not been received (refer to section 5.3 below).

5.2 Timing and Planning

The exact dates of a caretaker period are determined by the Electoral Commission Queensland (ECQ)².

5.3 Prohibition on Major Policy Decisions¹

5.3.1 Prohibition on Major Policy Decisions

¹ Refer Schedule 1 – Definitions – Major policy decision

² Refer Schedule 1 – Definitions – Caretaker Period

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~~The Council Table~~ must not make any major policy decisions during a caretaker period.

However, if ~~the Council Table~~ considers that, having regard to exceptional circumstances that apply, it is necessary to make ~~the a~~ major policy decision in the public interest, ~~the Council Table shall willcan~~ apply to the Minister for approval to make the decision.

~~The Minister may give approval if the Minister is satisfied that, having regard to exceptional circumstances that apply, it is necessary for the Council Table to make the major policy decision in the public interest. The Minister's decision may include conditions with which the Council Table must comply.~~

5.4 — 5.3.2 Invalidity of a Major Policy Decision in a Caretaker Period Without Approval

A major policy decision made by ~~the Council Table~~ during a caretaker period is ~~considered~~ invalid if ~~the Council Table~~ does not have the Minister's approval to make the decision. A contract is void if it is the subject of a major policy decision that is invalid.

A person who acts in good faith in relation to a major policy decision of ~~the Council Table~~, or in relation to a contract that is the subject of a major policy decision, but who suffers loss or damage because of any invalidity of the decision or because the contract is void, has a right to be compensated by ~~Council RRCCouncil~~ for the loss or damage. ~~The person may bring a proceeding to recover the compensation in a court of competent jurisdiction.~~

5.54 — Prohibition on of Election Material

~~In accordance with section 90D of the LGA Local Government Act, Councillors, and Council officers employees, contractors and volunteers shall must not publish or distribute election material intending to influence an elector about voting at an election or affect the result of an election.~~

5.654 Use of Council RRCCouncil Resources and Facilities During an Election Period

Councillors are entitled to use ~~Council RRCCouncil~~ resources and/or facilities as outlined in ~~Council's the~~ Expenses Reimbursement and Provision of Facilities for Mayor and Councillors Policy, until their term of office³ ~~comes to an endconcludes~~.

~~However, Council RRCCouncil equipment and resources and facilities are unavailable to be used for election purposes. To clarify in particular for vehicles, where private rights have been approved or purchased, this vehicle may be used subject then subject to the following paragraph this vehicle may be used.~~

Councillors are not permitted to affix, or allowed to remain affixed, to ~~Council RRCCouncil~~ property any ~~sticker, poster, decal or other magnetic or adhesive deviceelection material~~ that promotes the Councillor as an actual or potential candidate for any election.

5.7 — Advertising Restrictions

~~Section 197 of the Local Government Regulation requires Council to adopt an Advertising Spending Policy.~~

~~Council's Advertising Spending Policy, stipulates advertising may continue during an election period if it meets one or more of the following criteria:~~

³ ~~Refer Schedule 4 — Definitions — Term of office~~

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- ~~It is required for ongoing business and commercial operation of Council;~~
- ~~It provides essential public information, without which the public would be detrimentally affected;~~
- ~~It is educational, provides information on core Council services, or can demonstrate a clear community benefit; and/or~~
- ~~It has already commenced, or routinely occurs at the same time each year, and meets at least one of the above criteria, or deferring it would have a significant impact on the overall cost and effectiveness of Council's operations.~~

~~Furthermore, Council will not in a three month period prior to a Local Government election or during the period of a by-election:~~

- ~~Place an advertisement relating to a major policy decision unless approved by the Minister pursuant to s 90B of the Local Government Act 2009;~~
- ~~Place an advertisement which seeks to influence, or provide support for particular candidates or groups of candidates; or~~
- ~~Feature one or more councillors in any paid Council advertisement.~~

5.865 Civic and Community Events

Representation of ~~Council~~ ~~RRC~~ Council at civic and community events ~~shall will be able to~~ continue during an election period provided the event meets one or more of the following criteria:

- It is a planned event endorsed by ~~Council's~~ ~~RRC's~~ Council's current Operational Plan;
- It is, or plans to be, routinely held at the same time of year;
- It is a commemorative or anniversary event held on or near the anniversary date;
- It demonstrates a clear community benefit, or serves an educational or welfare purpose;
- It contributes to cultural development, social awareness or sense of community identity; and/or
- It is an event to be hosted by or on behalf of the Mayor in fulfilling his or her statutory responsibilities for ceremonial and civic functions, including but not limited to, civic receptions, courtesy calls ~~or~~, hosting VIP guests to the ~~Rockhampton Regional~~ ~~r~~ Region.

5.976 Community Programs and Engagement

Surveys, blogs, invitations to put forward submissions, and other community engagement activities should be avoided during the caretaker period. ~~However,~~ community engagement may continue if it is part of an ongoing project that requires the engagement ~~as part of approved programs~~. Where community engagement has occurred ~~before prior to~~ the caretaker period but the report has not yet proceeded to Council ~~Table~~, results of the consultation will not be provided to ~~the~~ Council ~~Table~~ until the caretaker period has concluded.

5.107 Community Grants and Sponsorships

5.7.1 Community Grants

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Activities approved under community grants prior to the commencement of the caretaker period may continue during a caretaker period in accordance with ~~Council's~~ the Community Grants and Sponsorship Policy.

Any funding round for community grants that is open during the caretaker period ~~shall~~ may remain open but applications received during this time ~~shall~~ will not be determined until after the election.

Councillors ~~shall~~ will not approve community grants payments during the caretaker period other than if representation is made to the CEO for approval to support funding, ~~e.g. for a proposed event~~ if it meets one or more of the following criteria:

- It is an event that meets ~~Council's~~ RRC's ~~Council's~~ vision and objectives;
- It is, or plans to be, held routinely at the same time of year;
- It is a commemorative or anniversary event held on or near the anniversary date;
- It demonstrates a clear community benefit, or serves an educational or welfare purpose; and/or
- It contributes to cultural development, social awareness or a sense of community identity.

5.7.2 Sponsorship

No new sponsorship will be approved or entered into during the caretaker period. This includes providing sponsorship, in-kind sponsorship, or seeking sponsorship from external entities. Any sponsorship approved prior to the commencement of the caretaker period may continue in accordance with the Community Grants and Sponsorship Policy.

Sponsorship applications may continue to be received during the caretaker period however no decisions on sponsorships will be made until after the election.

5.7.344 Councillors Discretionary Funds

Funds ~~shall~~ will not be committed from Councillor ~~D~~ discretionary ~~F~~ funds during a caretaker period.

Funds committed prior to a caretaker period for an event or activity scheduled to take place during a caretaker period will not be realised.

However, a Councillor may make a recommendation to the CEO that discretionary funding should be allowed for an event or activity to be held during a caretaker period if it meets one or more of the following criteria:

- There is little or no discretion to change the date of the event or activity to a date outside the caretaker period; and/or
- It is an event or activity organised by an external entity that is regularly held at the same time each year and is routinely supported through discretionary funding.

The CEO ~~shall~~ will determine whether the funding should be committed and advise all parties.

5.12 Sponsorship

No new sponsorship shall will be approved or entered into during the caretaker period. This includes sponsorship where Council RRC gives provides sponsorship, including in-kind

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~~sponsorship, or seeks sponsorship from external entities. Any sponsorship approved prior to the commencement of the caretaker period may continue in accordance with Council's the Community Grants and Sponsorship Policy.~~

~~Sponsorship applications may continue to be received during the caretaker period however no decisions on sponsorships shall will be made until after the election.~~

5.138 Media

Media releases prepared by ~~Council~~RRC ~~the organisation~~ during the caretaker period must be of public interest, relate to day-to-day ~~Council~~RRC~~Council~~ business, and must not be reasonably ~~construed~~interpreted as being for political purposes.

During the caretaker period, ~~Council~~RRC~~Council~~ will respond to media enquiries that relate to operational matters only.

Media events may continue to be held during a caretaker period provided the media event relates to core ~~Council~~RRC~~Council~~ business or an ongoing project, and is not used for political purposes.

~~If the Mayor and/or a Councillor is at a media event and is asked a political question, under no circumstances should a response be attributed to Council. If seeking re-election, the Councillor should the Mayor and/or a Councillor if seeking re-election shall respond in their capacity as a candidate. or if the Councillor are is not seeking re-election, he or she should shall respond as an individual not affiliated with Council~~RRC. ~~under no circumstances should a response be attributed to Council.~~

During the caretaker period, ~~Council employees, contractors or volunteers officers~~ will not offer advice, assistance or scheduling to any Councillor in relation to ~~their a~~ Councillor ~~newsletter, media segment such as radio or a newspaper column, column.~~ Any general requests for information to assist with ~~such media columns~~ will be directed through the ~~Chief Executive Officer (CEO).~~

5.9 Website

~~Council~~RRC~~Council~~ will retain material placed on the website prior to the commencement of the caretaker period. However, this material will be reviewed to ensure that no materials promote individual Councillors.

Councillor profiles on the website will be amended to satisfy legislative statutory requirements.

Updates of ~~Council's~~RRC's~~Council's~~ website will be limited to the following:

- Uploading of essential operational media releases, restricted to administrative or operational information of public interest and of a time-sensitive nature;
- Road work updates or road closures;
- Health or emergency warnings;
- Material that is purely factual regarding Council's decisions and operations;
- Updates to existing forms;
- Aesthetic changes;
- Fixing broken links or repairing web issues; and/or
- Compliance with legislative requirements.

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5.10 Prohibition of Election Material

In accordance with section 90D of the Local Government Act, Councillors, employees, contractors and volunteers must not publish or distribute election material intending to influence an elector about voting at an election or affect the result of an election.

5.141 Electoral Signage

Candidates are required to comply with ~~Council's~~ the Subordinate Local Law No 1.4 (Installation of Advertising Devices) 2011 and any applicable ~~E~~lectoral ~~S~~ignage permit conditions in the lead up to any election. ~~Council officers~~ ~~Employees~~ are authorised to remove electoral signage erected in contravention of that Subordinate Local Law ~~No 1.4 (Installation of Advertising Devices)~~ and/or take enforcement action in accordance with Local Law No. 1 (Administration) 2011.

5.127 Provision of Information to Candidates

Requests for information by candidates during the caretaker period will be dealt with as per the process for a member of the public. The process for requesting and providing information will remain the same.

5.15 Requests for Information by Councillors

All requests for information or advice from Councillors shall will continue to be responded to in accordance with the Advice Guidelines for Councillor Requests for Advice to Help a Councillor Make a Decision Policy and Guidelines for Councillor Requests for Information Policy.

5.16 Councillor Conduct Complaints

Complaints about Councillor conduct made during the caretaker period shall will continue to be assessed by the CEO and dealt with in accordance the provisions of the Local Government Act 2009.

If the Councillor about whom the complaint was made is seeking re-election and is not successful, the complaint shall will continue to be heard in accordance with legislative requirements.

5.47 Provision of Information to Candidates

Requests for information by candidates during the caretaker period will be dealt with as per the process for a member of the public. The process for requesting and providing information will remain the same.

5.183 Mayor and Councillor Correspondence

The Mayor and Councillors may continue to correspond with constituents-electors on matters related to Council ~~RR~~Council business during the caretaker period. However, in responding to correspondence, the Mayor and Councillors shall will not purport to make policy commitments binding the incoming Council ~~Table~~.

5.14 Requests for Information by Councillors

All requests for information or advice from Councillors will continue to be responded to in accordance with the Advice Guidelines for Councillor Requests for Advice to Help a Councillor Make a Decision Policy and Guidelines for Councillor Requests for Information Policy.

5.15 Councillor Conduct Complaints

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Complaints about Councillor conduct made during the caretaker period will continue to be assessed by the CEO and dealt with in accordance the provisions of the *Local Government Act 2009*.

If the Councillor about whom the complaint was made is seeking re-election and is not successful, the complaint will continue to be heard in accordance with legislative requirements.

5.196 Council-Officers ~~Employees, Contractors and Volunteers~~

~~Council-officers~~Employees, contractors and volunteers shall ~~will~~ maintain the normal business activities of ~~Council-RRCCouncil~~ during the caretaker period. ~~Officers Employees, contractors and volunteers will~~ shall undertake their duties in an appropriate way and take all steps to avoid any real or perceived ~~partisanshipprejudice~~ in order to protect ~~the-organisation's-RRC's~~Council's ability to impartially serve any incoming Council-~~Table~~ following an election.

~~Officers~~Employees, contractors and volunteers will ~~shall~~ not fulfil any request that is, or could be perceived to be, an electioneering activity.

~~Elected-memberCouncillor s~~Support e~~Officers~~ will continue to provide support to ~~Councillors~~ for ~~Council-RRCCouncil~~ endorsed activities and core ~~Council-RRCCouncil~~ business.

Any ~~Council-officer~~employee, contractor or volunteer proposing to stand as a candidate for the election must complete an Election Management Plan.

As a candidate the ~~employee, contractor or volunteer~~ is entitled to be absent on leave from their appointment during the entire election period in accordance with section 203 of the *LGEALocal Government Electoral Act 2011*.

5.2017 Compliance

Failure to comply with this ~~Ppolicy.policy~~ and ~~with the policies, guidelines, and procedures-referred-to-in-this-Policy,~~ may constitute inappropriate conduct, misconduct, or official misconduct and ~~shall-may~~ be dealt with as follows:

- Official misconduct ~~shall-will~~ be referred to the Crime and ~~Misconduct~~Corruption Commission;
- Breaches by ~~officers-employees will~~ shall be managed under the Code of Conduct; and
- Breaches by Councillors ~~shall-will~~ be managed under the conduct and performance obligations of the *LGEALocal Government Act 2009*.

5.1824 Responsibilities

The CEO ~~shall-will~~ inform ~~the-Mayer,~~ Councillors and ~~all-Council-~~employees, contractors and volunteers of an impending election period and the restrictions that apply, by no later than two months before the commencement of an election period.

The CEO is the principal adviser to ~~the~~ Council ~~Table~~ and ~~all-Councillors~~ in relation to the application of this ~~Ppolicy-~~. As such, the CEO is the final decision-maker in relation to this ~~Ppolicy~~.

6. Review Timelines:

This ~~Ppolicy~~ will be reviewed when any of the following occur:

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- 6.1 The related information is amended or replaced ~~prior to any future local government elections~~; or
- 6.2 Other circumstances as determined from time to time by ~~the CEO Council Table~~.

7. **Responsibilities:**

Sponsor	Chief Executive Officer
Business Owner	Chief Executive Officer
Policy Owner	Manager Governance Support
Policy Quality Control	Corporate Improvement and Strategy

EVAN PARDON
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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SCHEDULE 1 DEFINITIONS		
Advertising	s 197(3) in the LG Regulation: is promoting, for the payment of a fee, an idea, goods or services to the public.	Formatted: Centered, Level 1
Caretaker period	S90A of the LGA: the period during an election for the Council that starts on the day when the public notice of the holding of the election is given and ends at the conclusion of the election.	Formatted: Centered, Level 1
Civic events	a public event that Council initiates, manages and has full responsibility for.	Formatted: Centered, Level 1
Community events	events including but not limited to media launches, promotional events, community engagement, workshops, dinners, receptions, Mayoral events, awards, invitations to make submissions, local fairs.	Formatted: Centered, Level 1
Conclusion of election	s 7(a) of the LGEA: the day on which the last declaration of a poll conducted in the election is displayed at the office of the returning officer.	Formatted: Centered, Level 1
Council resources	includes employees, services, information, equipment, printing, photographs, graphic design, public funds, grants, media services, materials published by Council (e.g. newsletters), hospitality, stationery, property, facilities, website, vehicles, administrative tools, telecommunication devices.	Formatted: Centered, Level 1
Election material	s 90D of the LGA: anything able to, or intended to, influence an elector about voting at an election or affect the result of an election.	Formatted: Centered, Level 1
Election period	Schedule Dictionary of the LGEA: the period starting on the day when public notice of the holding of the election is given under s 25(1) and ending on the close of the poll for the election.	Formatted: Centered, Level 1
Fresh election	Schedule Dictionary of the LGEA: an election of all the Councillors of Council that is not a quadrennial election.	Formatted: Centered, Level 1
Major policy decision	Schedule 4 Dictionary of the LGA: a decision: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> about the appointment of a Chief Executive Officer; about the remuneration of the Chief Executive Officer; to terminate the employment of the Chief Executive Officer; or <ul style="list-style-type: none"> to enter into a contract the total value of which is more than the greater of \$200,000/150,000 or 1% of local government's net rate and utility charges as stated in the local government's audited financial statements included in the local government's most recently adopted annual report. 	Formatted: Centered, Level 1
Term of office	S159 LGA 2009: A councillor's term starts on— <p>(a) if the councillor is elected—the day after the conclusion of the councillor's election; or</p> <p>(b) if the councillor is appointed—the day on which the councillor is appointed.</p> <p>S160 LGA 2009: A councillor's term ends—</p> <p>(a) if the councillor is elected at a quadrennial election or at a fresh election—at the conclusion of the next quadrennial election; or</p> <p>(b) if the councillor is elected at a fresh election and a declaration is also made under a regulation—at the conclusion of the quadrennial election after the next quadrennial election; or</p> <p>(c) if the councillor is elected or appointed to fill a vacancy in</p>	Formatted: Centered, Level 1
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	the office of another councillor at the end of the other councillor's term; or (d) when the Legislative Assembly ratifies the dissolution of the local government under section 123; or (e) when the councillor's office becomes otherwise vacant.
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11.4 MOUNT ARCHER ACTIVATION MASTER PLAN ENDORSEMENT**File No:** 5918**Attachments:**

1. Mount Archer Activation Master Plan Community Report Final
2. Mount Archer Activation Master Plan for Council endorsement 13 October 2015

Authorising Officer: Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services**Author:** Wade Clark - Community Engagement Officer

SUMMARY

The Draft Mount Archer Activation Master Plan has been presented to the community through a community engagement process and there is widespread support for its implementation. There has been minor modifications made to the Master Plan based on the feedback and Council endorsement of the presented Master Plan is requested.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Mount Archer Activation Master Plan be endorsed by Council.

THAT an implementation plan for the Mount Archer Activation Master Plan be prepared for Council's consideration.

COMMENTARY

The Council approved the Draft Mount Archer Activation Master Plan for community consultation on the 14 July 2015. The development of the draft itself had undertaken a thorough community consultation process from November 2014 to June 2015 with a variety of community members and key stakeholders.

The engagement period for the Draft Mount Archer Activation Master Plan was from 21 July to the 14 August 2015. The engagement focused on providing all community members the opportunity to provide comment on the Draft Mount Archer Activation Master Plan, if they chose to. A dedicated campaign was also initiated inviting comment from all community members and key stakeholders involved in the development of the Draft Mount Archer Activation Master Plan.

A full report of the community engagement findings can be seen in Attachment 1: Mount Archer Activation Master Plan Community Report Final.

The main messages from the community engagement were:

- There is strong community support for the Draft Mount Archer Activation Master Plan.
- The focus on initial projects/programs should be on walking tracks, Pilbeam walk, the environment and mountain bike trails.
- The Eco Centre should focus on providing a destination and activities that reflect its environment.
- Pilbeam walk and the car park proposed at the base of Pilbeam Drive were clearly favoured by Mount Archer and Frenchville residents.
- Move the toilet identified for German Street Park well within the First Turkey Mountain Bike Reserve as a compost toilet for bike riders.

From the feedback obtained from the community the following changes to Draft Mount Archer Activation Master Plan are proposed (Note this can be viewed in Attachment 2: Mount Archer Activation Master Plan):

- An additional long range mountain bike trail linked with the First Turkey Mountain Bike Reserve into the Mount Archer National Park, P9.

- Provide educational providers with more opportunities to use Fraser Park and potentially the Eco Centre, P26 and P28.
- Move the toilet identified for German Street Park well within the First Turkey Mountain Bike Reserve as a compost toilet for bike riders, P36.
- Focus the Eco Centre and activities that would occur in/around Fraser Park on nature based activities. This means that further investigation is required for an appropriate location for the Tree Towers Adventures which includes ziplines, ropes challenges and tree line roller coasters. Several areas on the outskirts of the Mount Archer Future Use Map could be explored further, P40.
- Include investigating Horse Trails within the Mount Archer Future Use Map envelop, P40.

From the community engagement it was evident that numerous community members and groups were keen to be involved with the implementation of the Mount Archer Activation Master Plan. It is proposed that an implementation plan is drafted for the Council with the community development guiding principles of:

- Community inclusion,
- Community capacity building,
- Community collectiveness, and
- Community mobilisation.

It is proposed that project management, leveraging of partnerships and value for money principles would also be core foundations for the Mount Archer Activation Master Plan Implementation Program.

BACKGROUND

In June 2014 Council made the decision to create an Activation Master Plan for Mount Archer with the plan to achieve the following key outcomes:

- Establish an integrated and structured plan for the development of Mount Archer.
- Enshrine consideration of indigenous and local history and the preservation and conservation of natural flora and fauna.
- Direction of future infrastructure works for best utilisation.
- Development of Mount Archer as a key tourist destination.
- Ensure that the needs of all user groups have been considered.

The implementation process for the Plan involved consultation with key user groups, residents, government agencies and the general public over two stages:

1. Concept stage
2. Consultation stage.

The concept stage concluded in June 2015 and resulted in the production of the Draft Mount Archer Activation Master Plan.

Council approved the Draft Mount Archer Activation Master Plan for community consultation on the 14 July 2015.

PREVIOUS DECISIONS**14 JULY 2015 COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

THAT the draft Mount Archer Activation Master Plan be endorsed and approved for community consultation.

Moved by: Mayor Strelow

Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

MOTION CARRIED

ADOPTED PARKS AND RECREATION RECOMMENDATION

THAT a structured project for the provision of integrated pedestrian and vehicular traffic at Mount Archer be developed.

Moved by: Mayor Strelow

Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

The current endorsement of the Mount Archer Activation Master Plan will not have any initial budget implications however the proposed implementation program will seek funding from Council. The implementation program will look at ways various strategic partners, grants and alternate funding methods could assist the implementation of the Master Plan.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The endorsement of the Mount Archer Activation Master Plan has no direct legal implications.

STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

At this stage no further staffing implications.

Internal resources that worked on the project will be requested to allocate some limited time in assisting the community engagement officer to develop an implementation program.

RISK ASSESSMENT

There is no direct risk to Council in endorsing the Master Plan. Specific elements that relate directly to Council within the Mount Archer Activation Master Plan will have appropriate risk assessments completed when they are developed.

CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN***Parks & Open Space***

Provide and maintain an open space parks network and recreation facilities, to meet community expectations and enhance community wellbeing

- Plan for appropriate open space within the Region
- Ensure botanical collections are maintained and developed
- Provide developmental programs for sporting and recreational groups
- Maintain the Region's sports fields, parks, gardens, playgrounds and open spaces

CONCLUSION

Mount Archer is steeped in history, has a wealth of cultural heritage value and is an iconic place for the residents across our Region.

By endorsing the Mount Archer Activation Master Plan the current generation sets a course to encourage community interaction with this space, improve the environmental values of the area and seek to stimulate the local economy. It will in effect leave a legacy for future generations as did Rex Pilbeam when he opened up Mount Archer 50 years ago.

MOUNT ARCHER ACTIVATION MASTER PLAN ENDORSEMENT

Mount Archer Activation Master Plan Community Report Final

Meeting Date: 13 October 2015

Attachment No: 1



Mount Archer Activation Master Plan Community Engagement Report

Date: July-August 2015



Draft Mount Archer Activation Master Community Engagement

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Executive Summary

Rockhampton Regional Council on the 14 July 2015 endorsed and approved the Draft Mount Archer Activation Master Plan for community consultation.

According to the Council's community engagement matrix the consultation was rated as a level 1 high regional engagement due to the level of significance of the draft master plan.

The approach for the engagement focused on methods that built awareness and understanding which assisted with an in-depth dialogue with a diverse range of community members and stakeholder groups.

The consultation period was from the 21 July to 14 August and included:

- Face to face meetings with local communities. Mount Archer had two meetings with approx. 15 members at each meeting, Norman Gardens had one meeting at German Street Park with 30 members and there was a stall set up at the National Tree planting day at Frenchville.
- Correspondence to all Strategic Partners involved in the previous engagements requesting feedback.
- A hard copy and electronic submission based survey was promoted and provided to any community member that wanted to take the opportunity to comment.
- An Open House engagement was completed at the Mount Archer State School (Koongal).
- Meetings held with Capricornia Conservation Council and Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service.

In terms of total submissions, 33 online & hard copy forms and three official letters were received.

Main Messages from participants

Strong community support for the Draft Mount Archer Activation Master Plan

- Meeting with Mount Archer residents supported the draft plans with their priority on Pilbeam Walk.
- Meeting with German/Sunset Street residents supported the plans without the proposed toilet.
- Dialogue with Frenchville residents supported the plans with a focus on the car park.
- Only two submissions received were not in support of the approach, whereas all others were either in favour or suggested additional items to be considered.

Focus on Walking Tracks, Pilbeam Walk, the Environment and Mountain Bike trails

- Analysis of the feedback provided the above are the community's focal areas.
- The Capricornia Bushwalkers also provided a detailed plan for where to start for the Walking tracks (the Mount Archer Ridge and Range Walk).

Focus the Eco Centre on providing a destination and activities that reflect its environment

- There were various discussions with different groups and individuals regarding the Eco Centre and what it could provide.
- Much of the comments focused on removing the higher intensity activities from the top of the Mountain such as Ziplines.
- When asked about whether an Eco Centre would be appropriate all indicated that it would be appropriate and activities should be nature based/have a low level of intensity.

Pilbeam Walk and car park clearly favoured by Mount Archer and Frenchville residents

- Many local residents indicated that there was a safety issue with walkers and cyclists travelling up and down Pilbeam Drive.
- The car park at the base of Pilbeam Drive was seen as a good solution to the current noise issues being experienced by Frenchville residents close to this road.

Move the toilet identified for German Street Park into the First Turkey Mountain Bike Reserve

- The local community did not want a toilet in German Street Park. They were satisfied with a compost toilet located within the First Turkey Mountain Bike Reserve for bike riders.



Draft Mount Archer Activation Master Community Engagement

Draft Mount Archer Activation Themed Comments

Infrastructure

Access and Traffic

- Improve Pilbeam Drive was mentioned by most locals and many submissions also indicated the same – resident comment:
"Definitely need upgrades to road and pathway along Pilbeam drive for walkers."
- Base of Pilbeam Drive car park was supported by those at the base of Pilbeam Drive and those at the top of Mountain.
- Emergency access was discussed and supported for the German Street Bushland area (going through Moores Creek) for a causeway to enable emergency vehicles access to the Bushland. Providing access via Guthrie Street was also requested.
- Enhancing existing platforms and providing new platforms was supported. A meeting with a Dharumbal representative indicated a platform at Fraser Park pointing towards Gawula (Mount Wheeler) was important to this group.

The Pilbeam Walk

- Pathway along Pilbeam Drive strongly supported by Mount Archer residents and the broader community – resident comment:
"100% support of the Pilbeam walk- base of Mt Archer to Frazer park via road."

Mount Archer Walkways and Signage

- Mount Archer Tourist Directional Signage was indicated as an important element from the Capricornia Conservation Council.
- Pedestrian Way Finding and Health Signage, no direct comments were made.

Environment

Flora

- Mount Archer Environmental Program (Flora) was discussed with the Capricornia Conservation Council (CCC) and it was agreed that lantana at Fraser Park was a considerable issue. The CCC indicated their support for a working relationship to assist the implementation of the Activation Master Plan.
- Creek and Environmental Corridors (Flora) were discussed with Capricornia Catchments Inc and members of the junior Gmundoo Rangers. Capricornia Catchments Inc/FBA have undertaken some considerable works on Moores Creek but indicated that more needs to be done for this creek and Frenchmans and Thozets Creek.
It was noted that for Mount Archer residents pockets of rubber vine whilst a weed was helping to protect residents from bushfire.

Fauna

- Mount Archer Environmental Program (Fauna) was discussed with numerous parties and supported in its approach. Many indicated that the feral reduction program should focus in on feral cats around the Berserkers.
- Signage and interpretive trails across the habitats listed was supported by the CCC.
- For the Creek and Environment Corridors Program (Fauna) references were made to ensuring fish could migrate upstream particularly in Moores Creek.



Facilities

Fraser Park Restoration and Expansion

- Fraser Park Restoration Project was strongly supported, residents outlined that additional playground equipment would assist families using the space on a more regular basis. Capricorn Enterprise indicated that they should be included as a key stakeholder for tourism.
- Lookouts Project was discussed and that the section in "Access and Traffic" relating to Fraser Park should be transferred to this section.
- The Capricornia Observatory Project was seen as ambitious. The use of existing towers for an observatory was a solution as well as joining many telecommunication towers together to provide more land for an observatory.
- Fraser Park Accessibility Audit was discussed with the Rockhampton Access & Equity group. They requested to be further engaged in the development of the landscape plans for Fraser Park.

Key Project: Eco Centre

- Fraser Park Eco Centre was widely supported however many outlined that this should not be accompanied by more intense activities such as a Zipline/Tree Top Adventures. Persons that have detailed knowledge of the flora at the top of the Mountain indicated that because of the altitude and the predominant tree types that these trees break easily and couldn't sustain the weight of a Zipline.

Dharumbal Culture

Dharumbal Activation for Mount Archer

- Supported by the Dharumbal elders and the wider community.

The Mount Archer Ridge and Range Walk

- An opportunity was outlined by some Dharumbal people for guided indigenous tours to be undertaken in the National Park.

Signage and Interpretive Trails

- Supported by the Dharumbal Elders and the wider community.

Lookouts Project

- Supported by the Dharumbal Elders and the wider community.
Note that for all of the elements above the Dharumbal Elders via liaison Malcolm Mann provided their support for this section of the plan.

Activities

Key Project: The Mount Archer Ridge and Range Walk

- Resident comment: *"Really like the idea of increasing hiking trails".*
- Numerous comments on the need for works in the aftermath of Cyclone Marcia

Key Project: German Street Bushland Park

- Emergency access, there was no issue with the German street Bushland Park access and a further suggestion of Rogar Avenue to be included for emergency access was made.
- German Street Bushland Park project, only two elements outlined by the local community were no toilets in the park and moving of the pump track to within the first Turkey Mountain Bike Reserve.



Key Project: Mountain Bike Trails

- Widely seen as an important project and the local community in/around Sunset Drive (Norman Gardens) were happy with the Rockhampton Mountain Bike Club's plans to construct more mountain bike trails within the First Turkey Mountain Bike Reserve.

Proposed Events Calendar

- There wasn't much detail outlined by the community on the events calendar.

The Wild Side

- The proposed tree towers adventures including zipline activities in particular were outlined by many groups as not being appropriate for the area. Local residents wanted to see more nature based activities to occur at the top of Mount Archer. It was outlined that trees at the top of Mount Archer are quite brittle and wouldn't suit this type of activity. There was some discussion of having these types of activities in another area but at lower altitudes.
- The mobile bungee jump was seen as a bit of fun.
- There were no issues raised with abseiling or climbing.



Points raised at designated meetings**Stall established at National Tree Planting Day – 26 July 2015**

- Pathway along Pilbeam Drive will be a major benefit.
- More playground equipment at the top of Pilbeam Drive will attract more families.
- Eco Centre idea is interesting but Council should not run the business, it should be private enterprise.
- Bushwalking trails and mountain bike trails will encourage more people to use them which should also encourage fitness.
- The local Scouts Group and Gmundoo Junior Rangers expressed an interest in working on small scale projects. Both were enthusiastic about the bushwalking trails.

Meeting with Capricornia Conservation Council – 29 July 2015

- No issues with improving parking opportunities at the base of Pilbeam Drive
- Showed concern with the loop road concept to Mount Archer, officers outlined at this stage it was just an investigation.
- No significant issues with improving Pilbeam Drive.
- For the dedicated pathway along Pilbeam Drive there was a question on what would happen to the trees that were along the left hand side of the road where a pathway would be designated. The officers outlined that for every tree removed another would be replanted within the Berserker Reserve.
- No significant issues with providing emergency access however it was outlined that any structure would need to allow fish / fauna migration.
- No issues with mountain bike / bush walking amenities.
- No issues with camping opportunities within the National Park as it was outlined these were small scale and take in/take out. Advice was provided that the camping areas required simple water storage capabilities that wild animals could not destroy.
- Upgrade lookouts at Fraser Park and along Pilbeam Drive was supported, CCC made reference to the factor that potential canopy walk/lookouts could achieve great views whilst not removing established trees.
- No significant issues with the Capricornia Observatory concept provided that it were established within the Fraser Park envelope.
- Provide Eco-Tourism opportunities was strongly supported by the CCC on the basis that the focus was nature based activities and not Ziplines / more intensive activities.
- Promote Dharumbal Culture within the activation plan was strongly supported.
- Zamia Trail upgrades was strongly supported by the CCC.
- The Mount Archer Ridge and Range Walk was strongly supported by the CCC.
- Further mountain bike trails was discussed and the CCC made the note that there was weed issues within the German Street Bushland area that needed to be rectified. In terms of the trails themselves there were no issues or concerns.

Meeting with Mount Archer residents – 30 July 2015

- No issues with improved parking at the base of Pilbeam Drive
- The community indicated that they were fine with the investigation of the feasibility study to proceed however they were sceptical on it progressing further. Also references to the current state of Pilbeam Drive were made.
- Improving Pilbeam Drive was thoroughly endorsed by Mount Archer residents.
- Implementing a walkway was also thoroughly endorsed by Mount Archer residents and stipulations for it to also accommodate cyclists were made.
- No issues with improving emergency access
- The upgrading of mountain bike/bushwalking amenities was seen as a plus.
- Providing of small scale camping opportunities within the National Park was of interest to the group.
- Upgrading of lookouts at Fraser Park and Pilbeam Drive was strongly supported.



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- The building of the Capricorn Observatory was supported.
- There was an interesting conversation around eco-tourism opportunities and the eco centre. Locals wanted to see a focus on nature based activities and education for the centre so that it would blend well with the current use of the area.
- Promoting of Dharumbal Culture was strongly supported by Mount Archer residents.
- Locals wanted to see the National Park undertake various works on Zamia Trail as it currently needs work to clear debris from the effects of the cyclone.
- The Mount Archer Ridge and Range Walk was strongly supported by the locals and they wanted to see further upgrades to the classification of the proposed trails so that it would be more accessible to residents.
- The line on the overall map P9 has Zamia trail going around the residential summit, this needs to be changed.
- In terms of the First Turkey Mountain Bike Reserve most residents whilst not direct users of the trails wanted to see this progress.

Meeting with residents in and around Sunset Drive – 1 August

- The community was adamant that they didn't want to see toilet amenities directly in the German Street Park, they were fine with a compost toilet well within the First Turkey Mountain Bike Reserve to service users of this facility but it couldn't be anywhere close to residential housing.
- Locals were keen to see further mountain bike trails within the First Turkey Mountain Bike Reserve and they indicated that the Rockhampton Mountain Bike Club had continually engaged the local community in relation to its activities.
- There were requests for further environmental/remedial projects in/around Moores Creek to take place as the effects of Cyclone Marcia were still being felt.
- Locals approved of improved emergency access at Moores Creek and at the back of Rogar Avenue on the premise that it would be locked with the keys only available to local emergency services/appropriate authorities.

Open House Meeting at Mount Archer State School – 6 August 2015

- The open house meeting had numerous stakeholders having stalls of the school.
- Resident located in Koongal expressed the desire for Council to allow further development their land however the current planning scheme did not allow for such a development. Please see Resident Submission No.1, P16.
- A resident raised whether a horse trail could be implemented in the plan.
- Numerous residents indicated that the Mount Archer Ridge and Range Walk was going to be a major asset and that they wanted to participate in projects that helped in its progression.

Meeting with Rockhampton Regional Council Access & Equity Group – 7 September 2015

- The group outlined the importance of accessibility for those that have mobility issues particularly for Fraser Park, including toilets, paths, parking and signage.
- The group indicated that lookouts need to be compliant so that all users could access them.
- For the Capricorn Observatory the group outlined that a lift would need to be incorporated.
- The group wanted to be involved in the planning for Fraser Park in more detail.



Submission Comments

1	A funky tea house/restaurant overlooking lights would be awesome.
2	A master plan is a great idea as there is so much potential for the local community and visitors to the region. Definitely need upgrades to road and pathway along Pilbeam drive for walkers. Upgrades to tracks at summit needed. Drink fountains great but gym equipment not needed. Already is place along Frenchville road and rarely used. Signage improvement also essential. Whenever we go on holidays we like to go on a local walk. In rocky there are no tourist walks apart from along riverbank which lacks signage. Recommend you contact visitor information centre as brochures are out dated. Not sure promotional material is included in the plan? Need printed, electronic and app.
3	All sounds very good. I think amenity blocks are also very important in playgrounds. Not everyone's house is a couple of minutes away and children give very little notice that they need to go.
4	As someone who enjoys forest walks and mountain biking I think Mt Archer is a beautiful place and the plan is going to make it even better for more people to enjoy. My only issue is that I know people who live along Sunset Drive and Retreat Avenue and there is already some issues with the current amount of people who walk/ride right along their backyards. From what I have heard the main issue is with people who go walking early in the morning with/without dogs and therefore making residents dogs bark waking everyone up. I also think this is also a potential crime hazard with people walking behind properties. My two ideas to fix this problem are below; 1. Direct the walking path from the German St carpark to follow along the bank of moores creek which should be enough of a buffer to keep people away from the backyards of properties. 2. Create a new carpark at the end of Guthrie street. I do believe there is already an access track from here that moutainbike riders use. This would also stop any issues of people crossing Moores Creek. In addition to this I am not sure if a pump track is needed in the park. I think it will become an area for youth to congregate at night where there is minimal lighting. Also I don't think the residents across the road along Sunset Drive would appreciate people using this late at night and could also have a negative impact on the value of their properties. If a pump track was wanted I think a better place for it would be at the start of the mountain bike trails where there is already some easy to ride tracks in place for beginners but overall I think keep the pump tracks at the bmx track.
5	Aspirations • Improve usage of mountaintop facilities Absolutely. The Mountain is vastly underutilised because there is nothing particularly special to encourage people to visit it. Why would I be attracted to Rockhampton to drive or walk up a mountain when I can do this in other parts of Qld, other states of Australia or throughout the world. • Open up the park to more nature based activities e.g. bushwalking and cycling. Current tracks need to be advertised at the bottom of Pilbeam Drive at a basic kiosk with signage so people know what is available before they drive up. Various levels of walking tracks (for various levels of fitness). "Give it a go" level - From Pilbeam Drive walk up to first lookout. "Now you're walking" level - From 1st lookout to 2nd lookout. "The Hero" level - all the way to the top. More x country bike tracks for the locals and this can be developed into an annual event - Rocky Mountain High - X Country Challenge (a pun on the Canadian Rockies and the song "River Deep, Mountain High"). Or a river to mountain top challenge. • Create camp sites in the National Park for use by both residents and tourists. Eco tourism - local indigenous people managing the camp site and taking people on bushwalks and talking about the heritage of the are. \$60 per site per night for 2 adults and 2 children and add on the bush walk for \$20 per family. Max of 5 sites to create exclusivity and sense of the experience being special. • Create a wider variety of Mountain Bike trails and activities as above • Enable opportunities for events and sports tourism as above. Sports & events tourism can be a huge money spinner for the region. • Provide a safe pedestrian path for Pilbeam Drive as above • Increase opportunities for healthy living • Increase tourist attractions and experiences in Rockhampton as above and below. Abselling down and along a wire line of some distance or in a funicular. • Open up the breathtaking panoramic views of the city, river and hinterland. Look at the Valley of the Giants tree top walk in Denmark WA. denmarkwa.asn.au/treetopwalk.htm . What about a glass top walk? A bridge from one ridge to another, or off one of the existing viewing points for people to walk along over the treetops to experience the senses of vertigo, fear, detachment from the earth, and have a "wow" experience. Or a steel bridge extending out over the treetops with a big circular viewing area at the end - like the ocean viewing/fishing platform at the Strand in Townsville.
6	Everything is fantastic, I can't wait! It's about time we had a tourist draw card and this is it. Walking tracks, bungee, zip lines EXCELLENT. We will be on the map.....
7	Good Evening, We would like that Horse Riding would be approved on the Walking Track/ Mountain Bike Track or maybe another track could be organised. It is such a beautiful area and

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	there is currently no facilities available for horse trail riding. Horses would certainly not do any damage to the environment and would be another attraction for other sections of the community and encourage more quiet outdoor activities. Improved walking tracks we believe, would be a good thing, but feel Mount Archer should be kept in the same vein as it is now, with the addition of a Café, as we feel any other infrastructure would be a future waste of Rate payers money as it would eventually be destroyed by bushfires and most Rockyites enjoy Mr Archer as a quiet wilderness and native animal refuge. We believe making it like a theme park would totally destroy the whole atmosphere. Frenchville Road is a busy road now and we certainly do not want massive traffic increases. Hoping you take these points into consideration.
8	Great to see an organized approach to using the National Park. - use should have minimal impact while giving good access - planned projects should be developed in order that provide the most significant use at a non exurbanite expense (i.e. walk way up the road - expensive and about <20 people per day would use this) current observation of how many walk up the mountain at present - a lookout at the summit and about somewhere half way up would get good use (many tourists use the mountain) - developing the bush walking tracks; better for bush walking and user friendly for exercise walkers, some tracks could start at the 'saddle' A 'saddle' parking area would be suitable for track walkers and exercise walkers
9	Great to see some focus on this local feature. Saw some similar at Mt Gravatt recently and no doubt we can learn from hill features in other places. Not sure what is reality given the tenure is mostly Protected Area except for the road & the summit which is residential, council park AND communication sites which sit on the most useable (Flat) land. Fraser Park is looking tired/ battered and could do with a spruce up especially if subject to professional design, construction & material standards. Lets lose the second hand brick pavers and old power poles installed by inmates some years ago and the stone edifice plaques and redesign the whole hill top including the Comms tower area.(Not mentioned in the Plan?) I am wondering if some of those comms towers (Which occupy great vantage points) could be amalgamated and incorporated with a major tower / viewing structure? in order to maximise use of the available flat land. (The major constraint on development) National Park walking tracks and camping are a great idea if there is a demand. Otherwise could be a premature use/ waste of money for use by few. The Zamia track was built in the 1980s by QPWS and a Commonwealth Employment Programme team of 10 that took about a year to complete. There are some great opportunities to construct new tracks but will not be cheap especially in locations difficult to access and like ALL walking tracks will require significant annual maintenance. The Zamia track is an example of yet another track that always seems to be in need of repair & maintenance. So some genuine commitment to ongoing maintenance would also be good for the whole plan concept prior to making any commencement announcements. Suggest that the loop road proposal (2) on the map could be considered as a walking track if a road is not possible.(Maybe it could go to the top from behind the Frenchville school?) Some previous on the Mt was done on the cheap and no longer acceptable BUT showed some great vision to create an asset for the Rocky area community.
10	I am generally impressed by the breadth ,scope and presentation of the Draft Mount Archer Activation Master Plan and the ideas contained therein. New and varied opportunities for outdoor activities as proposed will be welcome to locals and tourists alike however they will not necessarily lead to an improvement of the general health of the local population. Recent studies do not link the provision of extra facilities with overall participation of the community but are wonderful for those inclined to use them. It is always difficult to balance protection of an environment with increased opportunities to access that same environment. Extra walking tracks, dedicated footpaths, better lookouts, built facilities such as eco centres, and mountain bike tracks are all good things of themselves but also can easily lead to increased erosion , disturbance of fauna and flora, increased risk of weed spread, degradation of the mostly undisturbed appearance of Mt Archer when viewed from the city and possibly overcrowding of a site valued partly for its serenity. In other words it is always easy to "love a precious area to death". This need not be the case but a balance is needed and especially when commercial operations are added to the mix bringing a further conflict of interest. Unless the scar on the landscape of a loop road was to be hidden from the city view of Mt Archer, it would be a seriously backward step. Remember how long the present road took to blend in fairly well . I look forward to the revised draft plan and hope a balanced and cautious approach to "activation" of Mt Archer can be achieved that leads to greater appreciation and restoration of this important natural asset accompanied with greater opportunities to enjoy varied activities within it.
11	I am in 100% support of the Pilbeam walk- base of Mt Archer to Frazer park via road. I run this often but I am concerned for my safety. Widening the road and making a dedicated pathway would make

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	it a lot safer. Many people walk /run the road all days of the week, but it would be more appealing if safer.
12	I attended the meeting held at German Street Park Saturday 01.08.2015. Thank you for the great clean up job done following the cyclone. I agree with your plans to extend the car park in area and provide toilets for everyone to make use of. As an owner and resident in Kestral Court a well maintained toilet will be an asset to the area. Having the mountain bike club use the area has provided me personally with great walking tracks plus a greater sense of security.
13	I fear that the toilet/shower facility would attract drug users and other undesirable people to our quiet, safe neighbourhood and threaten our safety and security
14	I love the plan and proposed activities. Additional suggestions: 1. Provide additional playground equipment at sunset drive park. Include equipment for varying skills levels/ages and provide shade cover. This is already a well used park, but with increased equipment and toilets close by the park usage will triple. Families using the bike trails will love the location. 2. Bike skills park at sunset drive - more information. Is it a mountain bike skills park for learners or a bike riding practice park similar to that near the PCYC, North Rockhampton? Bike skills practice will be great and well used by families particularly if the playground is upgraded and toilets are available. 3. Better signage needed. Improve and add signage to bike trails and walks explaining difficulty of ride, length and directions to follow 4. Most importantly maintenance. Council will need to ensure that parks are mowed regularly and that the bike trails are well maintained. 5. Access across sunset drive through to Guthrie street, so that local residents could walk to Frenchville state school. 6. Fire prevention. Council will need to talk with local residents regarding fire maintenance surrounding their properties.
15	I think this is the best thing that has been put forward in years! Only think I could think to add would be one of the outdoor gym type things and maybe a skate park along with the pump track.
16	In your dreams! What a waste of money. Rockhampton residents don't: Walk anywhere Are too obese - too many fast food outlets Kids don't ride bicycles - their parents drive them to school There are no bike paths in Rockhampton for those of us who do ride bikes Kids don't play outside after school or during the holidays We took a friend from New Zealand up to Mt Archer last week and were the only ones there. We even did the walks and still no other humans had arrived!!!! Did the other members of the Rockhampton Regional Council get a voice in the above decision or was it 'the captain's call?' If RRC does go ahead with this ridiculous idea, let's hope that you have an internet café, Wi-Fi etc. so that the fat and lazy can watch those who do believe/participate in exercise out in the fresh air!!!
17	It is awesome to see Rockhampton finally progressing. I am a born and breed Rocky girl who moved away for 14 years from 1990-2004 and upon my return there was little change. Other towns and cities have had so much more to offer. It is great to see that the Council is moving forward now in leaps and bounds.
18	Looks great
19	Looks great to have this resource being used Thinking adventure area such as ropes flying fox etc. needs a group to run this but would be an assist for community groups etc
20	Love the plan, but have concerns about the access via German Street to Sunset Drive. German Street does not have a footpath all the way along and has a extremely small and sharp round-a-about on German Street and Cheney Street. German Street is particularly dangerous for walkers and bike riders and bringing more traffic to the area would increase the problem. German Street access to Sunset Drive would need to be improved.
21	Most appealing features of the draft plan: - removal of weeds and exotic species from the park and creeks; and annual surveys of the park environment; - incorporation of improvements and educational signage that acknowledges the culture of the Durambal people; - additional hiking tracks to open up more areas of the park to visitors; - separation of walkers from vehicular traffic on Pilbeam Drive; - expansion of mountain bike tracks. A suggestion for consideration: Council could work with local motorsport groups to incorporate an annual 2 day hill climb time trial event in to the events calendar, perhaps in concert with the bilycart proposal. In addition to conventional classes of racing, this event could include classes for electric vehicles and motorcycles. The time trial could be a one way course, commencing from the proposed new carpark at the base of Pilbeam Dr, with a finish line on the strait before the carpark at the summit. A time trial format would allow competition to be conducted over a number of periods (e.g. 30 or 60 min duration) when Pilbeam Dr would be closed to traffic, with the road re-opened during intervals to allow Mt Archer residents to access and exit their properties, and for competitors and support crews to return to the start area. Similar events have been held at Mt Cotton in Brisbane and Mt Stuart in Townsville, and other locations throughout the world. Benefits include: - An annual opportunity for the local

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	motorsports community to compete; - Attracts competitors and fans from throughout Australia; - Television coverage provides promotion for the attractions of the park and Rockhampton region; - One way time trial format does not require Pilbeam Dr to be upgraded to the standard applied to closed racing tracks.
22	Most of the plan appears to be a good benefit for the community. Not sure about a permanent toilet block (and shower) in the parkland area in Sunset Drive, Sanctuary Estate. They only tend to encourage loiterers etc. and overnight visitors.
23	Mt Archer Activation Master Plan Lack of definitions / a glossary. The use of buzzwords and prefixes without providing a clear definition could be interpreted as lack of rigour. For example what is an 'eco-centre'? Is there some internationally accredited standard that must be met to qualify for the use of the word? If so, what and where is the definition? Or will it simply be badged as Eco Centre with no rigour behind the term? Sustainable Development is not the same thing as sustained development. Nor is Sustainable development the same as Ecologically Sustainable Development (ESD). Nowhere does the document reference ESD but the use of the words "Sustainable Development" may imply to the naïve that ESD is what is intended. If ESD is not the focus then a definition of Sustainable Development is needed to make the distinction clear. "Tourism Queensland's ... 'ideal visitor'" (p. 28) - What is an ideal visitor? Department of National Parks, Sport and Racing Note that gaining approvals from State Govt depts. is the last stage in Council's plan. It would have been prudent to have NPWS involved from the beginning, given the area is mostly National Park and hence all users are bound by the Nature Conservation Act. Does NPWS endorse what is planned? If not, what will happen if the plan falls at that hurdle? List of stakeholders at the start of each section What does this mean? Will these groups be taking a lead role in undertaking the tasks for that section? If so, have the stakeholders consented and signed off on this undertaking? Increased use/reintroducing wildlife Adventure use, more walkways, and more viewing platforms will produce more noise, cause habitat loss/fragmentation/canopy gaps, introduce/spread more pests / weeds, reduce areas suitable for habitat and generally cause more disturbance to the wildlife. Species that have been lost already will have been lost because of one or more factors – habitat loss/fragmentation/canopy gaps, loss of areas of habitat large enough to sustain viable population sizes, increased competition with pests/weeds or disturbance/noise from human activities. If Council lacks access to information related to habitat loss/fragmentation/canopy gaps, edge effects and minimum viable population analysis I have some 25 year old + text books with lots of examples I can loan Council. Meanwhile spending ratepayer money on reintroduction plans while continuing to further fragment the habitat and disturb the ecology is counter productive and not recommended. The health benefits of bike riding "Most bike users ride for exercise or recreation. Residents are more physically active in communities with bicycle friendly infrastructure." (p. 37) Bike riders ride for recreation because it's dangerous to ride on roads without separate bike lanes. You don't need to provide bush tracks to encourage people to ride - you need bike-safe roads. "Provide engineering, infrastructure planning and project management services to meet the current and future needs of the community and organisation." p. 16 Council engineers are unable to cope with engineering solutions for stormwater and road network in urban areas of Rockhampton. Specialist engineers will be needed to undertake works in the National Park. The document is full of spelling, grammar and punctuation errors. This casts doubt on how widely it has been reviewed within Council prior to public release (does Council agree with the content?), and also casts doubt on what other undetected errors are in the content. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.
24	Please use and upgrade an existing walking track which goes along a ridge starting behind Frenchville School and finishing at a fire trail below house near Mt Archer. It has great views and is already in use by many people. Also, this existing track has access to the First Turkey Area which would make it popular for many people.
25	Really like the idea of increasing hiking trails. Current Zamia walkway is in serious need of maintenance. Having a walking track next to Pilbeam Drive would greatly improve safety for walkers/runners using it for fitness. Please also consider cyclists and creating a cycling lane and/or create wider roads. Adding a playground would also encourage family usage fir picnics etc. Having Ranger led activities during school holidays doing talks/demos i.e. bush tucker, local flora and fauna like batcleft tours.
26	Submission to the Mount Archer Activation Master Plan Capricornia Bushwalkers Inc. August 2015 Capricornia Bushwalkers Inc. have appreciated the opportunity to contribute to the Mt Archer Master Plan, and would be most willing to provide continuing input to the Plan in future. We welcome the incorporation of a Mt Archer Ridge and Range Walk, and hope that funding to provide such much-needed extra walking tracks in the Rockhampton area will be allocated. We are



	<p>fortunate to have such a beautiful area right on our doorstep, and hope that Rockhampton and surrounding residents will be provided with greater access to this wonderful area in the future. In our submission, we would like to request continued consultation with the council and other governing bodies to discuss exact details of a Mt Archer Ridge and Range Walk, but provide the general suggestions below:- We would suggest the Mt Archer Ridge and Range Walk: 1. Be developed in stages so that sections of it can be enjoyed sooner rather than later; 2. Have connections to the Zamia Track or Black Creek Road so that people can choose to do sections of the Ridge and Range walk. We notice that the walk in places comes quite close to the track/road, and a suggestion for a "Stage 1" section is provided in the diagram below; 3. Have camping areas in the park for through walks. It would be good if these camping areas had a water supply (e.g. shelter shed plus rainwater tank) and are near vehicle access/fire breaks for authorised personnel to use. These vehicular accesses would also act as a safety measure; 4. Consider a re-routing of the Walk track in the section between Mt Chapple and Mt Nicholson, to keep the track on the ridgetop, rather than descending back to Moores Ck level, then climbing again. This would require a shifting of that part of the track to the north-east by several kilometres (and would of course necessitate a revision of the "Stage 1" connection to the Zamia Track). We would also like any walk-related annual events on community calendars to be in the winter months when it is cooler and drier. Capricornia Bushwalkers Inc. would also be willing to provide further input into the planning for a Pilbeam Drive dedicated pathway. There are of course other details which have not yet been considered and for this reason, we would be happy to have continued communication.</p>
27	The main Mt Archer lookout has a tree right in the middle obscuring the view. Either make a raised tower or lookout, or fell the tree. It would be good if the road linked back up to the Yeppoon highway, instead of being a no-through road.
28	The Pilbeam walk is a great idea. It will increase safety for walkers, runners, cyclist and road users. I run up the road and see many others but I think it will be utilised more once there is a dedicated path. The mountain bike tracks and improved access will be a great addition.
29	There are many good ideas but it contains very little information on the upgrading of family friendly picnic / bbq facilities which would encourage locals to take visitors up to Mt Archer to enjoy a "bush" experience and take in the city views and district panorama. The area had a certain charm and experience when wood fired BBQ's were available. That ambience was destroyed when the council installed electric BBQ's due to alleged fire risk. It is very doubtful if there has ever been a substantiated "bush fire" on Mt Archer ever started by an out of control BBQ. It would be fair to say that no one from council has ever tried to BBQ a steak on these electric BBQ's which are just not up to the task normally producing a "stewed" mess. Also the pleasant experience of BBQ smoke wafting through the trees is for many a very pleasant and relaxing experience in a bush setting. Many Melbourne parks and gardens still have wood fired BBQ's and supply wood boxes with timber offcuts so that park visitors do not damage trees etc in the area to fuel their cooking.
30	Very little information on landslides in the master plan. All of these proposals are pie in the sky stuff if these challenges are not mitigated.
31	Words can't express how happy I am to feast my eyes on this master plan. My hubby & I love the outdoors, & having moved here from living on the Sunny Coast for 20 years, I've been missing the opportunity for trail runs & walking. It has been so disheartening to see the lack of use of Mt Archer & the poor maintenance of the Zamia track which we have trekked many times. This is such a great initiative and the very best news for us as outdoor lovers and keen hikers and runners.
32	Yes It is good I would like to see all the Berserker range areas opened up to living as it is the most sensible area to live in this climate(heat) and terrain(flood plain). This council also owes owners , community, stake holders that right to live in this area ; As they (council) collect rates from current land owners. Happy Community makes people want to stay here and live here. Smart Councils are required In this Day and Age
33	Looks like a brilliant plan.

Letters / Correspondence submitted**Capricorn Enterprise Submission**



14th August 2015

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Dear Michael,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Mount Archer Activation Master Plan and commend Rockhampton Regional Council for this initiative.

I provide the following suggestions in an effort to ensure all possible avenues are available for Council to obtain funding for the various stages of implementation.

Strategic Partnerships and Stakeholders as outlined in the Draft Plan should also strategically include Department of Tourism, Events, Small Business and the Commonwealth Games (DTESB) and Capricorn Tourism and Economic Development Ltd (trading as Capricorn Enterprise), to leverage as many opportunities as possible. The draft plan references tourism opportunities a number of times, yet no reference is made to Capricorn Enterprise as the region's official regional tourism organisation (RTO) as recognised by the state government.

References within the document to 'Tourism Queensland' should be 'Tourism and Events Queensland' (TEQ). Tourism Queensland and Events Queensland merged about three years ago.

The Planning and Policy Alignment section throughout each chapter of the document should also make reference, where applicable, to the Capricorn Destination Tourism Plan (DTP), which is a key document used by state government departments in assessing identified support for infrastructure funding and product development for tourism in destinations. If funding is sought from state government departments for such infrastructure and it is not referenced/supported within the DTP and by the RTO, it will be less likely that funding will be secured. I therefore offer the following assistance for possible inclusion in the Mount Archer Activation Master Plan:

The 2020 Destination Vision for Capricorn is *"For industry and community to embrace the broader visitor economy to support innovative and sustainable island, coastal, mainland and wilderness experiences."*

The Capricorn DTP talks throughout the document about positioning Rockhampton city as *"a real alternative for business, lifestyle and events, maximizing the appeal of its cultural, heritage and arts products and experiences."*

Top challenges and Opportunities for the region as outlined on page 41 of the Capricorn DTP identifies:


Number 3 top challenge - Not capitalising on key features of towns and regions (e.g. Beef in Rockhampton, botanical gardens, heritage and culture, unique architecture)

Number 3 top opportunity - Identify the key features of each town and create events and attractions centred around these.

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Within the Capricorn DTP, Destination Strategy number 1 (page 45):

1. Preserving our nature and culture
Our unique, authentic character, cultural heritage and natural assets will be preserved and enhanced for visitors and locals alike, and will always be at the heart of iconic showcase Queensland experiences.
Vision: To be a State leader in showcasing our natural and cultural assets through connecting visitors to our wealth of nature and culture-based experiences.

Destination Strategy number 2 (page 47):

2. Offering iconic experiences
Our destination will build on and leverage their strengths and heroes - iconic people, places and events which are our points of difference - giving visitors life-long memories and many reasons to stay, explore and return.
Vision: The Capricorn Region is recognised as the new "Kimberley" for the adventure, fishing and 4WD markets, who are looking for the next place to explore.

In the action table on page 47, the Capricorn DTP outlines:

Product: Develop the potential of Rockhampton's cultural assets and precincts i.e. Quay Street, Archer Park, Mount Morgan, Heritage Village, and Art Gallery, utilising events to provide focal points for marketing and visitor activity.

Partners: RRC

Timing: Medium term

Market: Events, VFR, Leisure


The Mount Archer Activation Master Plan I believe is key in responding to the Capricorn DTP in a number of areas:

The draft plan talks about a Proposed Events Calendar, yet makes no reference to Capricorn Enterprise as a major stakeholder. As an official RTO, Capricorn Enterprise is the first point of contact by Tourism and Events Queensland in the promotion (and funding endorsement) of regional events. We also enter all regional events onto the Australian Tourism Data Warehouse (ATDW) which uploads to at least 50 key leisure websites including www.capricornholidays.com.au, www.queenslandholidays.com.au (TEQ), www.australia.com (Tourism Australia), www.rccq.com.au (RACQ) to name a few.

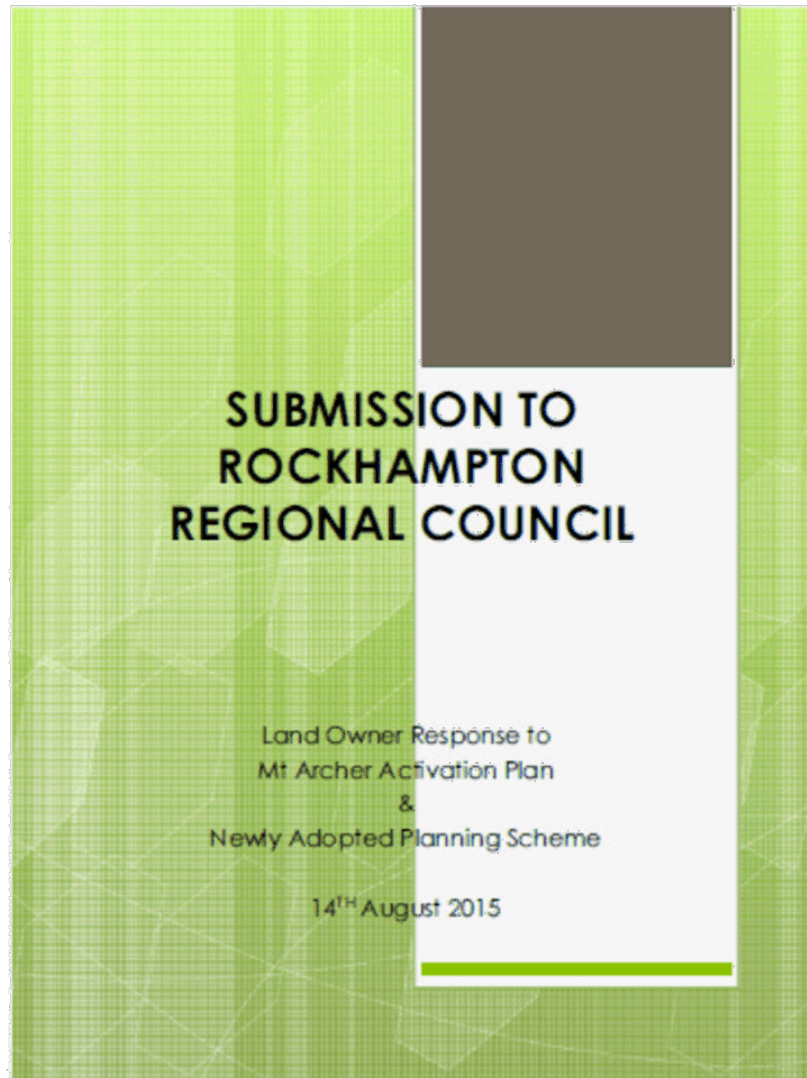
As Chair of the RTO Network in Queensland (13 RTO's), I represent regional tourism on a number of state reference groups including the National Parks Tourism Reference Group, which meets a couple of times a year. I also work closely with a number of state government agencies in regards to tourism signage, strategic touring routes and am appointed to the DestinationQ Working Group and a Director on the Board of Queensland Tourism Industry Council (QTIC).

As such, I offer a number of avenues for assistance and advice in regards to the implementation of local tourism initiatives.

Yours sincerely,


Mary Carroll
Chief Executive Officer

Resident No.1 Submission



The Proposal

The proposal is for the development of a small pocket of properties that are subject to a very unique set of environment values that can rarely be found in other areas of the city. These properties are nestled between the Mt Archer National Park and existing developed urban areas of the city of Rockhampton. They boast unbeatable views of the city, the Berkeley Ranges, the Fitzroy River, the Mt Morgan Ranges and beyond.

It is proposed that the majority of these properties will be developed for urban purposes in the form of large urban lots or small acreage properties that are capable of accommodating a single dwelling house. They will be perfectly designed to appeal to the home owner looking for the peace and tranquility of rural living with all the modern facilities that the close proximity to the city can offer.

Another part of the proposal offers the opportunity for joint community/commercial uses in the form of (but not limited to) a function facility, lookout, cafe, eco accommodation, bushwalking, horse riding, parks and direct access to the Mt Archer National Park.

There is an opportunity here for Council and land owners to work together to establish a mutually agreeable proposal that is sensitive to the natural environment and sympathetic to the ecological values of the surrounding area.



A large part of the appeal for this development proposal is the close proximity the properties offer to the Mt Archer National Park. Careful consideration must be given to ensure that future development will protect and preserve these environmental values. The vision for this area would be in harmony with the proposed Mt Archer Activation Plan allowing for community and private sector opportunities that can be developed with high regard for the surrounding environment.

It is proposed that as part of the development process, a local neighbourhood plan will need to be developed and adopted as part of the new town planning scheme that will provide more details such as lot sizes, construction design guidelines and environmental design guidelines. The property Owners are prepared to work closely with Council staff to establish the required guidelines that can provide mutually beneficial outcomes.

Careful consideration would also need to be given to site specific. These would include issues such as access, services, infrastructure, slope and bushfire hazard. This development can offer the solutions to many of these existing issues and can be detailed at a later stage. The purpose of this submission is to acknowledge that these properties have great potential and support Council's vision for nearby areas.

The following sections will outline the proposal in more detail and relate to the proposal plan provided:

DEVELOPMENT NOTE 1

In partnership with the Rockhampton Regional Council and other Government stakeholders, this area of the proposal is outlined for the development of Thozet Creek. It will provide an opportunity for the provision of public open space in the form of some of the following:

1. Playground and exercise equipment
2. Pathway network
3. Pedestrian bridge over Thozet Creek to allow for direct public access from the northern side
4. Revitalisation of Thozet Creek through a restorative planting and maintenance program
5. Car parking facilities
6. Educational program (that may include informative signage) that will provide historical, ecological and indigenous information
7. Better water way management during times of localised flooding
8. This proposal does not seek to undermine but is supportive of the Mt Archer Activation Plan and seeks to build on those values outlined within. It offers an alternative location for the provision of similar facilities that are currently lacking. With our sunny climate and the popularity of outdoor activities we do not believe that the development of this area will have a detrimental effect on other similar areas within Rockhampton.

DEVELOPMENT NOTE 2

We believe that these existing properties are currently owned by the Rockhampton Regional Council. Given that these properties have no current identified purpose, it is proposed that the opportunity exists for Council to sell this land. Rather than sell this land to another Government Department for the purpose of establishing it as part of the Mt Archer National Park, we suggest that it be sold to the private sector to develop for large lot residential uses. This is appropriate given the proximity to the city and the fact that it is detached from the Mt Archer National Park area by existing freehold land. The financial gain from the sale of this land could possibly be used to resolve some of the existing local issues that Council are faced with finding solutions for such as the necessary upgrades to the existing bridges that cross Thozet Creek, particularly the Rockonia Road crossing. Benefits of selling this land and developing include:

1. The financial gain needed to upgrade nearby infrastructure;
2. Significant reduction in bushfire risk to neighbouring residential properties;
3. Development of Peloponnum Street to provide access to existing and proposed properties;
4. Council would no longer be responsible for the maintenance of these properties;
5. The regular dumping of waste and nuisance 4WDing would no longer occur.

DEVELOPMENT NOTE 3

This property boasts some of the best views of Rockhampton and surrounding areas. It is proposed that large allotments could be established that would allow a dwelling to be constructed on the upper, flatter portions of the property with the remainder of the proposed lots being retained in the natural form. Again, a local neighbourhood plan would need to be established to detail the requirement to allow the construction of dwellings that are sensitive to the site constraints and environmental values of the area. Direct access from these properties can be provided to the public open space area of Thozet Creek by utilising a newly created easement over existing services. This area could be beautified through landscaping, planting and fencing to create a pedestrian avenue.

DEVELOPMENT NOTE 4

It is also proposed that a large portion of this property could be developed for community/commercial purposes. This would allow for the establishment of any number of uses that could include a wedding/function facility, a cafe or restaurant, eco accommodation and lookout. It is proposed that this area would become an iconic facility that would assist with the development of tourism opportunities in the city that will in turn create long term employment opportunities and stimulate the economy. Some further specific design consultation would need to occur between Council and the property Owner's to establish the best approach to the provision of adequate services including water supply.

DEVELOPMENT NOTE 5

The creation and extension of Graham Street will have multiple benefits. It will allow for a secondary access into and out of this area that is currently separated. This will in turn open up more land to street frontages and allow for further provision of large lots for residential purposes. During times of bushfire this will allow for greater access by emergency services to limit the spread of the fire and reduce the risk to neighbouring residential uses.

DEVELOPMENT NOTE 6

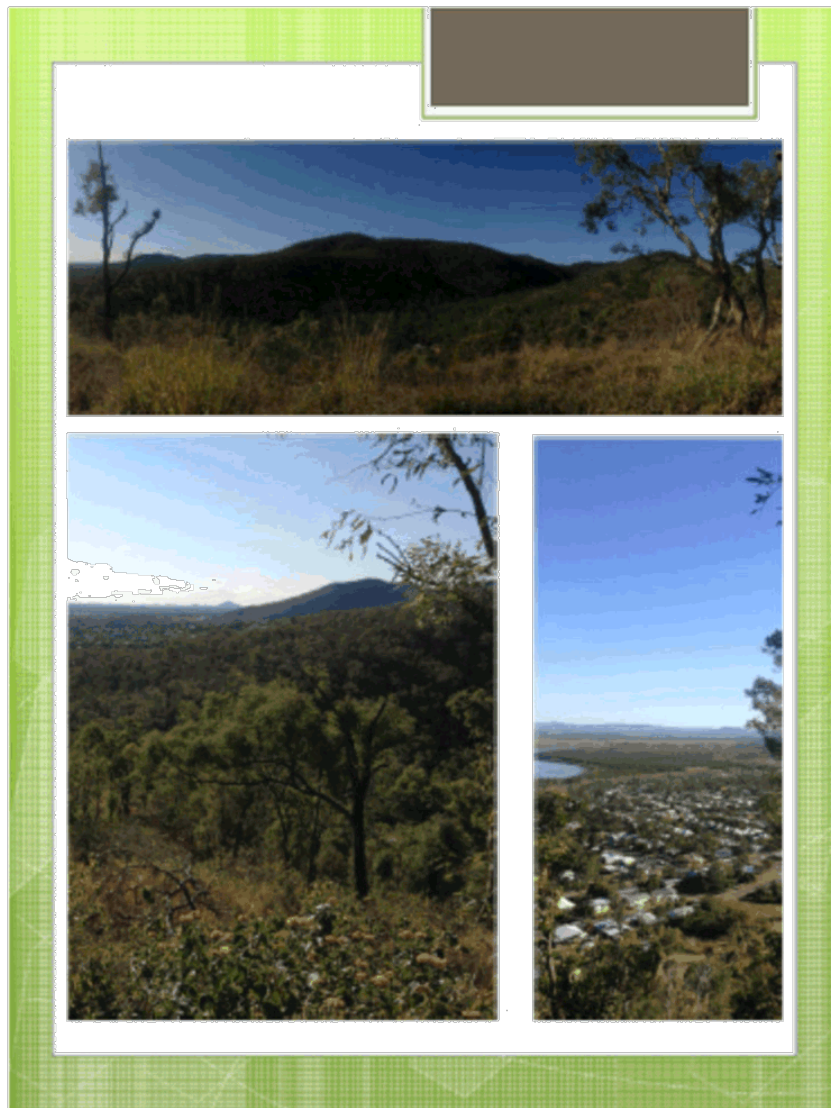
We believe that these properties are currently owned by Rockhampton Regional Council. With the development of Hinds Street these properties could be sold by Council for the purpose of constructing a single dwelling. This could be achieved relatively easily and provide financial gain the Council to provide further infrastructure upgrades to the local area. This could include the proper management and maintenance of overland water that currently impacts nearby properties on Hinds Street and Rockana Road.

DEVELOPMENT NOTE 7

The Mt Archer Activation Plan allows for bushwalking trails to be accessed from the end of Cooper Street. This road reserve is currently largely undeveloped and does not provide an appropriate location for the parking of vehicles. We propose that this access be relocated and developed from the end of Patagonium Street. This will allow bushwalkers to enjoy the peace and beauty that is offered by walking along Thozet Creek and then upwards towards the ridge wall. By providing access from a better developed area it will allow a greater number of residents and visitors to utilise the area. This would also have a lower impact on the nearby residential uses in terms of noise and amenity.

DEVELOPMENT NOTE 8

Part of the proposal to develop Thozet Creek would include the provision of direct access to the Mt Archer National Park for bushwalking. A small vehicle access road could also be provided to allow for direct access for emergency services for the purpose of reducing bushfire risk. It is proposed that this access would be similar to the access that has been proposed at the base of the Zama Walk in the Mt Archer Activation Plan. Additionally, better access to emergency water services could be provided in this location.





Resident No.2 Submission

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Mount Archer Activation Master Plan. Overall, the Master Plan has been well prepared and presented. It would benefit from a tight edit by a professional editor to enhance readability and to eliminate superfluous words.

Pages 1 to 9 do not elicit comment beyond needing to explain what the QLD Plan is and why linkage is important, and for the map on page 9 to carry some footnote to indicate that it is indicative only and does not represent final location of infrastructure or activities.

Page 11, Community participation. The last dot point under Challenges is unclear, and very broad. It would be better replaced with "Recognition of and respect for the lifestyle and amenity of the residents of and adjacent to Mt Archer who may be affected by implementation of this plan".

Pages 12, 13 Cyclone Marcia. The relevance of this past event to the future use of Mt Archer is tenuous. The outcomes listed are a mix of expected responses following a natural disaster, and projects proposed in other sections of the plan. These two pages could be safely removed from the document without impact.

Pages 16, 17 Access and Traffic.

Corner Pilbeam Drive and Frenchville Road. Although the speed of traffic coming off the mountain exceeds 40 kph and compliance with the Stop sign on Frenchville Road could improve significantly, danger at this intersection tends to be overstated and not supported by data. These issues would be best dealt with through regular enforcement, backed up with a speed detecting warning sign approaching the intersection from Mt Archer. The existing alignment of the road allows for the free flow of traffic onto and off Pilbeam Drive, minimising noise. The alignment does not impact directly on any residence. Realignment to a T intersection would directly impact on at least one residence with noise and headlights, and compromise entry and exit from those residences. Traffic calming such as ripple strips or speed humps would create excessive noise with little impact on speed. Some minor works to prevent cars parking too close to the intersection would be of immediate benefit. Perhaps the outcome could be rewritten as "Further investigate measures to ensure safe and free-flowing traffic movement through the intersection".

Second road to Mt Archer. How a second road, particularly on the suggested alignment, could be built within reasonable cost and without significant impact on the visual amenity and ecology of the mountain defies imagination. Maintenance costs of the existing road are a challenge without a significant increase in road length. Providing a circuit of the proposed nature would do little more than encourage circuit racing, with an associated decrease in road safety. If a second road is of critical importance it needs to link out to the Yepoon Road or Emu Park Road to provide a tourist drive opportunity. The existing proposal compromises the integrity of the whole master plan, and should be deleted from future drafts.

Base of Pilbeam Drive car park. The development of this carpark, and any other carpark, needs to be based on careful planning with regard to need, and design. A carpark will cluster what is currently dispersed activity. This will have impacts for the closest residents. Acoustic and visual screening will be essential to maintain local amenity. The present dispersed parking does not appear to be a problem to the majority of residents.

As infrastructure providing for access and traffic has the potential to impact directly on resident's amenity, lifestyle, and property access, consideration needs to be given to listing Local community (or Adjacent residents) as Stakeholders, similar to page 34 "German street bushland park".

Pages 18, 19 The Pilbeam Walk. An excellent initiative. An increasing number of walkers are including a short section of Pilbeam Drive in their Frenchville Road (Vince Lester Walkway) walk.

An outcome to link the Pilbeam Walk and the Vince Lester walk seamlessly could be considered. A pedestrian swing bridge or a walkway cantilevered off the downstream side of the road bridge would give these walkers a continuous path and safe access to the start of the Pilbeam walk as indicated on the map on page 17. This would negate the need to walk across the traffic bridge.

With the blending of the two walks, and with the outcome under Flora (page 22) "Assess and strengthen environmental corridors from Mt Archer National Park into Rockhampton" consideration could be given to incorporating the Vince Lester (Frenchville Road) walkway and the adjacent Frenchmans Ck into this plan. The Pilbeam walk needs to retain a strong identity as a key program. To achieve holistic management of the total walking experience consideration could be given to naming the combined walk "The Pilbeam Walk", with the existing walk being the "Vince Lester" section, and the new section being the "Archer Brothers" (or similar) section. This would result in a more significant and diverse walking experience for promotion and marketing.

Pages 22, 23 Flora. Wildfire and inappropriate fire management are significant threats to the flora of Mt Archer, particularly the closed forest communities. This section would be significantly enhanced by an outcome incorporating fire management into the Mt Archer Environmental Program, or a link to existing fire management strategies for the Berserker Range.

Pages 24, 25 Fauna. Wild dogs are listed as a feral pest. There are wild dogs, and there are dingoes. It is often difficult to discriminate between the two. Dingoes on the national park are protected. There is good science demonstrating the critical role dingoes play as an apex predator in suppressing other feral species such as cats, pigs, foxes, rabbits and the like. An outcome promoting a strategy to maintain a viable population of dingoes on Mt Archer is needed. Dingo safety messages could be incorporated into Mt Archer walkways and signage (page 20).

The Great Egret (photo page 25) is unlikely to be a keynote species of Mt Archer. Perhaps a photo of a mammal such as a northern brown bandicoot would give this photo collage better balance.

Pages 28 to 29 Facilities. Excellent initiatives. Given the accommodation and commercial nature of the "eco centre", a title like "eco lodge" may be more appropriate.

Pages 30, 31 Dharumbal cultural significance. Excellent initiative.

Pages 32 to 41 Activities. Excellent initiatives.

Page 15 refers to The Great Mount Archer Bushwalk, elsewhere in the document The Mount Archer Ridge and Range Walk is used. The latter is preferable, the "Great Walks" concept is a bit overdone and has certain meaning in Queensland's national parks.

Pages 40, 41 The Wild Side.

Private investment in these adventure activities is supported. The investment of any public funds would need a convincing business case. While the top of Mt Archer is a good location for these activities, it is beyond the reach of public transport, denying access to those who cannot drive. To maximise access, Council or the private partners may have to consider peak time public transport.

The proposed location of the Leap of Faith Bungee point (4 on map page 17) warrants further investigation. It is close to what would be the focal point of a natural amphitheatre facing back towards Frenchville Road. The constant squeals and screams of people plunging headfirst towards the ground would not be welcomed by residents of upper Frenchville Road. In the least acoustic testing should be undertaken, at the best a site where the sound could be lost in the ranges would be preferred.

Geo-caching would sit better on p 40, The Wild Side than under bushwalking (p 32). It could be rolled in with Abseiling and climbing, and Orienteering as challenging activities in a "wild" setting.

Submission Spinal Injuries Australia

Mt Archer Activation Plan Suggestions – Access and Inclusion

Upon recent inspection, the following was evident at Mt Archer:

- The paths are quite deteriorated and have uneven surfaces.
- The concrete pads on which BBQ's are mounted lack access due to the controls being located at the back of BBQ's and the pads not being wide enough to accommodate a variety of cohorts requiring access – see below for further information regarding various cohorts requiring access.
- There is no designated accessible parking.

In order for toilet facilities to be genuinely accessible there should be Accessible Unisex Toilets (AU) available. It is important to remember that when we talk about access and inclusion, it is not specifically related to, or for the use of, people with disability. There is no exclusive use of AU toilets by any cohort but they are the only functional toilet type for certain population cohorts.

The following populations require accessible unisex toilets:

- People with a medical condition which causes diminished functionality eg wheelchair or scooter for mobility – or arthritis, so may require a grab rail.
- People with a disability who use some form of mobility device or have balance issues
- The ages 60+ who use some form of mobility device or have cognitive, balance issues and require a grab rail.
- People with temporary injury who use some form of mobility device, crutches or have balance issues
- Parents with prams and young children, eg a boon to single parents particularly mothers with children of the opposite gender
- Carers who are supporting a person of opposite gender (and therefore cannot use conventional male/female toilets)
- People with luggage/parcels. Travelers/visitors with luggage cannot use standard toilets and keep their luggage secure. They, like shoppers with parcels/trolleys require an accessible unisex toilet to keep their things secure.

There is a difference between 'changing places' and AU toilets. They are not the same though are often thought of as such due to misinformation.

You cannot have a facility open to certain cohorts and not others or it becomes a legal issue.

All accessibility issues related to the built environment may affect these same cohorts.

The information bay is accessible to all and must be by law or certain cohorts are denied access to information.

No-one expects the landscape of Mt Archer to change – that would be like asking them to cut the top off Mt Everest. What is required is that everyone is able to have the same experience of Mt Archer, even if it means using equitable means to achieve this – a different way of doing the same thing.

Further information can be provided regarding any of these points.

The deteriorated wooden poles etc pose a general safety hazard in their current state to all people.



Draft Mount Archer Activation Master Community Engagement

Submission Capricorn Bushwalkers Inc

Submission
to the
Mount Archer Activation Master Plan
Capricornia Bushwalkers Inc.
August 2015

Capricornia Bushwalkers Inc. have appreciated the opportunity to contribute to the Mt Archer Master Plan, and would be most willing to provide continuing input to the Plan in future. We welcome the incorporation of a Mt Archer Ridge and Range Walk, and hope that funding to provide such much-needed extra walking tracks in the Rockhampton area will be allocated. We are fortunate to have such a beautiful area right on our doorstep, and hope that Rockhampton and surrounding residents will be provided with greater access to this wonderful area in the future.

In our submission, we would like to request continued consultation with the council and other governing bodies to discuss exact details of a Mt Archer Ridge and Range Walk, but provide the general suggestions below:-

We would suggest the Mt Archer Ridge and Range Walk:

1. Be developed in stages so that sections of it can be enjoyed sooner rather than later;
2. Have connections to the Zamia Track or Black Creek Road so that people can choose to do sections of the Ridge and Range walk. We notice that the walk in places comes quite close to the track/road, and a suggestion for a "Stage 1" section is provided in the diagram below;
3. Have camping areas in the park for through walks. It would be good if these camping areas had a water supply (e.g. shelter shed plus rainwater tank) and are near vehicle access/fire breaks for authorised personnel to use. These vehicular accesses would also act as a safety measure;
4. Consider a re-routing of the Walk track in the section between Mt Chapple and Mt Nicholson, to keep the track on the ridgetop, rather than descending back to Moores Ck level, then climbing again. This would require a shifting of that part of the track to the north-east by several kilometres (and would of course necessitate a revision of the "Stage 1" connection to the Zamia Track).

We would also like any walk-related annual events on community calendars to be in the winter months when it is cooler and drier.

Capricornia Bushwalkers Inc. would also be willing to provide further input into the planning for a Pilbeam Drive dedicated pathway.

There are of course other details which have not yet been considered and for this reason, we would be happy to have continued communication.



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Draft Mount Archer Activation Master Plan Submission Form

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<p>PRIVACY NOTICE: Rockhampton Regional Council is collecting the personal information you supply in this survey for the purpose of community consultation for the Draft Mount Archer Activation Master Plan. Your personal details will not be disclosed to any other person or agency external to Council without your consent unless required or authorised by law.</p>		

**Do you have any comments on the Draft Mount Archer Activation Master Plan?
(Please list below) (Further space on the back page)**

Rockhampton Regional Council appreciates your time in completing this submission. Please use the reply paid envelope to send this survey back to Council (No stamp required). Closing date for this survey is the 14 August 2015.

Your contact details (Please list below)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone Number _____

Would you like to contribute / participate in the activation of Mount Archer?

☐ Yes, I would like to contribute / participate (please make sure that your contact details are filled out in full)

If said yes, which areas:


☐ Fraser Park Restoration ☐ Revegetation ☐ Develop an Event (from the list provided in the Master Plan)

☐ Undertake environmental initiatives ☐ Other (list) _____



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MOUNT ARCHER ACTIVATION MASTER PLAN ENDORSEMENT

Mount Archer Activation Master Plan for Council Endorsement 13 October 2015

Meeting Date: 13 October 2015

Attachment No: 2





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mayor's message

Mount Archer's imposing and beautiful silhouette has long been regarded as an iconic landmark representing the Rockhampton Region.

Steeped in history, the Mount has a wealth of cultural heritage value. From its significance to the Dharumbal Nation as traditional landowners, to its namesake originating from the region's first European settlers, the Archer Brothers.

Looking down from atop Mount Archer, the mighty Fitzroy River curls its way through the countryside, through beautiful Rockhampton and out to sea. It's a magical spot up there, as the memories of anyone who's shared a picnic in Fraser Park, trekked along a bush trail or watched a sunset over our town can attest.

This beauty has always been recognised but the need to improve accessibility and amenity for our community was first identified by former Mayor Rex Pilbeam, who spearheaded initial infrastructure projects in 1965 to open up the area to the wider community.

Since then, in addition to a number of residents making the top of the Mount their home, a myriad of community members have enjoyed Mount Archer's attributes: from bushwalkers, to trail bike riders, rock climbers, bird watchers, even bridal parties and car clubs. Yet at present, this community asset is underutilised.

Rockhampton Regional Council is committed to the development to healthy, active and engaged community. It has come time to look at this amazing asset, located right in our backyard, and as Rex Pilbeam did for his time, consider our community's aspirations for its future. How can we activate the area and ensure our community continues to benefit from Mount Archer's beauty and amenity?

This Activation Master Plan for Mount Archer has been developed through a range of stakeholder and community engagement activities. It combines the Strategic Goals of our Council with the desires of our community. It identifies not only community uses and facility improvements but also a vision for its future tourism and economic development potential.

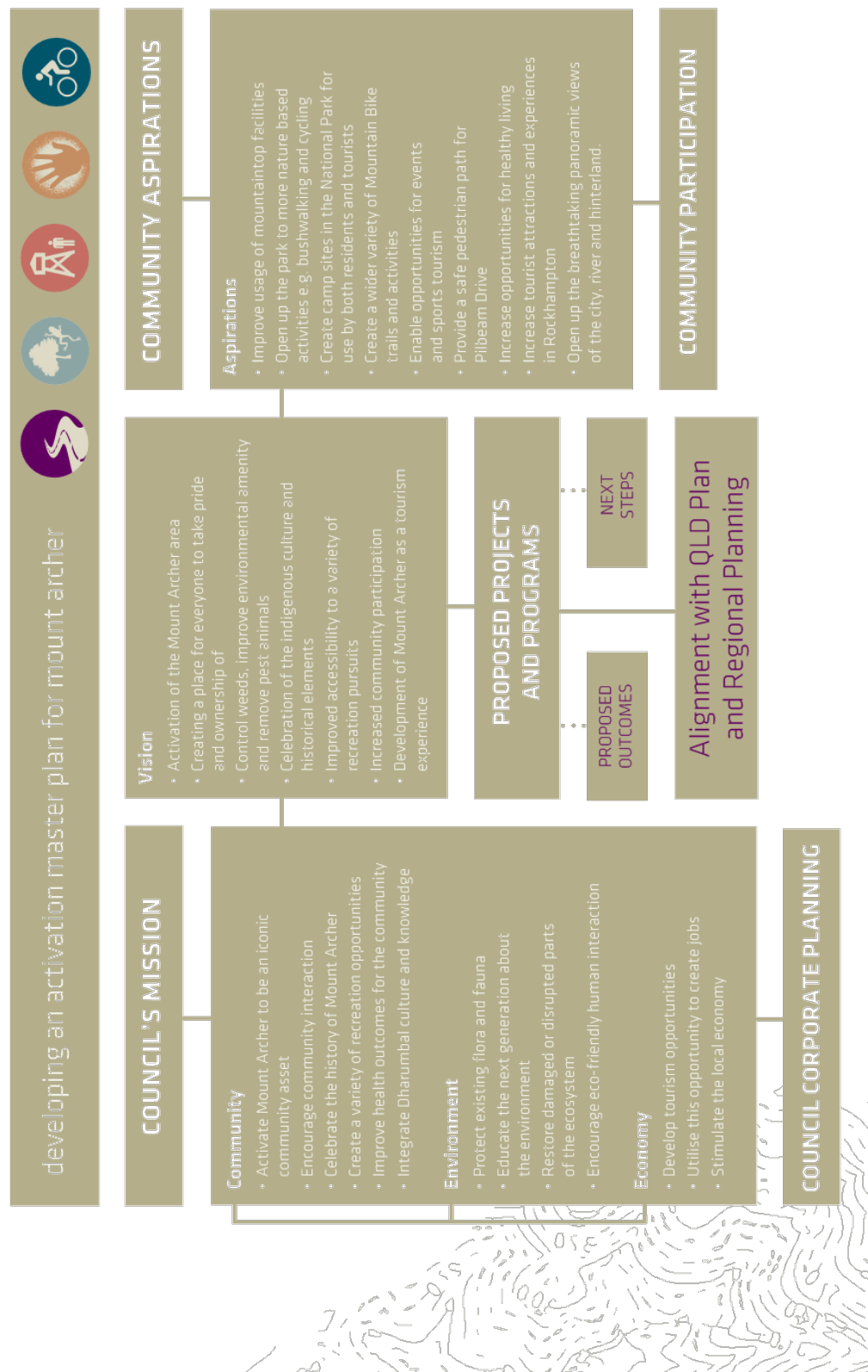
Some of the proposed projects and programs within this Activation Master Plan will, of course, be refined. Amendments will be made as feasibility for projects and budgets are determined just as new and additional projects will surely be identified and implemented.

They must remain dynamic in order to meet the ever-changing wants, needs and desires of our diverse community today, tomorrow and for generations to come.

Having an Activation Master Plan is about putting pen to paper to consider how best we deliver our community vision. How do we achieve desired outcomes? What projects and programs can be implemented to this end, and how do we ensure appropriate funding support to make the vision a reality?

Rockhampton Regional Council will work closely with our community groups, various State and Commonwealth government agencies and internal team members to get the job done right, to activate the area, and to leave a legacy for future generations to enjoy this beautiful space.

**Mayor of Rockhampton
Cr. Margaret Strelow**



why have an activation master plan for mount archer?

Rockhampton Regional Council has identified Mount Archer National Park and Fraser Park as an underutilised asset with potential for local tourism, health and economic opportunities.

This Activation Master Plan is a documented strategy to guide the future use of Mount Archer for generations to come. The plan expresses the aspirations of all sectors of the Rockhampton Community and will be used as a guide in decision making to achieve these aspirations. With the help of this Activation Master Plan and the participation of the community, the next 20 years of the Mount Archer precinct will see a period of activation, celebration and participation. When Pilbeam Drive was completed in 1965 and access to the summit was opened, a new day dawned for the peak. Previous councils who hoped to draw people to see the beauty of Mount Archer National Park built the existing facilities at Fraser Park, and the time has now come for these facilities to be upgraded to service future generations.

Once the need for an Activation Master Plan was envisaged, an extensive community consultation program was developed and a range of activities undertaken with stakeholders and community members (see page 42 for a timeline of community consultation). The projects and programs contained within this document were identified as a result of

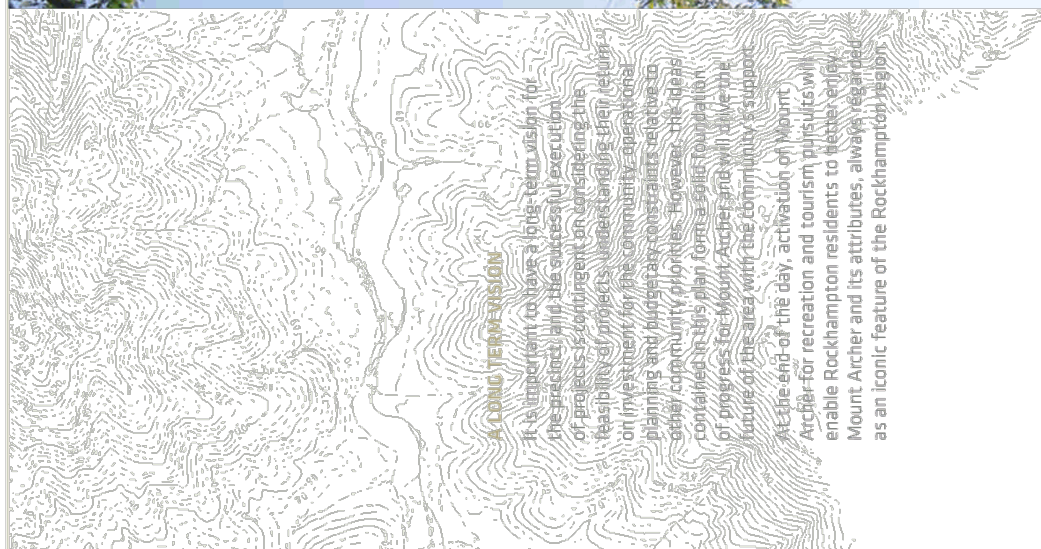
combining the input from consultation with the broader vision and strategic direction for the Region developed by Council.

This Mount Archer Activation Master Plan has been drafted in conjunction with community and user groups, and truly represents the community's view on the best way to move forward with the area.

The current and future activities outlined in this Activation Master Plan celebrate the indigenous culture and the history of the area while considering its potential to become a recreational hub. This plan considers a vision for the space as well as helping to educate the community regarding the area's management, preservation and care.

Throughout the document, alignment with State and Commonwealth objectives are acknowledged, as well as key stakeholders who will continue to contribute to the Activation Master Plan throughout its execution.

Future projects envisaged for the precinct will create jobs and improve health and lifestyle opportunities, while preserving Mount Archer's natural beauty and environment.



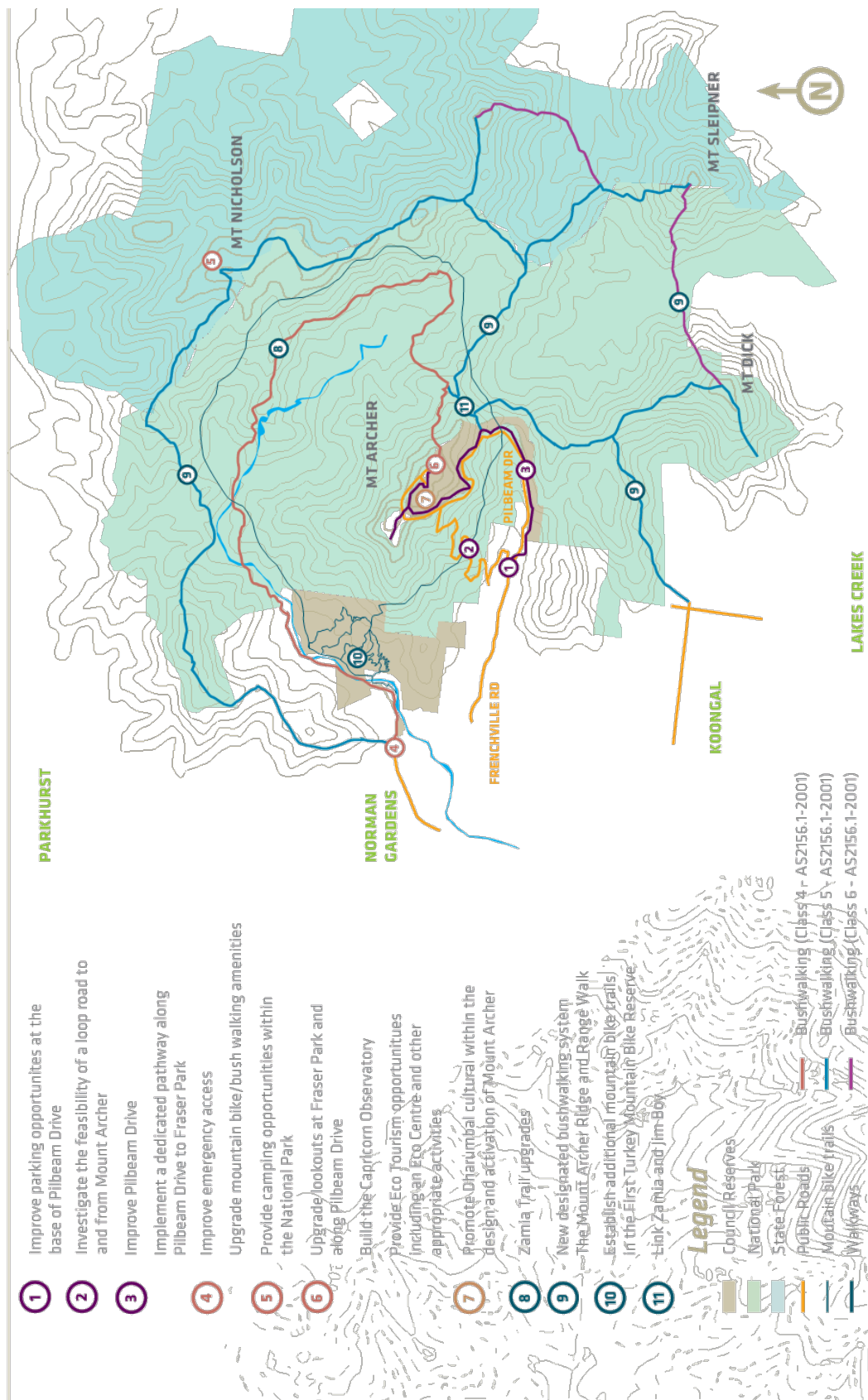


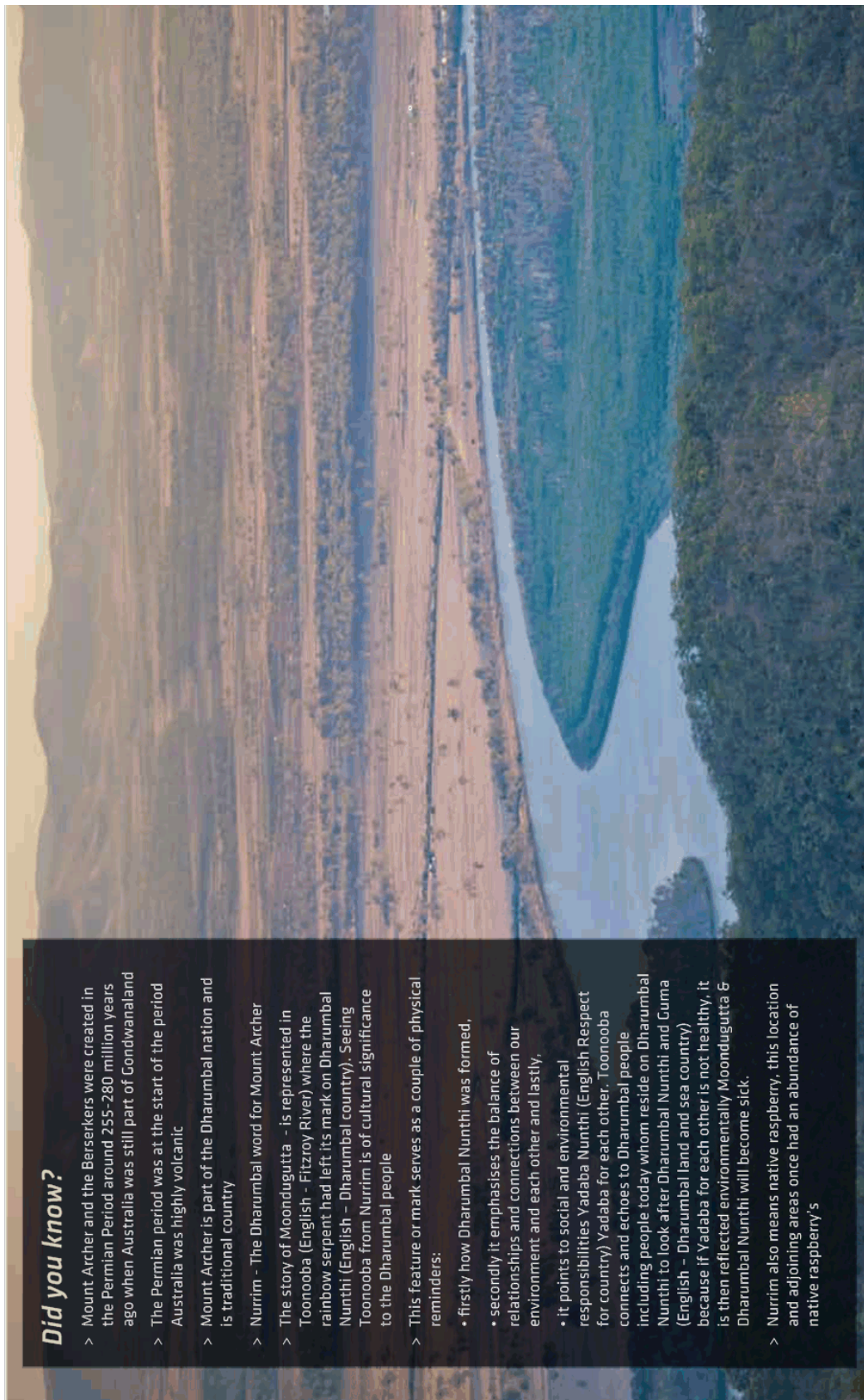
mt archer future use map

Community Consultation with diverse stakeholder groups has enabled the development of a range of programs and projects to gain improved utilisation of Mount Archer. The exact location of some proposed infrastructure will require detailed consideration, however the Mount Archer Future Use Map, describes some of the exciting potential uses identified in this Activation Master Plan.



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Did you know?

- > Mount Archer and the Berserkers were created in the Permian Period around 255-280 million years ago when Australia was still part of Gondwanaland
- > The Permian period was at the start of the period Australia was highly volcanic
- > Mount Archer is part of the Dharumbal nation and is traditional country
- > Nurrin - The Dharumbal word for Mount Archer
- > The story of Moondugutta - is represented in Toonooba (English - Fitzroy River) where the rainbow serpent had left its mark on Dharumbal Nunthi (English - Dharumbal country). Seeing Toonooba from Nurrin is of cultural significance to the Dharumbal people
- > This feature or mark serves as a couple of physical reminders:
 - firstly how Dharumbal Nunthi was formed,
 - secondly it emphasises the balance of relationships and connections between our environment and each other and lastly,
 - it points to social and environmental responsibilities Yadaba Nunthi (English Respect for country) Yadaba for each other, Toonooba connects and echoes to Dharumbal people including people today whom reside on Dharumbal Nunthi to look after Dharumbal Nunthi and Guma (English - Dharumbal land and sea country) because if Yadaba for each other is not healthy, it is then reflected environmentally Moondugutta & Dharumbal Nunthi will become sick.
- > Nurrin also means native raspberry, this location and adjoining areas once had an abundance of native raspberry's

community participation

An iconic asset such as Mount Archer is utilised by a variety of groups. Individual residents and tourists alike

To ensure future plans for Mount Archer reflect the aspirations of our community, an extensive community consultation program was developed to inform the Activation Master Plan.

The input of Mount Archer facility users, past, present and potential, ensures planning which is the right fit for our community both now and into the future.

The consultation program has enabled the identification of overarching goals for usage of the space and the development of a community driven vision for its future development to increase utilisation, improve regional liveability, enable healthy lifestyles, and recognise and care for cultural and environmental values.

OPPORTUNITIES

- Improve health outcomes from passive and recreational exercise
- Environmental appreciation and protection of Mount Archer and the Berberker Range
- Increase and improve accessibility for all community members to appreciate the natural area
- Share and preserve the unique cultural values and history
- Create economic opportunities for commercial tourism operators, ranging operators and more
- Create employment opportunities in both construction and operational phases

CHALLENGES

- Enabling accessibility in naturally hilly terrain while maintaining amenity, setting and the environment
- Recurrence of natural disasters—bushfires, landslides, weather events
- Transportation up and down the mountain will be a significant investment in necessary infrastructure
- Ensuring the safety of visitors to the mountain whilst undertaking activities
- Maintaining the lifestyle of the local community

cyclone marcia

On the 20 February 2015 Cyclone Marcia battered the Rockhampton Region and caused large scale damage to Mount Archer including the natural environment and built environments. Specific projects are planned to be initiated to help with the recovery process.

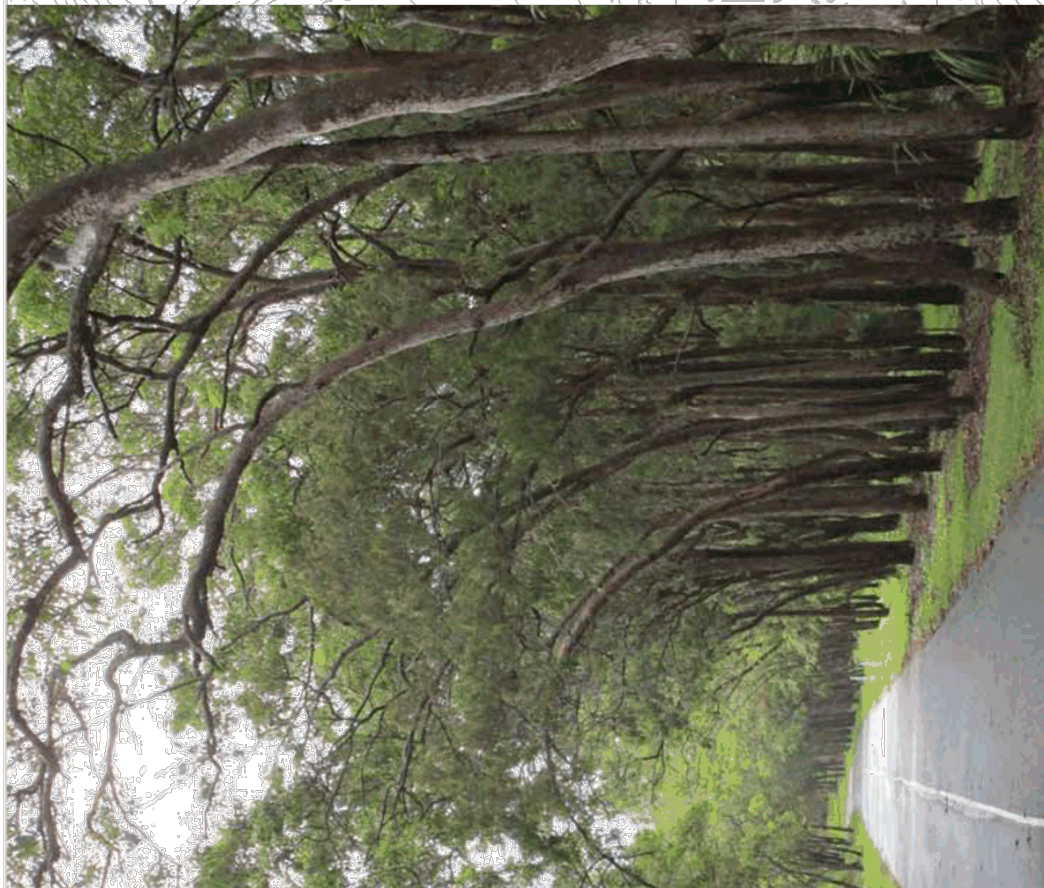
STAKEHOLDERS

- Capricorn Conservation Council
- Department of National Parks, Sport and Racing
- Department of Justice and Attorney General
- Department of Education
- Department of Environmental Heritage and Protection
- Department of Natural Resources and Mines
- Fitzroy Basin Association
- Fitzroy River Coastal Catchment
- Local community
- Rockhampton Regional Council

KEY PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS	OUTCOMES
1. Mount Archer Environment Rehabilitation project	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Undertake clearing of cyclone damaged vegetation in Fraser Park, walking tracks and other areas in the Mount Archer precinct.• Undertake a weed management program.• Undertake a tree planting program in the Mount Archer precinct to assist with recovery of indigenous flora species.
2. Pilbeam Drive Repair and Improvements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Repair road damage along Pilbeam Drive that was caused by the Cyclone Marica event.

> Pilbeam Drive before

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Pilbeam Drive after Cyclone Marcia



Fraser Park damage



Damage to native flora



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OWNERSHIP, MANAGEMENT AND FUNDING

There are a range of stakeholders who share responsibility for and ownership of Mount Archer, its roads, parks and other amenities. These stakeholders include:

- Commonwealth Government
- Queensland State Government
- Rockhampton Regional Council
- The Dharumbal People
- Fitzroy River and Coastal Catchment Inc.

Day to day management of the National Park area is overseen by the Department of National Parks, Sport and Racing. Fraser Park is overseen by Rockhampton Regional Council.

To make this Activation Master Plan a success, all stakeholders must work together in the process of finalising programs and projects, as well as the process of securing resource allocation and funding.



how this document works

The projects and programs listed below are outlined in draft form in this document. They require further design and development. It is planned that the following projects and programs are to be undertaken over the next decade, pending available resources and funding.

INFRASTRUCTURE



Access and Traffic
The Pilgrim Walk

Mount Archer Walkways and Signage

ENVIRONMENT



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FACILITIES



Fraser Park Restoration and Expansion
Fraser Park Eco Centre

DHARUMBAL CULTURE



Promote Dharumbal Cultural Significance
Education Regarding Cultural Values and History

ACTIVITIES



Think Health
The Great Mount Archer Bushwalk
Mountain Bike Trails
The Wild Side

An implementation guide will be developed to assist the delivery of programs and projects after consultation with the community. Completed categories for the implementation guide will include Remedial Catalyst, Medium Term-Long Term and Ongoing Projects/Programs.

The Mount Archer Activation Master Plan has five overarching themes: Infrastructure, Environment, Facilities, Dharumbal Culture and Activities.



This project is the cornerstone of success for the Mount Archer Activation Master Plan. As projects progress, if safe roadways and emergency access are not in place, the community will be put at risk. The existing roadways were not made to cope with the increased traffic and multi-use; so for infrastructure to be successful upgrades and increased access needs to be implemented.

STAKEHOLDERS

- Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development
- Department of National Parks, Sport and Racing
- Department of Transport and Main Roads
- Queensland Fire and Rescue Service
- Rockhampton Regional Council

KEY PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS OUTCOMES

1. Pilbeam Drive Repair and Improvements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve Pilbeam Drive road surface including where feasible road widening. • Along Pilbeam Drive, design a new storm water drainage system. • Further investigate the corner of Pilbeam Drive and Frenchville Road for any potential measures to reduce speed of cars travelling down the Mountain. • Investigate the feasibility of a second road to Mount Archer.
2. Base of Pilbeam Drive Car Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve car parking at the base of Mount Archer, at the saddle, at German Street Bushland and at Fraser Park.
3. Emergency Access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construct emergency access points to ensure access for emergency vehicles into a variety of places into the National Park including: German Street Bushland (Moore's Creek) and Guthrie Street. • Install fire-fighting access to water from pump stations. • Investigate if there is a viable location for a helicopter to land on Mount Archer in case of emergency.

PLANNING & POLICY ALIGNMENT

Queensland Plan:

Infrastructure target G32 – Infrastructure provides connectivity and accessibility across the State.

RRC Corporate Plan:

Infrastructure – Provide value for money construction, maintenance and community response services for transport and drainage assets.

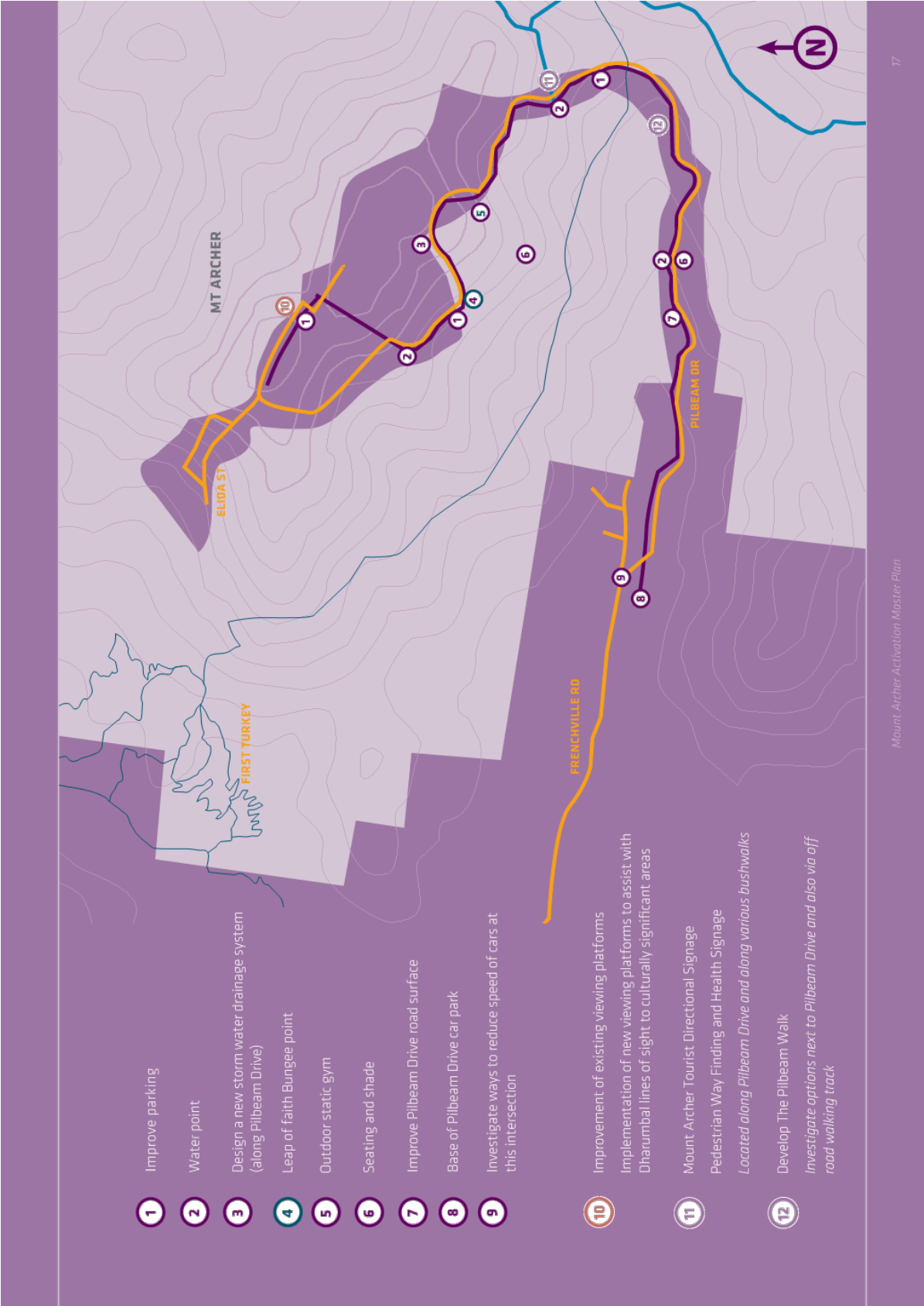
Living, Learning & Leisure – Maintain a disaster management response capability able to meet the community's needs when required.

People, Places & Planning – Provide engineering, infrastructure planning and project management services to meet the current and future needs of the community and organisation.

RRC Community Plan:

Infrastructure Strategy 1 – Prioritise road safety in the region.

Infrastructure Strategy 5 – Provide accessible and improved parking options.





To ensure the safety of pedestrians and advocate healthy activity, a dedicated pedestrian walkway will be constructed, from the base of Mount Archer to Fraser Park at the top. Currently there is no safe way for pedestrians to use the main road access without the danger of car collisions.

The walkway will provide health benefits, as well as safely moving pedestrians off the road. In addition to simply providing pedestrian access, the new Pilbeam Walk would include amenities such as water fountains, seating and outdoor gym equipment. This will encourage physical activity and provide a venue for outdoor exercise.

The proposed walkway will be approximately 5KM, and will be constructed over numerous stages. Where possible the walkway will be two metres wide, with one lane going up and one lane going down, delineated with marked lines.

KEY PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS OUTCOMES

1. Develop The Pilbeam Walk

- Implement a safe pedestrian walkway from the base of Mount Archer to Fraser Park.
- Implement further signage for healthy outcomes and the 10,000 Steps program.
- Implement a static outdoor.
- Construct dedicated car parks along Pilbeam Drive.
- Upgrade lookout points along Pilbeam Drive.
- Implement water dispensers, waste receptacles and seating at various locations.

STAKEHOLDERS

- Capricorn Enterprise
- Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development
- Department of Transport and Main Roads
- Rockhampton Regional Council

PLANNING & POLICY ALIGNMENT

Queensland Plan:

G16 – We are physically and mentally healthy.

RRC Corporate Plan:

People, Places & Planning - Provide engineering, infrastructure planning and project management services to meet the current and future needs of the community and organisation.

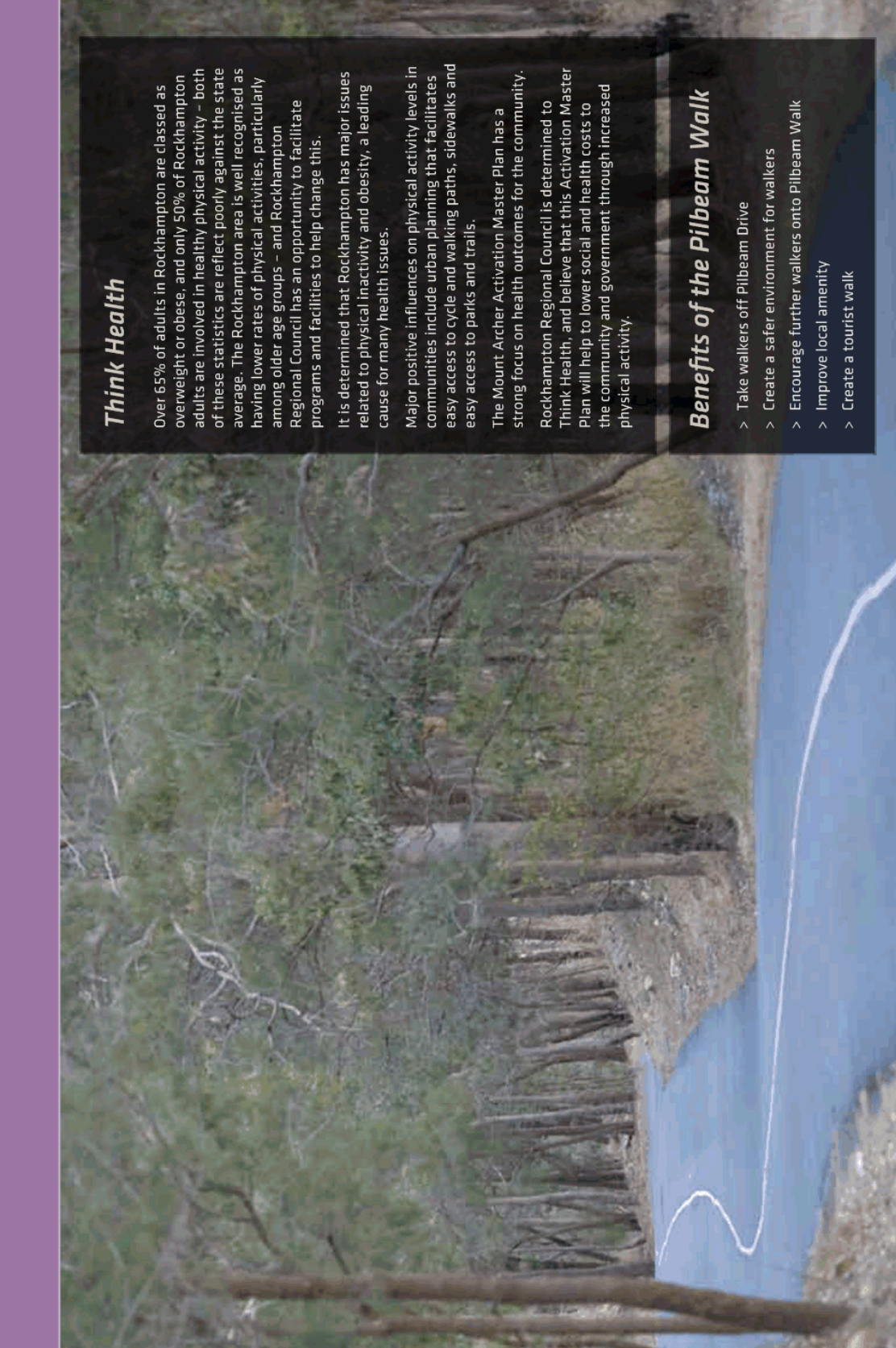
RRC Community Plan:

Infrastructure Strategy 3 - Ensure the open space network provides linkages with the pedestrian and cycleway network, and areas of environmental, educational and cultural value.

Infrastructure Strategy 3 - Ensure development includes networks of safe, direct and convenient pedestrian and cycle paths that integrate with and extend the existing pedestrian and cycle path networks in our neighbourhoods.

Living, Learning & Leisure Strategy 1 - Ensure accessible, well maintained open spaces and parks are available throughout the Region for all to enjoy.

People, Places & Planning Strategy 3 - Integrate pedestrian and cycleway systems in all urban communities.



Think Health

Over 65% of adults in Rockhampton are classed as overweight or obese, and only 50% of Rockhampton adults are involved in healthy physical activity – both of these statistics are reflect poorly against the state average. The Rockhampton area is well recognised as having lower rates of physical activities, particularly among older age groups – and Rockhampton Regional Council has an opportunity to facilitate programs and facilities to help change this.

It is determined that Rockhampton has major issues related to physical inactivity and obesity, a leading cause for many health issues.

Major positive influences on physical activity levels in communities include urban planning that facilitates easy access to cycle and walking paths, sidewalks and easy access to parks and trails.

The Mount Archer Activation Master Plan has a strong focus on health outcomes for the community. Rockhampton Regional Council is determined to Think Health, and believe that this Activation Master Plan will help to lower social and health costs to the community and government through increased physical activity.

Benefits of the Pilbeam Walk

- > Take walkers off Pilbeam Drive
- > Create a safer environment for walkers
- > Encourage further walkers onto Pilbeam Walk
- > Improve local amenity
- > Create a tourist walk

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walkways & signage

As part of establishing lasting infrastructure in the Mount Archer National Park, comprehensive signage needs to be developed for pedestrians, bushwalkers and as part of the Dharumbal Culture Integration projects.

Walkways will present the values and provide opportunities for people to be active and signage will provide users richer experience of their walks.

STAKEHOLDERS

- Capricorn Enterprise
- The Dharumbal people
- Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development
- Department of Transport and Main Roads
- Rockhampton Regional Council

PLANNING & POLICY ALIGNMENT

RRC Corporate Plan:
Living, Learning & Leisure – Deliver a range of individual and organisational development services and programmes.

RRC Community Plan:
Infrastructure Strategy 1 – Implement correct and appropriately positioned regional and locality welcome signs and directional signage.
Environment Strategy 4 – Develop and promote existing walkways and cycle paths that take in the best of our environment.
Living, Learning & Leisure Strategy 1 – Ensure accessible, well maintained open spaces and parks are available throughout the Region for all to enjoy.

KEY PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS

1. Mount Archer Tourist Directional Signage

2. Pedestrian Way Finding and Health Signage

OUTCOMES


- A signage plan will be developed incorporating a Dharumbal theme, warnings, what to take on the walk and what you could see along the bushwalk.
- Pedestrian way finding to connect access from a variety of North Rockhampton locations to bushwalking tracks in Mount Archer.
- Existing tracks will be signed with 10,000 Steps messages to promote health outcomes.
- New tracks will incorporate 10,000 Steps milestones.
- All Pedestrian signage will be themed 'In motion Rockhampton'.

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flora

Protecting the natural environment of the Mount Archer National Park is important when developing the area. There are several challenges presented, such as existing invasive weed species, feral animals and compatibility of uses.

KEY PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS	OUTCOMES
1. Mount Archer Environmental Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remove weed species from Fraser Park and replace with appropriate indigenous species. Re-establish indigenous plant species in the Mount Archer National Park, German Street Bushland and other surrounding areas. Where possible initiate environmental programs that will enhance opportunities for community involvement. Undertake regular independent environmental audit of Mount Archer and surrounding areas. Indigenous flora and weed survey.
2. Grassland and Environmental Corridors Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess (and where necessary re-establish) creek banks that are formed from Mount Archer—Thozet, Frenchman's and Moores Creeks. Initiate a collaborative and dedicated task force focused on removing weed species from creeks that are formed from Mount Archer. Assess and strengthen environmental corridors from Mount Archer National Park into Rockhampton. Establish within fire buffer zones fire resistant plant species.

STAKEHOLDERS

- Capricorn Conservation Council
- Capricorn Enterprise
- CQUniversity
- Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sports and Racing
- Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Environmental Heritage and Protection, Department of Justice and Attorney General
- Fitzroy Basin Association
- Fitzroy River and Coastal Catchment Inc.
- Local community
- Rockhampton Regional Council


PLANNING & POLICY ALIGNMENT

Queensland Plan:
Aligns with **Environment target G22** - We invest in and adopt sustainable and renewable solutions.


Regional Development Australia – Fitzroy and Central West Regional Roadmap 2013-16:
Fits with Environmental Outcomes – 'protecting and enhancing the region's environmental values'.

RRC Corporate Plan:
Environment - Achieve land rehabilitation and mitigation through direct action, education and volunteer programme delivery.
Environment - Promote the sustainable development of natural and physical resources and the maintenance of ecological processes and genetic diversity.


RRC Community Plan:
Environment Strategy 2 – Reduce the human impact on our Region's landscapes, plants and animals through education, partnerships and regeneration schemes.
Environment Strategy 2 – Ensure the impacts of weeds, pests and diseases are minimised.
Environment Strategy 3 – Protect and manage our natural bushland areas to ensure their health and longevity.



Allocasuarina torulosa



Banksia integrifolia



Erythrina vespertilio



fauna

ANIMALS AND BIRDS

There is an abundance of animals and birds living on Mount Archer and surrounding areas. Previous surveys indicated 163 bird, 54 mammal, 55 reptile and 13 amphibian species. These include amongst others: the possum, unadorned rock-wallaby and echidna. Currently, feral pests (including deer, wild pigs, wild dogs, wild horses and feral cats) are damaging the Mount Archer ecosystem.

Enhancement of the native trees and a feral pest reduction program would assist land-based mammals to thrive in the area. Mount Archer is home to vulnerable bird species including the Glossy Black Cockatoo. This plan seeks to improve the habitat for fauna that exist at the top of Mount Archer, at the various levels of the Mountain, along creek systems and the various forest environments at the base of Mount.

STAKEHOLDERS

- Birdlife Capricornia
- Capricorn Conservation Council
- Capricorn Enterprise
- CQUniversity
- Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sports and Racing
- Fitzroy Basin Association
- Fitzroy River and Coastal Catchment Inc.
- Rockhampton Regional Council

PLANNING & POLICY ALIGNMENT

RRC Corporate Plan:

Environment - Implement Pest Management Plan actions to control declared pests.

Environment - Promote the sustainable development of natural and physical resources and the maintenance of ecological processes and genetic diversity.

RRC Community Plan:

Environment Strategy 2 – Reduce the human impact on our Region's landscapes, plants and animals through education, partnerships and regeneration schemes.

Environment Strategy 2 – Ensure the impacts of weeds, pests and diseases are minimised.

Environment Strategy 3 – Interlink wildlife and vegetation corridors throughout our communities

KEY PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS

OUTCOMES

1. Mount Archer Environmental Program

- Implement a regular mammal, reptile and bird surveys under the environmental audit of Mount Archer and surrounding areas.
- Create a Mount Archer animal and bird guide that will be available online as an app, and as a hard copy version through the visitor information centre.
- Provide opportunities through the app to undertake citizen based research.
- Implement an annual bird watching tour events and survey in July and October.
- Introduce feral pest reduction program.
- Pending research, planning and the potential recreating of appropriate habitats, seek to reintroduce indigenous fauna species.

2. Signage and Interpretive Trails

- Implement animal and bird interpretive signage for the habitat areas of Fraser Park, the Dry Open Forest, Zamia Walk, Frenchman's Creek and Moores Creek.


3. Creek and Environmental Corridors Program

- Seek to reintroduce indigenous mammal and reptile species pending results from surveys.
- Remove invasive weed species and feral animals.
- Regenerate indigenous fauna and flora species.
- Where needed re-establish and rejuvenate creek banks and adjoining areas.
- Improve the environment holistically.


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Eastern Dwarf Tree Frog
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Eastern Yellow Robin
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Glossy Black Cockatoo
© Ian Montgomery



Striated Pardalote
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Great Egret
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fraser park restoration & expansion

Establishing infrastructure that provides improved access to the summit of Mount Archer goes hand-in-hand with maintaining and expanding current facilities, particularly those at Fraser Park.

The projects and programs contained within this section of the Activation Master Plan build on the existing facilities, improving where possible and then expanding as greater capacity is required to meet demand. A number of additional considerations need to be made when undertaking restoration and expansion activities these include ensuring accessibility for those with mobility issues, creating an all-weather environment for visitors and restoring the botanical collection.

KEY PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS OUTCOMES

1. Fraser Park Restoration Project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a specific park architecture/development plan for Fraser Park. • Change use of existing café to a community multi-use facility. • Create a core facility at the start of the Zamia walkway with café, camping and cultural education centre. • Provide a unique playground experience within Fraser Park for children. • Implement botanical displays. • Build amphitheatre to be used for educational purposes. • Provide areas for wedding ceremonies to take place. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve existing lookouts, and build new lookouts including canopy walks. • Improve access to viewing platforms by upgrading walking tracks. • Incorporate interpretive trail signage. • Sleipner Lookout upgrade
3. The Capricornia Observatory Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate the feasibility of constructing the Capricornia Observatory. • Construct an observatory tower to provide 360 degree views of Capricornia. • The elevated platform will provide a video feed to monitor fires and other natural disasters, assisting disaster management efforts.
4. Fraser Park Accessibility Audit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create landscape architectural drawings. • Design and construct pathways in Fraser Park that allow access to all persons.

STAKEHOLDERS

- Capricorn Conservation Council
- Capricorn Enterprise
- CQUniversity
- Department of Justice and Attorney General
- Department of Education
- Department of Environmental Heritage and Protection
- Department of Natural Resources and Mines
- Fitzroy Basin Association
- Fitzroy River and Coastal Catchment Inc.
- Local community
- Rockhampton Regional Council

PLANNING & POLICY ALIGNMENT

RRC Corporate Plan:

Living, Learning & Leisure – Maintain the Region's sports fields, parks, gardens, playgrounds and open spaces.

Economy – Promote the sustainable development of natural and physical resources and the maintenance of ecological processes and genetic diversity

RRC Community Plan:

Infrastructure Strategy 6 – Ensure local parks and reserves include suitable recreational facilities for all ages and abilities to access and enjoy.

Environment Strategy 4 – Ensure our public green spaces and streetscapes are well maintained.

Living, Learning & Leisure Strategy 1 – Ensure accessible, well maintained open spaces and parks are available throughout the Region for all to enjoy.

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KEY PROJECT:
eco centre

KEY PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS OUTCOMES

1. Fraser Park Eco Centre

- Undertake further research to direct the specific design elements of the Eco Centre.
 - Explore business and funding models to provide capital for the project.
 - Provide business and employment opportunities.
 - Construct a multi-use facility in Fraser Park on Council's undeveloped blocks.
 - Provide educational institutions with a facility to enable students learning experiences.
- Enable low intensity activities including nature based tourism.

STAKEHOLDERS

PLANNING & POLICY ALIGNMENT

Tourism Queensland:

Aligns with core tourism target markets, as well as identified target market needs of discovery (discovering nature, rejuvenating), learning/education (cultural aspects), and adventure.

RRC Corporate Plan:

Living, Learning & Leisure - Maintain the Region's sports fields, parks, gardens, playgrounds and open spaces.

RRC Community Plan:

Environment Strategy 4 - Enhance and promote our eco-tourism, and green and clean tourism options.

Economy Strategy 4 – Grow sustainable tourism options on a local and regional basis, capitalising on our natural, historical, cultural culinary and artificial assets



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dharumbal cultural significance

As Mount Archer (Nurrim) is part of Dharumbal traditional country, celebrating Dharumbal culture, acknowledging their sacred sites and connecting to country is imperative to activating Nurrim.

Integrating the Dharumbal history will allow future generations to appreciate and better manage the area, and this forms a critical part of the Mount Archer Activation Master Plan.

KEY PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS OUTCOMES

1. Dharumbal Activation for Mount Archer

- Explore ways to celebrate Dharumbal culture through indigenous engagement
- Seek further indigenous work placement programs in the Mount Archer National Park and other appropriate areas such as a Dharumbal Ranger.
- Establish an indigenous education and skills program for those that are unemployed utilising opportunities in Mount Archer and surrounding areas.
- Investigate early indigenous diversion programs that could utilise Mount Archer and its surrounding areas.
- Establish a collaborative partnership with the Dharumbal people and CQUniversity utilising Mount Archer and surrounding areas.
- Implement the Indigenous Land and Sea Education Program.

2. The Mount Archer Ridge and Range Walk Connection

- Create and implement Dharumbal knowledge workshops to pass indigenous knowledge onto the local community.
- Facilitate opportunities to the Dharumbal people to undertake indigenous treks into the Mount Archer National Park.

3. Signage and Interpretive Trails

- Create a project management role for a Dharumbal person to design local Dharumbal totems and indigenous themes along Pilbeam Drive, Mount Archer and Fraser Park.
- Develop further indigenous signage and interpretive trails.

4. Lookouts Project

- Incorporate a viewing platform that allows the Dharumbal people to see Toonooba (the Fitzroy River) and platforms that allow seeing other important cultural sites such as Gwula (Mount Wheeler).

STAKEHOLDERS

- Capricorn Enterprise
- CQUniversity
- The Dharumbal people
- Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs
- Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet – Indigenous Affairs
- Fitzroy Basin Association
- Fitzroy River and Coastal Catchment Inc.
- Local community
- Rockhampton Regional Council

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RRC Community Plan:

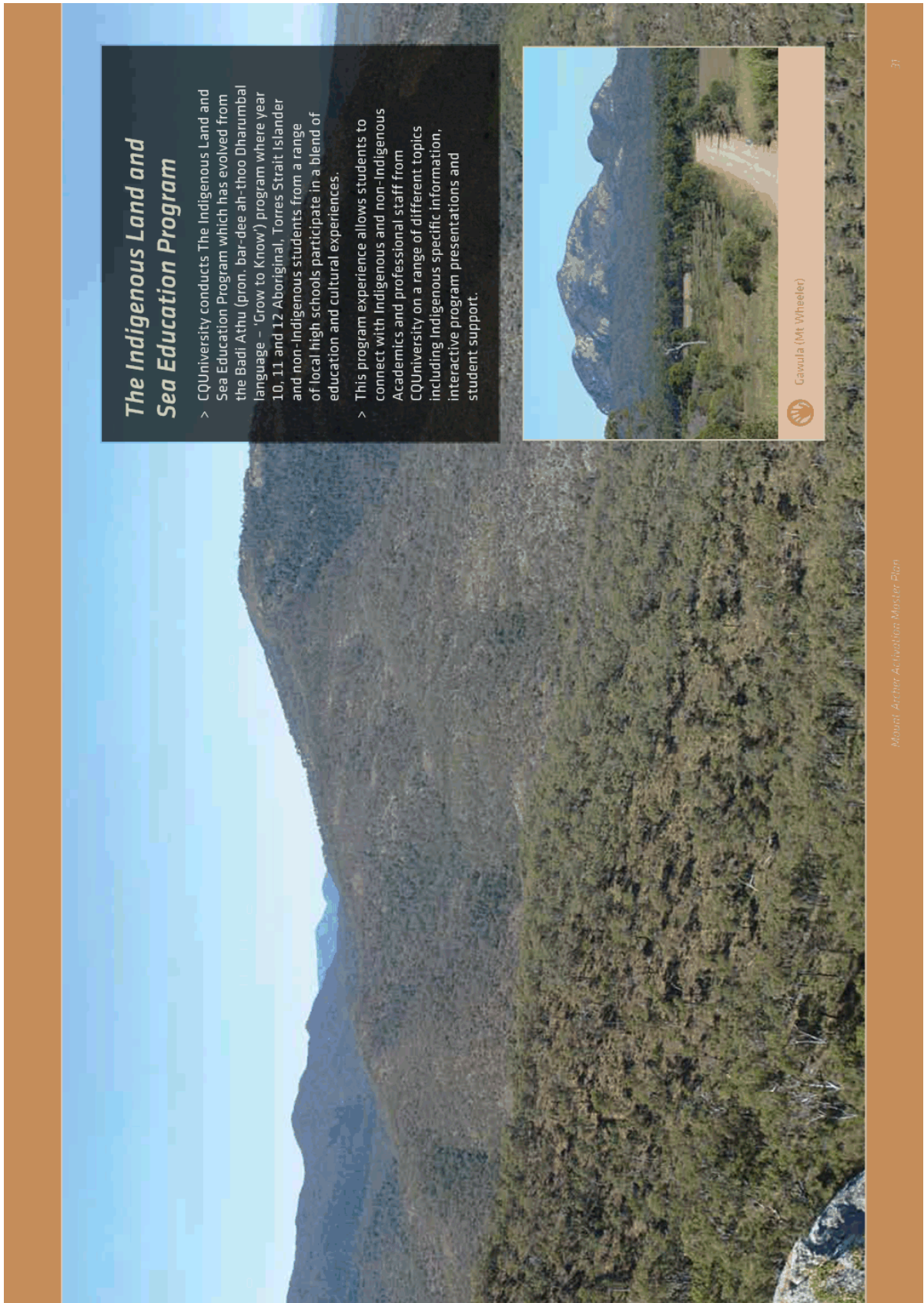
Living, Learning & Leisure Strategy 4 - Celebrate our strong indigenous history and culture.

Living, Learning & Leisure Strategy 4 - Ensure respect for all cultures through community awareness programs.

Living, Learning & Leisure Strategy 4 - Implement community signage that shows off the Region's assets and indigenous influences.


People, Places & Planning Strategy 4 - Advocate, promote and protect our heritage buildings, indigenous and cultural sites, and places of significance.

People, Places & Planning Strategy 5 - Ensure development respects the culture and heritage of the traditional land owners and other cultural groups within the Region.



The Indigenous Land and Sea Education Program

- > CQUniversity conducts The Indigenous Land and Sea Education Program which has evolved from the Badi Athu (pron. bar-dee ah-thoo Dharumbal language – ‘Grow to Know’) program where year 10, 11 and 12 Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and non-Indigenous students from a range of local high schools participate in a blend of education and cultural experiences.
- > This program experience allows students to connect with Indigenous and non-Indigenous Academics and professional staff from CQUniversity on a range of different topics including Indigenous specific information, interactive program presentations and student support.



Cawula (Mt Wheeler)

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KEY PROJECT: the mount archer ridge and range walk

The Mount Archer Ridge and Range walk could very well be a tourism drawcard for Central Queensland, and has been proposed by locals interested in seeing the bushwalking potential of the area fully recognised.

This Key Project aligns with the environmental values of this Activation Master Plan, while also encouraging tourism and healthy recreation within the area.

KEY PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS OUTCOMES

1. Bushwalking Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create an additional 30km of bushwalking trails in the Mount Archer National Park and Fraser Park. Enable a project with the Department of Correctional Services to assist construction. Provide a series of bushwalking tracks – easy, medium, hard, expert. Where possible seek to link bushwalking trails with other trails in/around the area.
2. Zamia Trail Upgrade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve the surface of the full length of the Zamia trail to allow better accessibility.
3. Campsite Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide two camps within the National Park that will require a walk of at least four hours to reach the campsite. Enable users/tourists to stay within the National Park on camping trips.
4. Walking Entries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide access to the National Park from a variety of entry points from North Rockhampton including Frenchville, Norman Gardens and Koongal.
5. Signage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide signage in a variety of languages/symbols to advise bushwalkers of necessities and potential dangers. Provide information on habitat areas for bushwalkers.
5. Geo-caching	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide Geo-caching locations within the National Park. Promote Geo-caching adventure to locals and tourists with the help of Capricorn Enterprise.

STAKEHOLDERS

- Capricornia Bushwalkers
- Capricorn Enterprise
- CQU University
- Department of Justice and Attorney General
- Department of National Parks, Sport and Racing
- The Dharumbal people
- Rockhampton Regional Council

PLANNING & POLICY ALIGNMENT

Queensland Plan:

Aligns with Health and Wellbeing target G16 - We are physically and mentally healthy

RRC Corporate Plan:

Living, Learning & Leisure - Maintain the Region's sports fields, parks, gardens, playgrounds and open spaces.

Economy - Promote the sustainable development of natural and physical resources and the maintenance of ecological processes and genetic diversity.

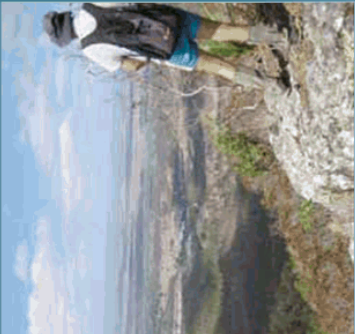
RRC Community Plan:

Infrastructure Strategy 3 - Ensure the open space network provides linkages with the pedestrian and cycleway network, and areas of environmental, educational and cultural value.


Environment Strategy 4 - Enhance and promote our eco-tourism, and green and clean tourism options.

Living, Learning & Leisure Strategy 1 - Ensure a mix of sporting options and facilities for all ages.


Economy Strategy 4 - Grow sustainable tourism options on a local and regional basis, capitalising on our natural, historical, cultural, culinary and artificial assets.




The quarry from the rock face on Mount Slepner




The Mount Dick Walk



Walking down Mount Slepner



Climbing up through the dry rainforest on Mt Slepner



Walking track circuit



KEY PROJECT:

german street bushland park

The German Street Bushland is significant in terms of size, use and ecology. The creation of a site based management plan will assist in the balance between human use and ecological sustainability.

This key project is closely linked to that overleaf – Mountain Bike Trails.

KEY PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS

1. Emergency Access

• Construct emergency access points at the end of Guthrie Street and in German Street Park to allow emergency vehicles easier access to parts of the National Park.

2. German Street Bushland Park Project

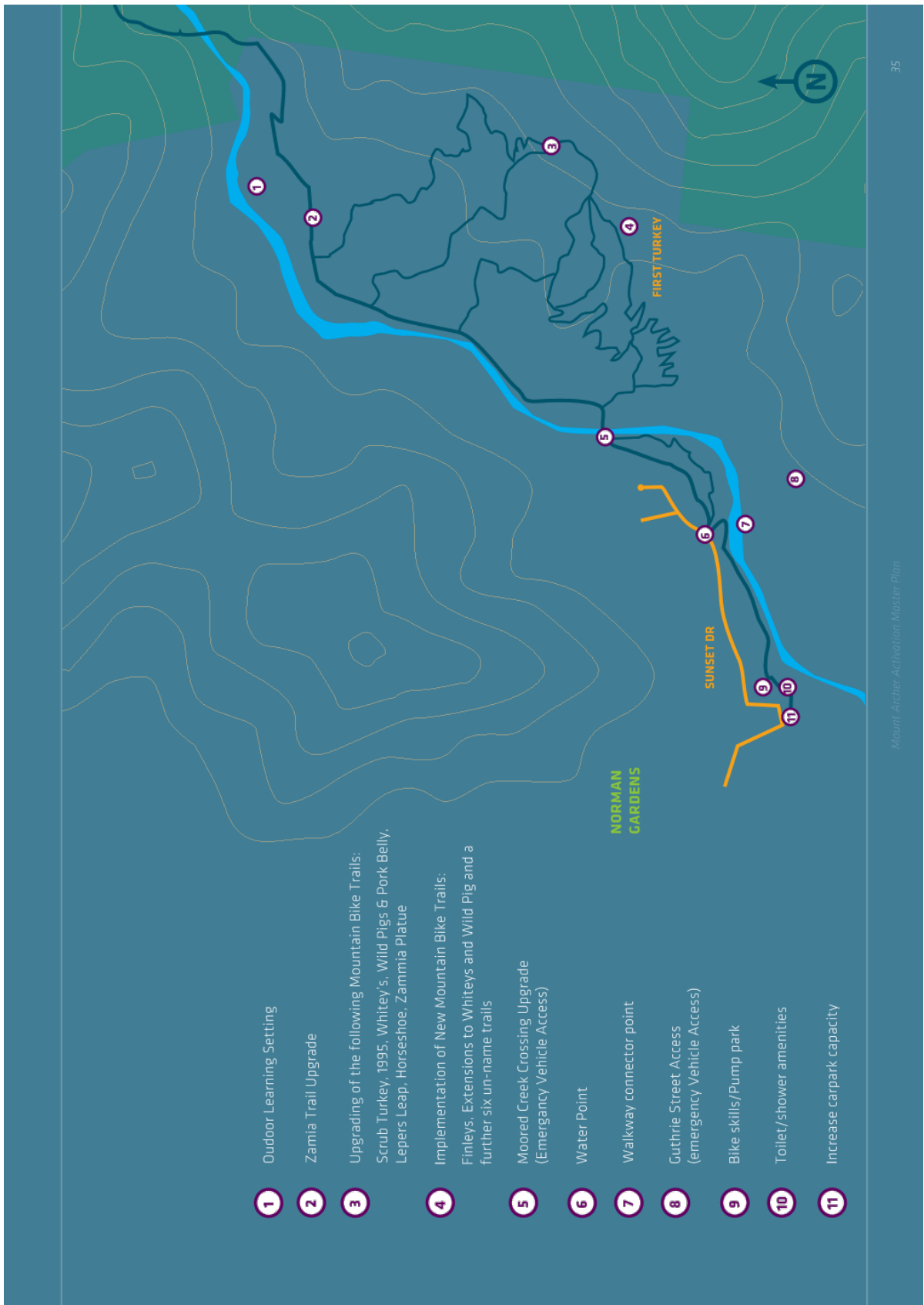
• Establish a site based management plan for the German Street Bushland Park area.
• Provide outdoor learning opportunities along the Zamia trails and Moores Creek.

STAKEHOLDERS

- Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing
- Rockhampton Mountain Bike Club
- Rockhampton Regional Council
- Capricornia Bushwalkers
- Capricorn Conservation Council
- Birdlife Capricornia
- Local community

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KEY PROJECT: mountain bike trails

A Mountain Bike Reserve appeals to the eco-tourism objectives of the Activation Master Plan, encouraging outdoor activity and providing unstructured recreation opportunities.

The First Turkey Mountain Bike Reserve upgrades will allow for greater use of the mountain by people of all ages and fitness levels. Development of the German Street Park amenities will encourage residents to use the facilities, ensuring that Rockhampton locals benefit as well as tourists.

KEY PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS OUTCOMES

1. Work with local clubs and trail builders to develop sustainable mountain bike trails that are tailored to a variety of skill levels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First Turkey Mountain Bike Reserve will be well placed to cater for the rapidly growing industry of mountain bike tourism. Create a range of skills levels for young children through to veteran riders. Encourage residents and visitors to benefits from the health outcomes of mountain biking.
2. Sunset Drive Amenities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build a compost toilet and a drinking fountain in the First Turkey Mountain Bike Reserve. Investigate a skills track within the First Turkey Mountain Bike Reserve. Fence the Sunset Drive playground area.
3. Sunset Drive Car Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase the amount of carparks in existing car park locations.
4. Signage and Interpretive Trails	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase the level of advisory and directional signage in the First Turkey Mountain Bike Reserve. Ensure safe and skill/fitness level appropriate use by residents and tourists of the First Turkey Mountain Bike Reserve.
5. Emergency Access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build a causeway or similar across Moores Creek to all user and emergency services access to First Turkey Mountain Bike Reserve and parts of Mount Archer.

STAKEHOLDERS

- Capricorn Enterprise
- Department of Justice and Attorney General
- Department of National Parks, Sport and Racing
- Local Residents
- Rockhampton Mountain Bike Club
- Rockhampton Regional Council

PLANNING & POLICY ALIGNMENT

Queensland Plan:

Health and Wellbeing target G16 - We are physically and mentally healthy.

RRC Corporate Plan:

Living, Learning & Leisure - Provide developmental programs for sporting and recreational groups.

RRC Community Plan:

Infrastructure Strategy 3 - Ensure the open space network provides linkages with the pedestrian and cycleway network, and areas of environmental, educational and cultural value.

Living, Learning & Leisure Strategy 1 - Ensure a mix of sporting options and facilities for all ages.

Living, Learning & Leisure Strategy 7 - Develop accessible sport, recreational and entertainment activities for our youth.




Did you know?

- > First Turkey Mountain Bike Reserve is the only Mountain Bike Facility in Central Queensland
- > 734,000 people ride a bike each week in Queensland
- > For 11 years running, more bikes were sold in Australia than cars.
- > Most bike users ride for exercise or recreation.
- > Residents are more physically active in communities with bicycle friendly infrastructure

Images courtesy of Queensland Mountain Bikes

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proposed
events calendar

The Mount Archer Activation Master Plan includes a vision for a lively future. This will incorporate a calendar of events designed to attract tourists and residents and showcase the precinct's development year-round.

Many of the proposed activities within this Master Plan align with the Capricorn Destination Tourism Plan, an important regional plan that helps direct tourism in the Rockhampton Region.

KEY PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS

1. Establish and Execute Regular Events Calendar

OUTCOMES

Example Schedule:

- March - Trekking event from Mt Archer to Mt Chapple and Mt Dick.
- April - Open air cinema.
- May - Eco-education lectures with local presenters.
- June - Mount Archer Billy cart race.
- July - Bird watching tour.
- August - Festival of Cycling - including the Mt Archer Queen and King of the Mountain (QKOM) Race.
- September - Mount Archer Family Fun Day.
- October - Bird watching tour.
- December - End of year camp out at the summit.

STAKEHOLDERS

- BirdLife Capricornia.
- Capricornia Bushwalkers
- Capricorn Enterprise
- CQUniversity
- The Dharumbal people
- Department of National Parks, Sport and Racing
- Department of Tourism, Events, Small Business and the Commonwealth Games
- Fitzroy River and Coastal Catchment Inc.
- Local community
- Local entertainers
- Local schools
- Rockhampton Cycling Club
- Rockhampton Mountain Bike Club
- Rockhampton Regional Council

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PLANNING & POLICY ALIGNMENT

Queensland Plan:

Health and Wellbeing target G16 - We are physically and mentally healthy.

Regions Targets T7- Liveable Regions - All Queenslanders are highly satisfied with the liveability of their region.

Regions target G8 – Our regions are prosperous and liveable.

RRC Corporate Plan:

Economy - Collaborate with Capricorn Enterprise to ensure the delivery of services to promote the tourist potential and economic development of our Region.

Living, Learning & Leisure - Deliver and facilitate community events and celebrations.

RRC Community Plan:

Living, Learning & Leisure Strategy 4 - Develop and provide a range of innovative spaces that support and enhance a creative community.

Living, Learning & Leisure Strategy 8 - Increase a diverse range of entertainment options.

Living, Learning & Leisure Strategy 8 - Maintain, support and celebrate our local events and festivals.



Mount Archer Billy Cart Race



Trekking events



Family Fun Day



Festival of Cycling



the wild side

While other Activation Master Plan projects encourage ecotourism, The Wild Side considers the possibility of adventure based tourism out of Mount Archer.

Imagine ziplining through the bush, the adrenaline thrill of bungee jumping from a lookout, or facing your fears of abseiling a steep drop.

These range of activities will appeal to a wider section of the community, as well as garner an international adventure tourism reputation for the region.

To fully explore the opportunities available, private enterprise will be invited to discuss opportunities. Maintenance and enhancement of environmental values of the Mount Archer precinct shall be an integral component for all development proposals.

STAKEHOLDERS

- Capricorn Enterprise
- Department of National Parks, Sport and Racing
- Department of Tourism, Events, Small Business and the Commonwealth Games
- Private Enterprise
- Rockhampton Regional Council

PLANNING & POLICY ALIGNMENT

Tourism Queensland:

Core tourism target markets, as well as identified target market needs of discovery (discovering nature, rejuvenating), learning/education (cultural aspects), and adventure.

Also: Tourism Queensland's vision to 'encourage profitable and sustainable development that immerses the ideal visitor in experiences that are sensitive to the unique natural, cultural and lifestyle features of Queensland'.

RRC Corporate Plan:

Economy - Collaborate with Capricorn Enterprise to ensure the delivery of services to promote the tourist potential and economic development of our Region.

RRC Community Plan:

Environment Strategy 4 - Enhance and promote our eco-tourism, and green and clean tourism options.

Economy Strategy 4 - Further develop and actively promote tourism activities and facilities.

KEY PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS

OUTCOMES

1. Tree TOWERING Adventures

- Enable a variety of tree line adventures to be placed on the outskirts of the Mount Archer/Berserker Range in an area suitable for these activities. These could include ziplines, ropes challenges, canopy walks and tree line roller coasters.
- Provide business and employment opportunities.
- Provide tourist opportunities.
- Provide educational institutions with a facility to enable students' learning experiences.

2. Mobile Crane Bungee Jump

- Undertake further research into the Barlows Boulder car park being the site for a mobile bungee jump.
- If feasible, allow a privately owned and accredited mobile bungee jump crane to access the site.

3. Abseiling and Climbing

- Where appropriate, enable abseiling and climbing activities to be conducted.

4. Horse Trails

- Explore options for a horse trail/s within the Mount Archer future use map. This could enable private enterprise/land holders to establish riding tours.

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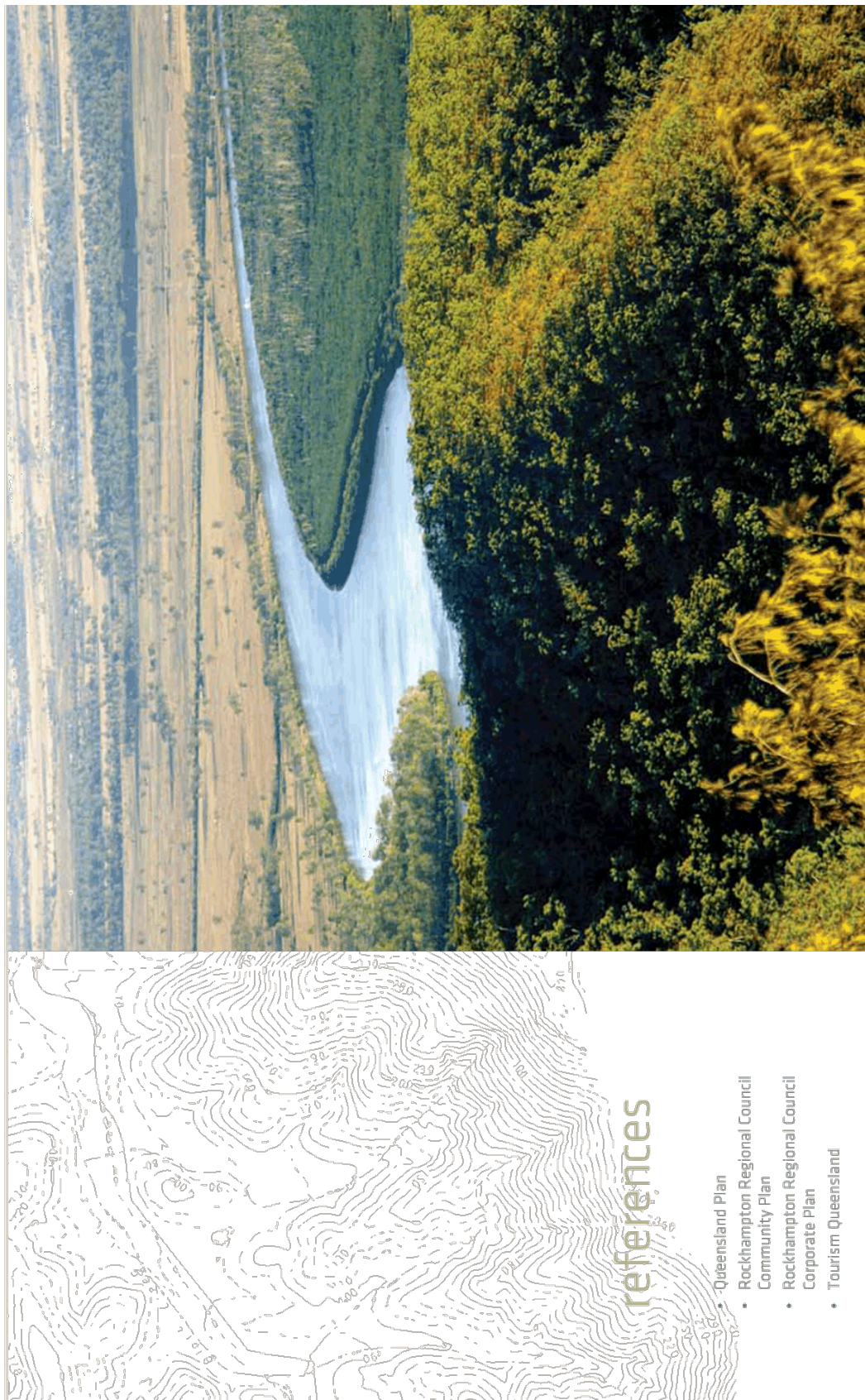


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where to from here?



Mount Archer Activation Master Plan



- Queensland Plan
- Rockhampton Regional Council Community Plan
- Rockhampton Regional Council Corporate Plan
- Tourism Queensland



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12 STRATEGIC REPORTS

12.1 CBD REVITALISATION SURVEY REPORT

File No: 54/1

Attachments: 1. CBD Revitalisation Survey Report

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SUMMARY

The CBD Revitalisation Survey was undertaken to provide an opportunity for the community to have input into what they believe works, what needs improvement and what they want to see more of regarding the CBD in order to inform planning and delivery of services.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

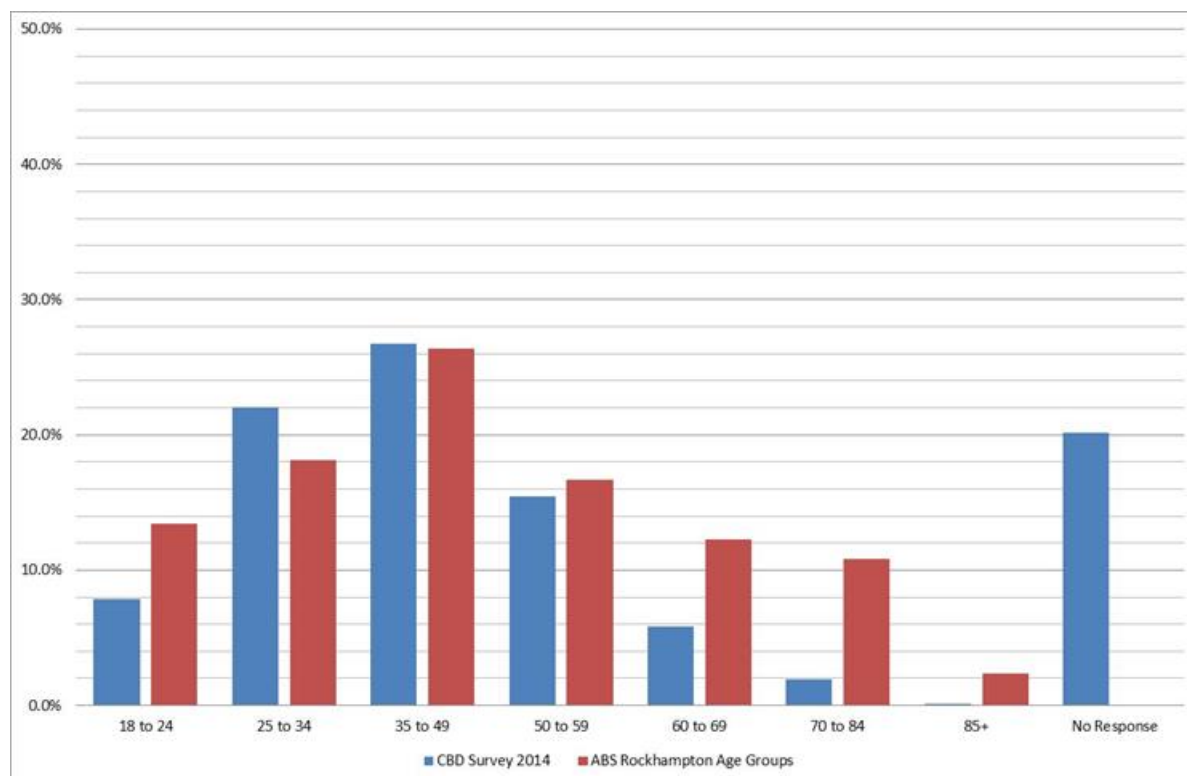
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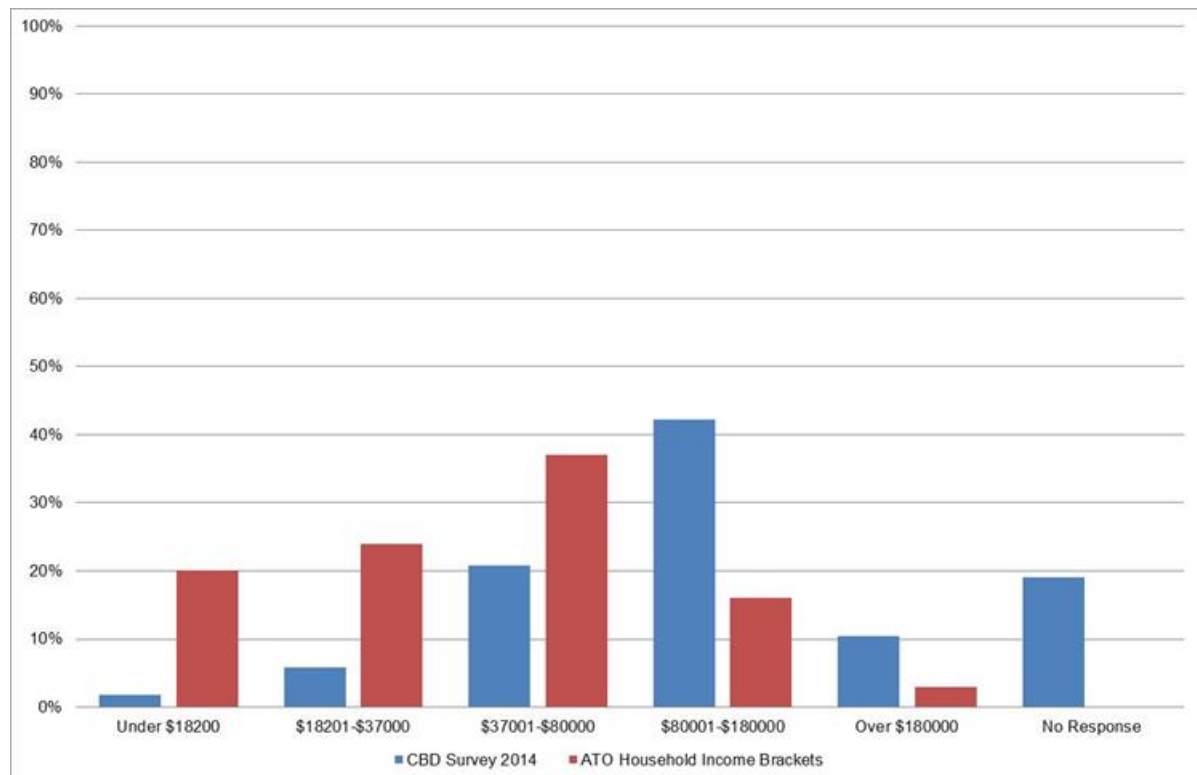
COMMENTARY

The CBD Revitalisation Survey employed a multi-method approach consisting of an online survey, a mail based survey (upon request) and a paper based survey.

The survey period was from November to December 2014, with most surveys completed online in November.

The survey attracted 791 respondents; one of the highest responses to Council surveys in the last four years. A good cross section of people from across the Region responded, with lower representation in the 18 to 24, and 60+ age groups.





The survey was modelled on questions posed to the CBD property owners and businesses during workshops held in 2014.

The in depth survey report including data analysis for each question is contained in Attachment 1: CBD Revitalisation Survey Report.

Main messages from participants

Cafés, shopping & dining are the main reasons residents come to the CBD.

- 56% indicated cafés as one of the main reasons for coming to the CBD with 25-34 yr olds the highest user group.
- 49% indicated shopping as one of the main reasons for coming to the CBD with 35-49 yr olds the highest user group.
- 40% indicated restaurant dining as one of the main reasons for coming to the CBD with 25-34 yr olds the highest user group.

Cafés, the Riverfront and dining are most liked when residents come to the CBD.

- The Riverfront was not a primary motivating factor for people to visit the CBD, which indicates this asset to be under-leveraged and under-promoted.

A significant majority of residents go to the CBD during the day, much fewer at night.

- Non-attendance at night is driven by safety concerns, lack of transportation, lack of facilities/businesses and lack of atmosphere.

There are numerous reasons why some residents don't come to the CBD:

- 53% parking
- 42% better variety of retailers elsewhere
- 37% more convenient elsewhere
- 34% not enough to do
- 26% safety concerns

Current personality of the CBD was characterized as tired, timid, boring, negative, stagnant and a bit sad.

Suggestions to improve the CBD include:

- Clean it up and fill in the shops (69%),
- Improve parking (57%),
- Better facilities on the Riverbank (57%),
- More festivals & events (48%)
- Improve safety (44%)

What people want to see in/for the CBD:

- Keep it clean, attractive and plenty of green spaces
- Use it for more events / markets / festivals
- Riverfront, alfresco and pop-up dining
- Interactive spaces – playgrounds
- Wet play areas
- Use the river – we want connectivity, kids attractions, performances and sculptures

Significant amount of community members would consider living in / or near the CBD.

- One in three participants indicated that they would consider living in / or near CBD.

Consider climate to keep CBD spaces cool in summer.

- Many participants emphasised the importance of considering climate (summer) in the design and utilisation of space.

More art, history and culture – let's tell our story!

- Participants mentioned engaging local artists, reflecting our historical story and placing cultural amenities close to Pilbeam theatre as key aspects to improving the CBD.

BACKGROUND

The Rockhampton Regional Council has identified revitalisation of the CBD to be essential to the success of the Region. There is an ongoing dialogue with CBD property owners and businesses to work together to redevelop the CBD as a vibrant economic, cultural and social centre; 'the place to be'.

CBD property owners and businesses have been and continue to be engaged through facilitated workshops, regular meetings and focus groups.

The CBD Revitalisation Survey was included in the engagement plan to provide an opportunity for all Rockhampton Region residents to inform the revitalisation process.

CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLANCorporate Plan – Economy – Strategic Planning

Implement a growth management framework which facilitates economic growth whilst preserving the Region's character

Operational Plan – Strategic Planning

Provide strategic planning services to optimise quality of life and economic development opportunities for region residents and businesses through the provision of essential infrastructure, services and community amenities.

CONCLUSION

The CBD Revitalisation Survey achieved one of the highest response rates for any survey undertaken over the last four years, indicating a very strong interest in this issue and likely support for CBD revitalisation efforts.

On the positive side there is an appreciation for the CBD café culture, reasonably strong support for dining and shopping, strong support for a range of improvement efforts, strong support for increased residential opportunities, and appreciation of the value provided by heritage buildings and the river.

On the negative side, there is a general perception that the CBD has not moved with the times; that there are too many vacancies; not enough diversity in dining and retail options; not enough things to do and not enough broader community activities such as festivals and markets; and that important assets like the riverfront and heritage buildings are not being adequately leveraged. Safety and security concerns were cited by a large number of respondents as a significant barrier to greater patronage.

Overall, the survey indicated how much the CBD means to the community but a general dissatisfaction with its current condition.

Ongoing engagement is important to keep maintaining a positive momentum of community support for improving the CBD but also to ensure that the CBD revitalisation is one that is owned by the entire Rockhampton community.

CBD REVITALISATION SURVEY REPORT

CBD Revitalisation Survey Report

Meeting Date: 13 October 2015

Attachment No: 1



CBD Revitalisation Survey Report

Date: Survey Completed November/December 2014

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Executive Summary

The Rockhampton Regional Council has identified that revitalisation of the Region's Central Business District (CBD) is a key component to the success of the Region. Council has commenced an ongoing dialogue with the CBD property owners and business operators to facilitate the development of a community led action plan to make the CBD a vibrant economic, cultural and social centre; 'the place to be'.

CBD property owners and business operators have opportunities to express views and opinions and develop an action program through facilitated workshops, workgroups and taskforce groups.

The CBD Survey was included in the engagement plan to ensure that any person who resides in the Rockhampton Region wanting to participate to the revitalisation process could provide input on what works, what needs improvement and their vision for the CBD. The survey was modelled on questions that were posed to the CBD property owners and business operators in initial workshops. Survey conducted November / December 2014.

Total response for the exercise was 791 respondents; this represented a 95% confidence level with an interval of 3.47% (based on the Regional population of approx 80,000 persons). In terms of representivity there was a good cross section of people from across the Region that responded, although there was slight skew towards those with higher income levels. Many of the respondents completed the survey online. A paper based survey option was also provided at Rockhampton City Hall Customer Service Centre.

Main messages from participants

- Cafés, shopping & dining are the main reasons people come to the CBD.
- Cafés, enjoying the Riverfront and dining are most liked.
- A significant majority of persons go to the CBD during the day, much less at night.
 - Non-attendance at night is driven by safety concerns, lack of transportation to and from the CBD, a lack of facilities/businesses and a lack of atmosphere.
- Reasons why people don't come to the CBD:
 - *Parking (53%), Better variety of retailers elsewhere (42%), More convenient elsewhere (37%), Not enough to do (34%) and Safety concerns (26%).*
- Personality of CBD is tired, timid, boring, negative, stagnant and a bit sad.
- Suggestions: Clean it up and fill in the shops (69%), Improve parking (57%), Better facilities on the Riverbank (57%), More festivals & events (48%) and Improve safety (44%).
- What do people want to see:
 - *Keep it clean, attractive and plenty of green spaces, Use it for more events / markets / festivals, Riverfront dining, Interactive spaces – playgrounds, Wet play areas, Use the river – we want some connectivity, Kids attractions, Performances and Sculptures.*
- One in three people (33%) indicated that they would consider living in / or near CBD

What do people want to see and core actions to consider

Focusing on things....

- Keeping it clean / attractive = easy to maintain infrastructure / footpaths chairs etc...
- Use it more for events / markets / festivals = infrastructure to allow this and consider frequent programming too.
- Riverfront dining:
 - Opportunities for conversions of existing building into dining spaces.
 - Opportunities for alfresco / footpath dining = appropriate footpath space and shade.
 - Opportunities for pop up dining = require power and a place for people to eat.
- Interactive spaces = playgrounds, wet play areas, kids attractions, performances.
- Greener spaces and greener connections = trees / landscaping / plants.
- Consider climate = shade and other devices to keep it cool in summer.
- More art, history and culture = Engaging local artists, reflect our historical story and place cultural engagement close to Pilbeam theatres.

Focused on opportunities...

- Create a vibrant night time economy that would encourage a significant increase of residents, visitors and tourists to the CBD. What would be needed to do this includes:
 - Planning and policy development for further night time trading to occur.
 - Providing opportunities to businesses to actively engage with the night time economy.
 - Consideration of how to use public space at night.
 - Develop and initiate actions to address homelessness within the CBD.
 - Develop and initiate actions to address anti-social behaviour.
 - Instill Crime Prevention Through Environment Design (CPTED) principles.
 - Encourage appropriate mix of businesses to target opportunities.
 - Consider whether strategies employed by larger cities such as Melbourne in providing more intimate venue offerings could occur in the Rockhampton CBD, if yes, develop and initiate actions to make this happen.
 - Consideration of transportation to and from the CBD during the day and at night.
- Rockhampton Riverfront is currently under-utilised and has a major scope for improvement, this would translate into more people coming to this part of the CBD to enjoy. Both in terms of comments and survey statistics it is apparent that this is a major opportunity.
- Feeling unsafe/unsecure is a key driver for many residents in their choice not to come to the CBD, particularly at night. Changing this perception will not only encourage further engagement with the area but may also increase the appeal of residents to live in higher density accommodation on/near the River. A plan needs to be developed and initiated with key stakeholders including the Police, the Council and various community partners to address this situation.
- Provision of restaurant / dining offerings for those on higher income levels, currently only 35% of people that have income greater than \$180K come to the CBD to enjoy dining.
- Develop the CBD brand, changing it from its current perception to be one that is inviting, exciting, engaging, positive and going places. Undertaking this transformation will assist in marketing the CBD to attract residents, businesses and tourists.
- It was widely expressed by residents that there are numerous heritage buildings that were beautiful and had a lot of character however there were a lot of unutilised and old buildings that detracted from the overall aesthetic appeal of the CBD. The opportunity here could be to rejuvenate or find alternative uses for these buildings or give them a face lift.

Focused on age segmentation...**Group – Students and Young Independents (18 – 24)**

- Make it greener and more attractive
- Want to see more interactivity
 - Markets and events – a sense of atmosphere
- Safety is a major issue for this group
- Clean it up and fill in shops
- Looking for the "WOW" factor
- Resident quote: *"It's a bit boring at the moment"*

**What's their Profile?***From the survey....*

- 68% born in Rocky
- Highest (statistical) user group of East St (within age groups)
- 2nd highest user of Quay St
- Don't use Victoria Parade as much
- Main household income groups:
 - 18K to 37K – 15%
 - 37K to 80K – 40%
 - 80K to 180K – 32%
 - Not listed – 13%
- Presumed higher disposable incomes
- Occupations varied: miners, office staff, students etc...
- Prefer loft living, followed by high rise

Group – Young Workforce (25 – 34)

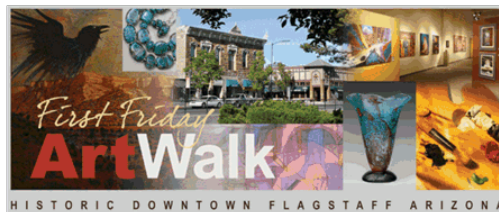
- Make it greener and more attractive
- Better facilities on the Riverbank
 - Diversity of food outlets, sidewalk dining
 - Family locations and use our history
- More variety of retailers
- Use lights for atmosphere and safety
- Empty shops was a real issue for this group
- Quote: *"More variety of entertainment options"*

**What's their Profile?***From the survey....*

- Significant café culture
- 39% born in Rocky
- 61% outside of Rocky
- High user group of East Street
- Use both Quay St & Victoria Parade at a similar rate
- Main household income groups:
 - 18K to 37K – 6%
 - 37K to 80K – 31%
 - 80K to 180K – 54%
 - 180K + – 9%
- Occupations varied
- Prefer high rise, loft second

Group – Parents and Homebuilders (35 – 49)

- Want a large scale revamp including: *"CBD businesses to pull their weight"*
- More art, history and culture
- Better use of older buildings
- Markets (farmers), small scale grocery's
- Have things for kids to do: Waterparks, activities
- Quote: *"The Riverbank needs a point of difference"*

**What's their Profile?***From the survey....*

- 28% born in Rocky
- Consistent users across East St, Quay St & Victoria Pd
- Main household income groups:
 - 18K to 37K – 7%
 - 37K to 80K – 23%
 - 80K to 180K – 49%
 - 180K + – 21%
- Highest income levels of all groups
- Prefer high rise living

Group – Older Workers and Pre Retirees (50 – 59)

- Want more atmosphere
- Create a celebration vibe for all age groups
- A variety of restaurants with various prices
- Use the Riverfront including concerts and markets
- Undertake regular cleaning
- Consider climate: Infrastructure/trees to reduce heat
- Greener/landscaped

What's their Profile?*From the survey....*

- 28% born in Rocky
- 72% outside of Rocky
- 2nd Highest user of East Street
- Use Quay St more than Victoria Pd
- Main household income groups:
 - 18K to 37K – 5%
 - 37K to 80K – 20%
 - 80K to 180K – 60%
 - 180K + – 15%
- Art and Culture is more important to them
- Prefers high rise, loft second

Group – Empty Nesters and Retirees (60 – 69)

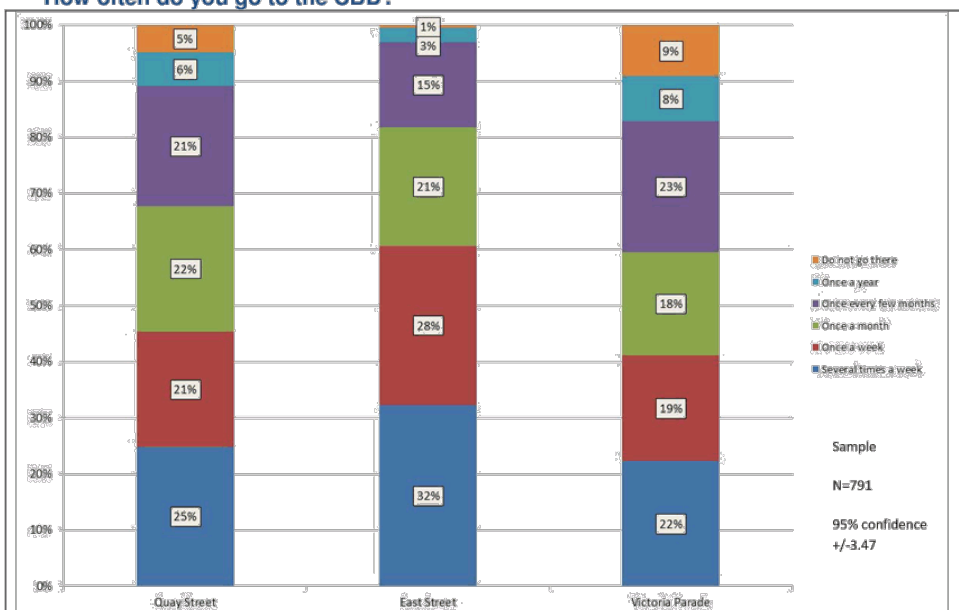
- Create an appealing space & fill in the shops
- Encourage niche shops, pop up shops
- Greater variety of retailers
- Utilise the footpaths
- More cultural attractions
- Extra shade please...

What's their Profile?*From the survey....*

- 33% born in Rocky
- Main household income groups:
 - 18K to 37K – 4%
 - 37K to 80K – 24%
 - 80K to 180K – 57%
 - 180K + – 7%
 - Not listed – 8%
- Prefer high rise living

Findings

How often do you go to the CBD?



Data analysis: Overall East Street is the street most regularly attended in the CBD precinct. 60% of respondents indicated that they visited this Street either "Several times a Week" or "Once a Week".

Quay Street – Respondents indicated - Overall Regular Use at 46%

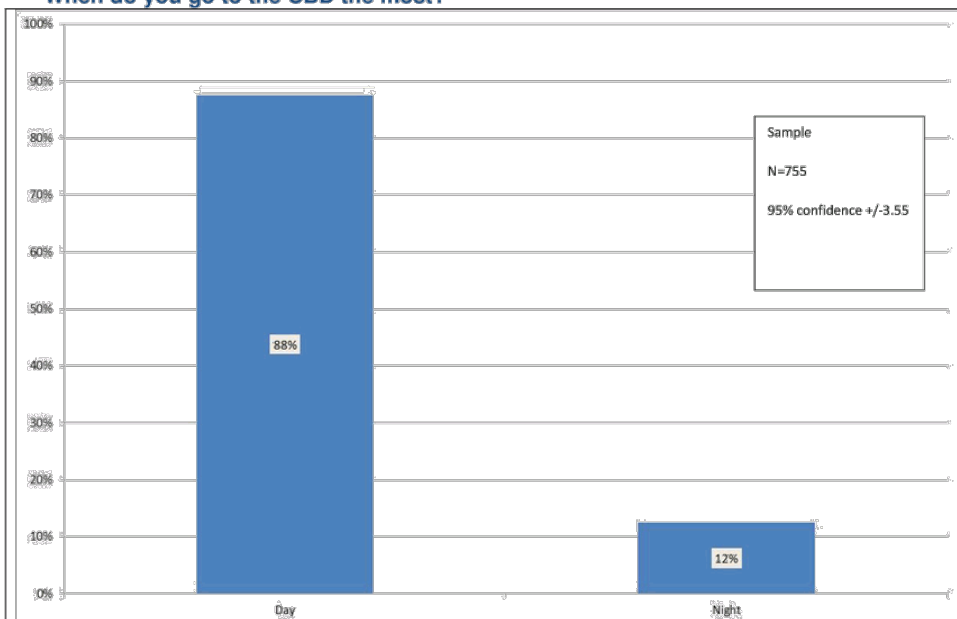
- Within their age groups higher visitation rates for 18-24 yr olds and 50-59 yr olds. 52%-53% of respondents in these age groups indicated they visit this street at least once a week or more. For those age groups predominantly with children (25-49 yr olds) 40% indicated they visited at least once a week or more.
- There was no differentiation in terms of usage between those on different household income brackets.
- Those that live local (Rockhampton City) are more likely to visit Quay Street regularly. However only 55% of this group would visit at least once a week or more, just slightly higher than North Rockhampton residents.

East Street – Respondents indicated - Overall Regular Use at 60%

- Within their age groups there are higher visitation rates across 18-24 yr olds (66%), 25-34 yr olds (61%) and 35-49 yr olds (64%) indicating they would visit this street at least once a week or more.
- There was not much differentiation in terms of usage for those on different household income brackets.
- Those that live local are very high users of this street; 72% indicated that they would visit this street at least once week or more. 62% of respondents from North / South Rockhampton indicated regular use.

Victoria Parade – Respondents indicated - Overall Regular Use at 41%

- Within their age groups 50-59 yr olds indicated higher usage of this street with 51% visiting this street at least once a week or more. For 18-49 yr olds this rate drops to 39% for regular usage of this street.
- There was not much differentiation in terms of usage for those on different household income brackets.
- Those that live local – Rockhampton City are more likely to visit Quay Street regularly. However only 48% of this group would visit at least once a week or more, just slightly higher than North Rockhampton residents.

When do you go to the CBD the most?**Data analysis:**

As can be seen above 88% of respondents indicated that they are normally in the CBD during the day.

It should be noted that many workers come to the CBD during the day and would be comprised within the 88%.

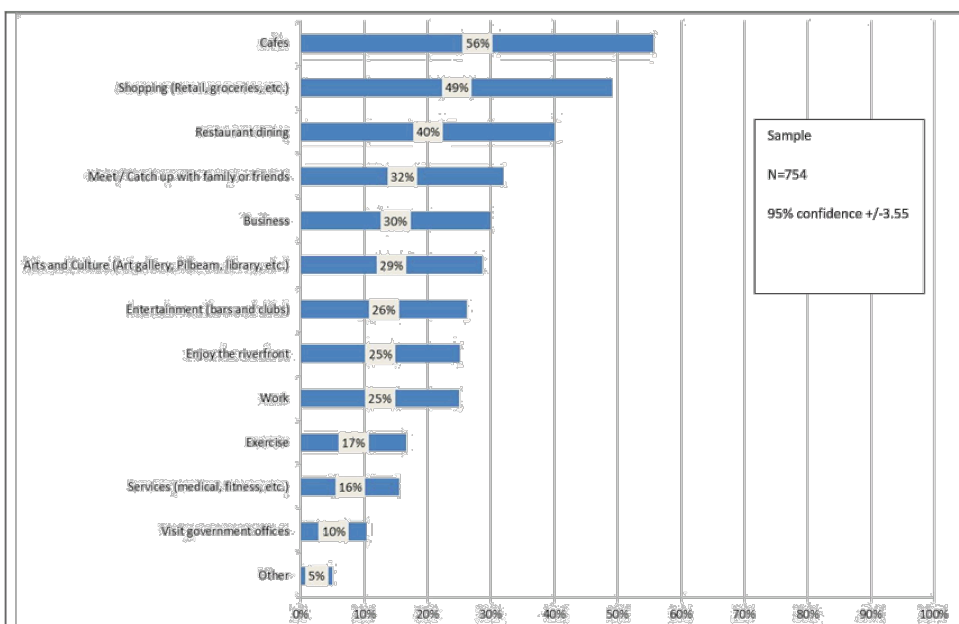
In saying that the main reasons why night participation is only at 12% is safety concerns, lack of facilities/businesses to encourage people to come to the CBD at night, transportation to and from the CBD and the atmosphere.

At the present moment in time those in the older age groups such as 50-59 yr olds and 60-69 yr olds are more likely to be in the CBD at night than younger persons. This is around 15-16% for night and 84%-85% for the day.

There seems to be some distinct opportunities for certain businesses to lift the night time participation. Particularly of the 18-24 yr olds and the 25-34 yr olds in the CBD as only 7% of 25-34 yr olds would be in the CBD predominantly at night.

In terms of income brackets those with highest household incomes were more likely to be in the CBD at night than lower income brackets. Those over \$180K indicated a night time preference of 15%, the lowest night time preference was those on the \$80-\$180K household income bracket.

What do you go to the CBD for?



Data analysis:

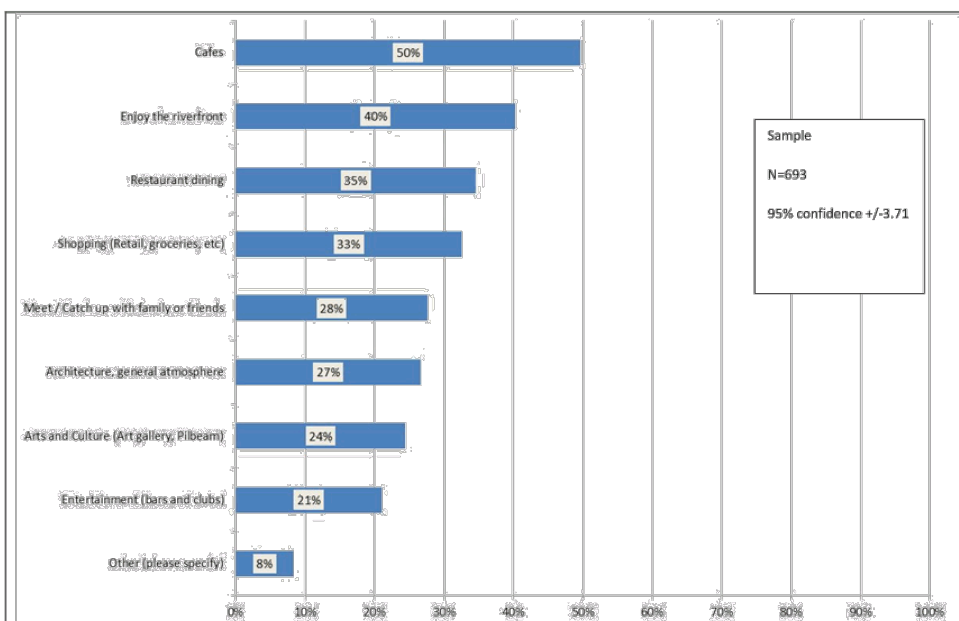
Cafés: around 50%-55% all age groups (over 18) are going to cafés in the CBD, 25-34 yr olds though are the highest users of cafés with 62% of this age group enjoying the café culture. In terms of locations those in Rockhampton City are the highest users with 66%, incomes didn't register a significant difference.

Shopping (Retail, groceries etc...): Age groups that have a higher rate of going to the CBD for shopping include: 18-24 (52%), 35-49 (57%) and 60-69 (52%). Those groups that have a lower rate include: 25-34 (43%) and 50-59 (43%). It is assumed that the youngest age group has a higher rate due to a higher level of disposable income with limited debt, those 35-49 have some level of debt yet come to the CBD for retail and groceries and those 60-69 are semi-retired / retired and have more time to spend shopping. Note: there is not much difference statistically in terms of where someone lives and their propensity to come to the CBD to undertake shopping activities.

Restaurant Dining: It is apparent that the 25-34 yr old age group is the predominant user when it comes to cafés and also restaurant dining. All other age groups are lower in their usage with each age group having 35%-37% of users in these various age groups that come to the CBD for dining purposes. Note: there is not much difference statistically in terms of where someone lives and their propensity to come to the CBD to enjoy dining opportunities. In terms of income brackets those on lower incomes \$18K-\$37K to \$37-\$80K are statistically higher users of restaurant dining. Those that have incomes over \$180K have around 35% of this group that comes to the CBD for dining purposes. This indicates a major opportunity commercially as this groups disposable income tends to be higher than all other groups.

Enjoying the riverfront seemed to be exceptionally low with only 25% of residents indicating that this is one of the reasons that they came to the CBD for.

What do you like most about the CBD?



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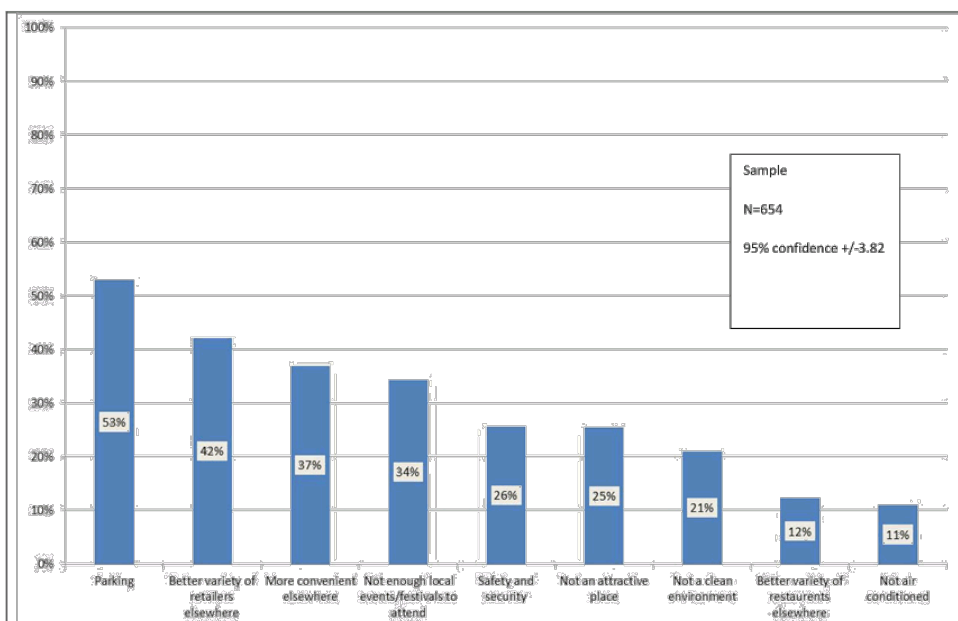
Shopping (Retail, groceries) is a driver for residents to go to the CBD however experience can be improved

There were 49% of respondents that indicated in the previous question that they go to the CBD for shopping purposes however when asked what do you most like about the CBD only 33% indicated that they liked shopping most when coming to the CBD. This indicates a gap between reason of attendance and enjoyment, the assumption is that shopping in the CBD is more of a functional capacity than an experience/enjoyment capacity.

At the moment the Riverfront is not a significant driver / motivating factor for people to come to the CBD

It is interesting to note that 40% of residents indicated that they like most about the CBD was "Enjoying the Riverfront" however when asked in the previous question: *If you go to the CBD what do you go to the CBD for?* Only 25% indicated to enjoy the river. This translates into the riverfront at the moment not being a significant driver / motivating factor for people to solely make the journey to the CBD.

If you don't go to the CBD or not as often as you used to, what are the main reasons?



Data analysis:

Parking was the highest ranked reason why people don't go to the CBD or as often as what they used to. At least 50% of every age groups indicated this was a major reason, for 18-24 yr olds it was 61%.

Better variety of retailers was the next ranked reason why people don't go to the CBD. Analysis shows that this is an issue for all age groups. From the comments it can be established that this is a quality and quantity issue – essentially there is not enough retailers of certain quality with other locations having this retailer mix for residents. Even 38% of those that live in Rockhampton City say that there is a better variety of retailers elsewhere.

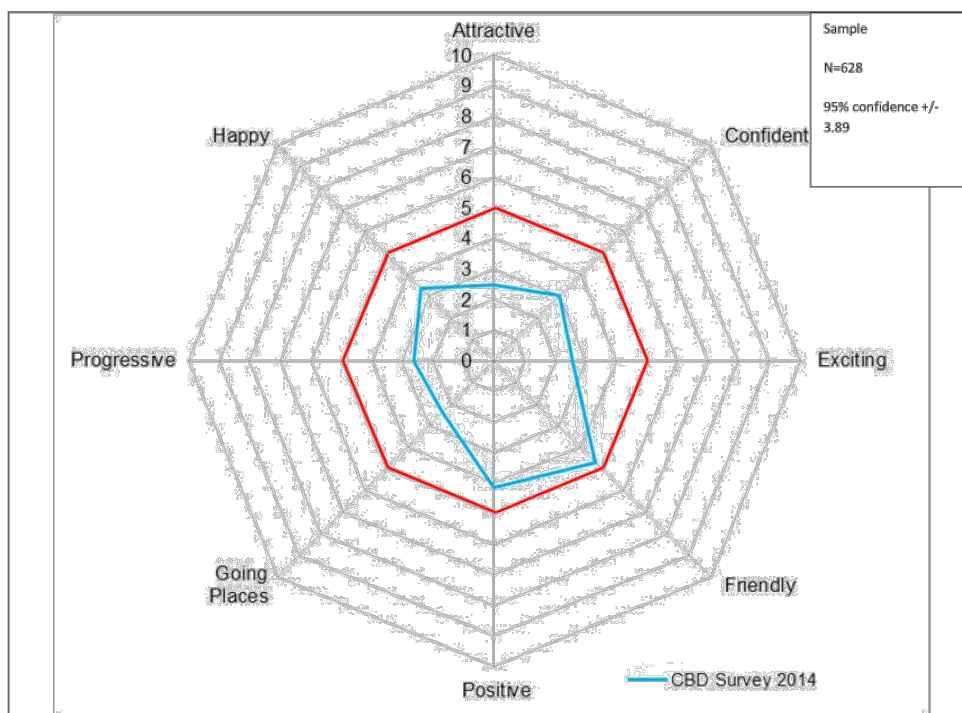
The next ranked reason is **"More convenient elsewhere"**; this is about parking, the concentrating of quality retailers/eateries close together and the quality of smaller scale infrastructure that makes the experience more pleasant. Older age groups have a much stronger emphasis on this reason than other age groups.

Not enough local events/festivals to attend is an opportunity for the CBD that other areas cannot match as there is an significant amount of open space on the Riverbank.

Close to 25% of all age groups indicated that **safety and security** was a major factor that lead to their reduced participation in the CBD, except those aged 18-24 where almost a third of these participants indicated this reason. Whilst it was ranked fifth from the comments it is clear from the open ended comments that for numerous people this would be the only main reason why they do not come to the CBD.

Those that lived in Rockhampton City and North Rockhampton were the main groups that indicated the CBD was **not an attractive place**.

If Rockhampton's CBD was a person how would you describe them?



Data analysis:

The red line above indicates a minimum level to be achieved before any of the positive personalities could be stated.

Also the higher the score the more like that personality trait the CBD would be. If it is below the red line it is considered to be the opposite.

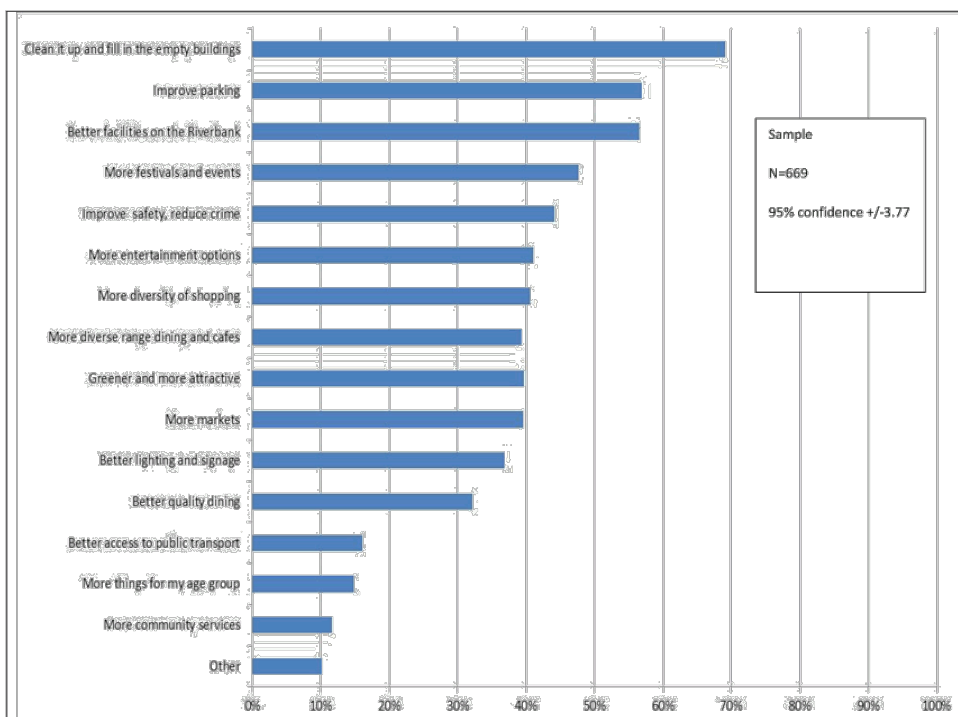
As can be seen above currently the CBD 2014 line is below all positive personality traits and is therefore seen as:

Tired, timid, boring, negative, stagnant and a bit sad.

Those aged 18-24 tended to have stronger negative perceptions of the CBD across all personality traits and therefore the conclusion from this is that the CBD is not an inviting space for younger residents of the Region. All other age groups had negative perceptions of the CBD but not as strong as this younger age group.

In terms of locations, those that lived within Rockhampton City also had stronger negative perceptions of the CBD's personality than all other locations across the Region.

How can the CBD be improved?



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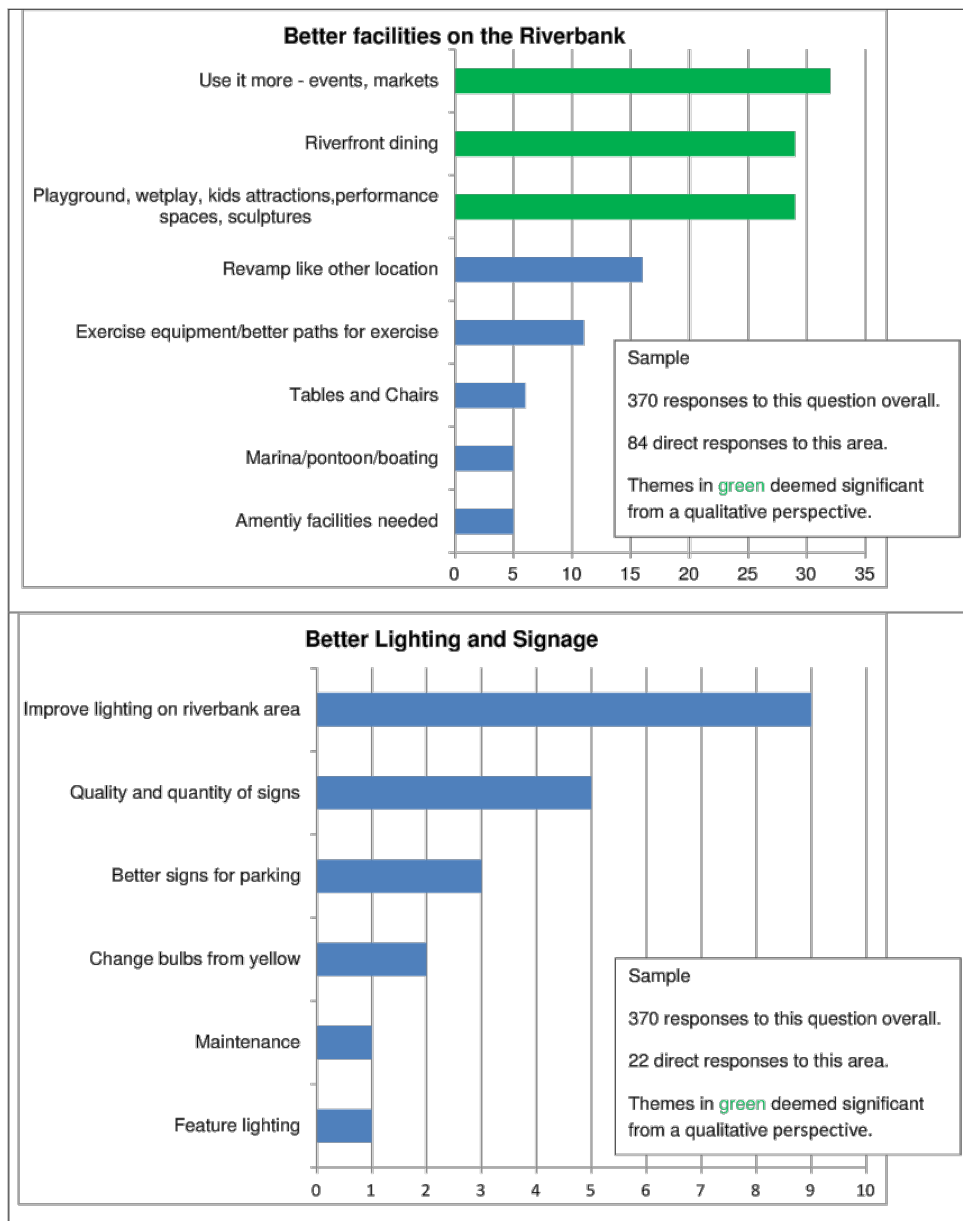
Almost 70% of respondents indicated that cleaning up the CBD and filling the empty buildings will improve the CBD overall. There are two elements driving this: (1) Maintenance programs focused on public space to clean up what is there and (2) Filling shops to create atmosphere. From the comments it was clear that residents believed that there were many opportunities to undertake simple enhancement exercises to improve the aesthetic appeal of the CBD.

Improving parking was the next highest rated option. From the comments residents indicated more free parking would assist and that new structures ie. car parking stations could be introduced to assist with this issue. It would be envisaged that these parking stations would be multi-story car parks that would be within a short walking distance to shops and the riverfront but not directly along the riverfront.

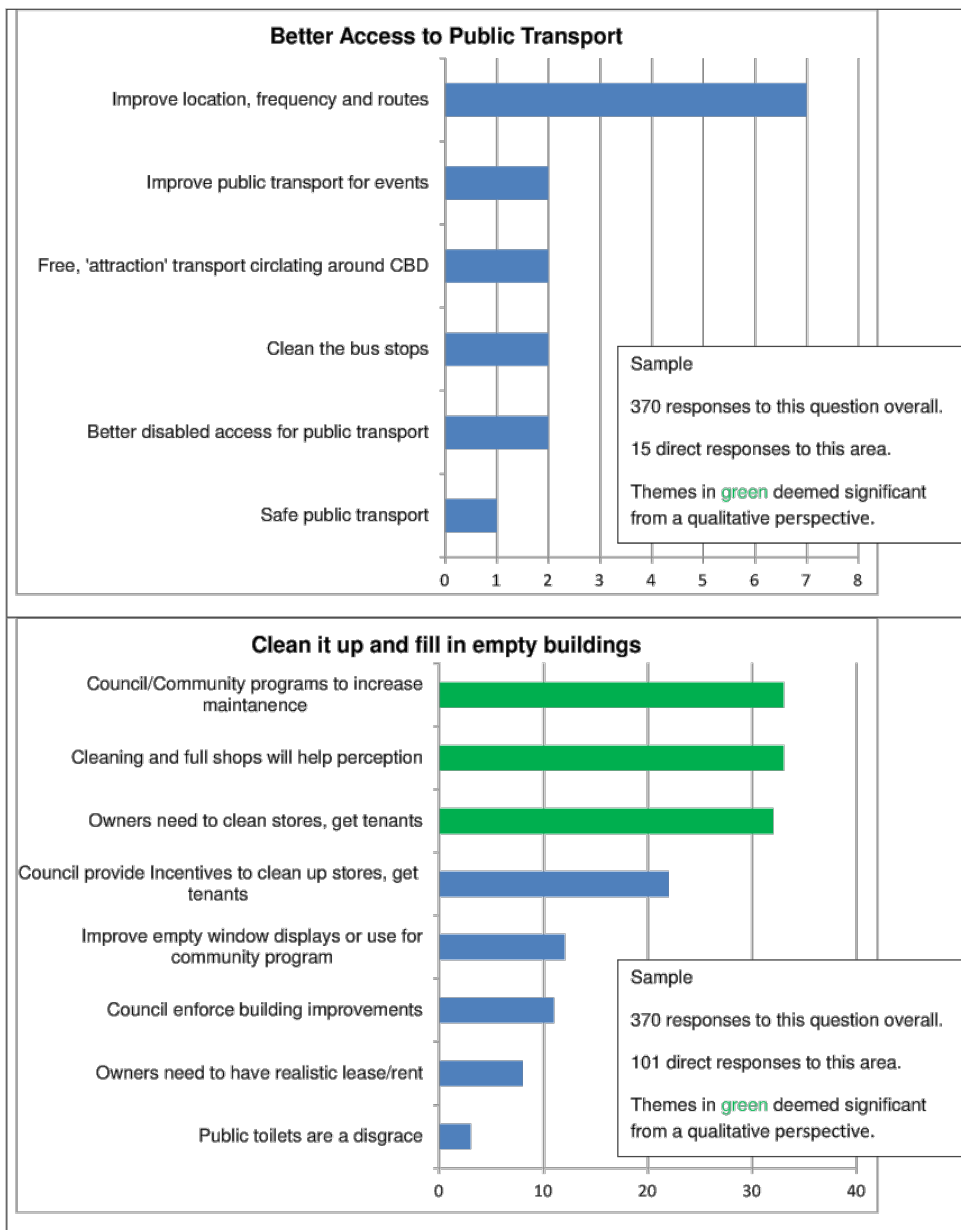
Better facilities on the riverfront were the third highest rated option. The main facilities that were mentioned include: allowing the riverfront to be used for more events/markets, riverfront dining and having a water play area.

Improving safety and reducing crime was seen by many as a way to attract more people to the CBD. Many comments were related to removing intoxicated persons from the area and having a greater police presence. Comments relating to intoxicated persons mentioned those persons that are habitually there – throughout the day and night.

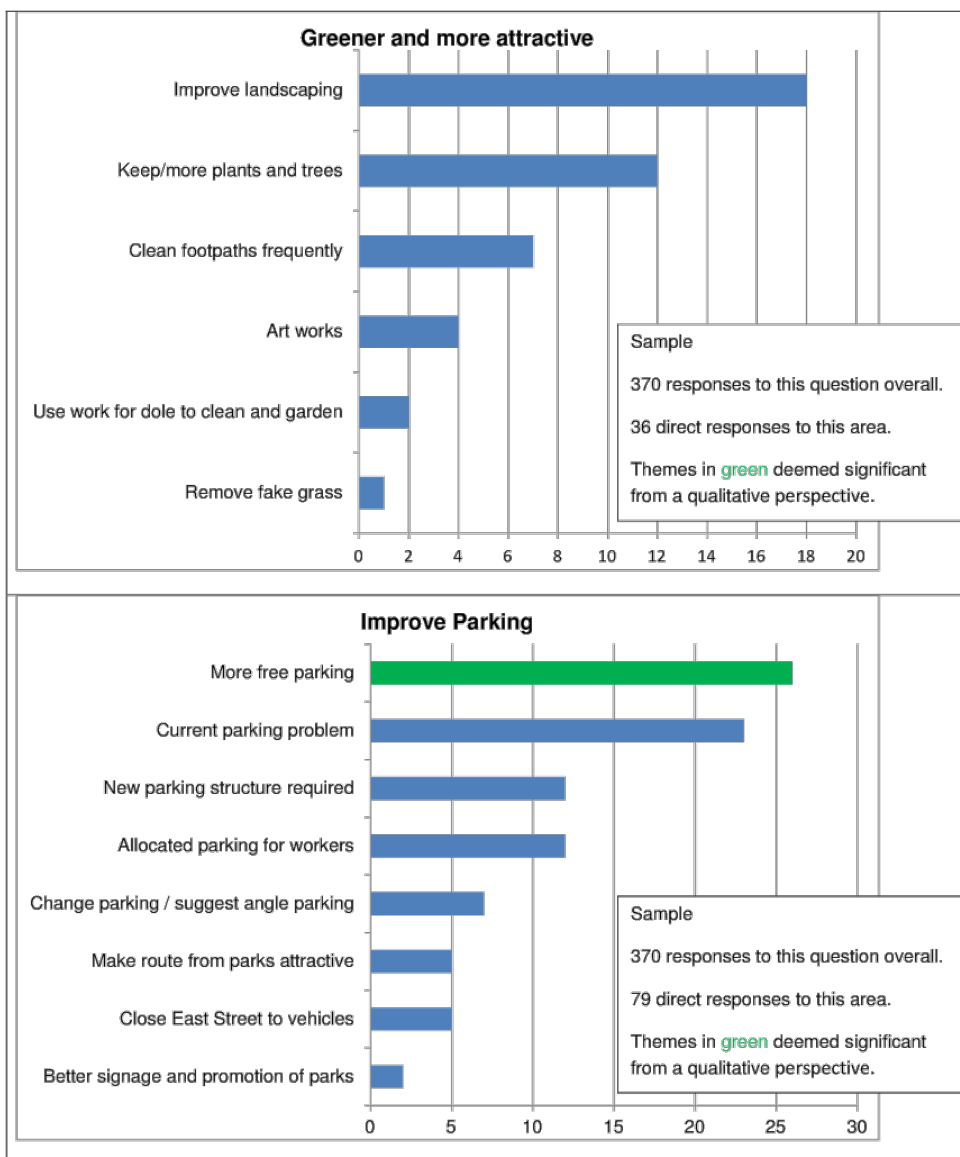
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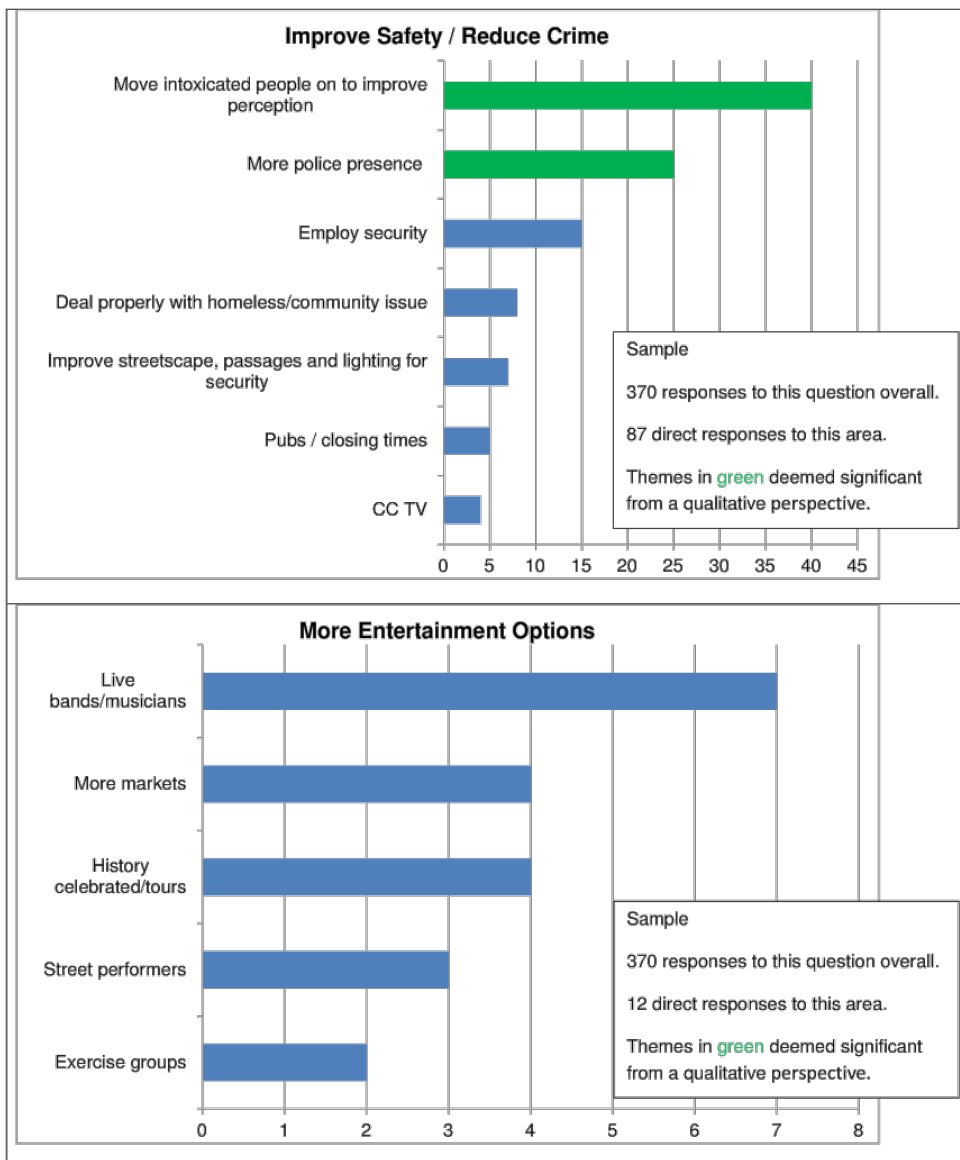
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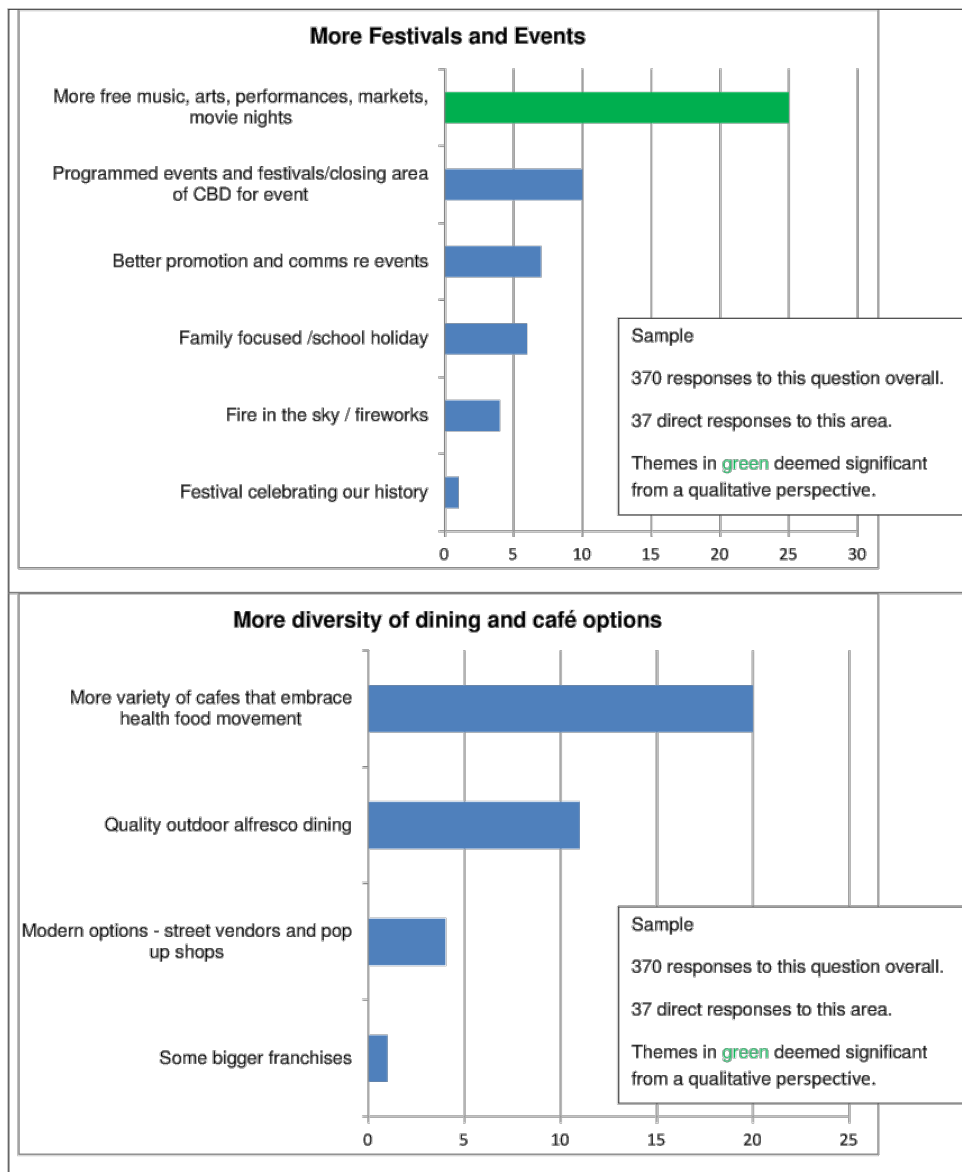
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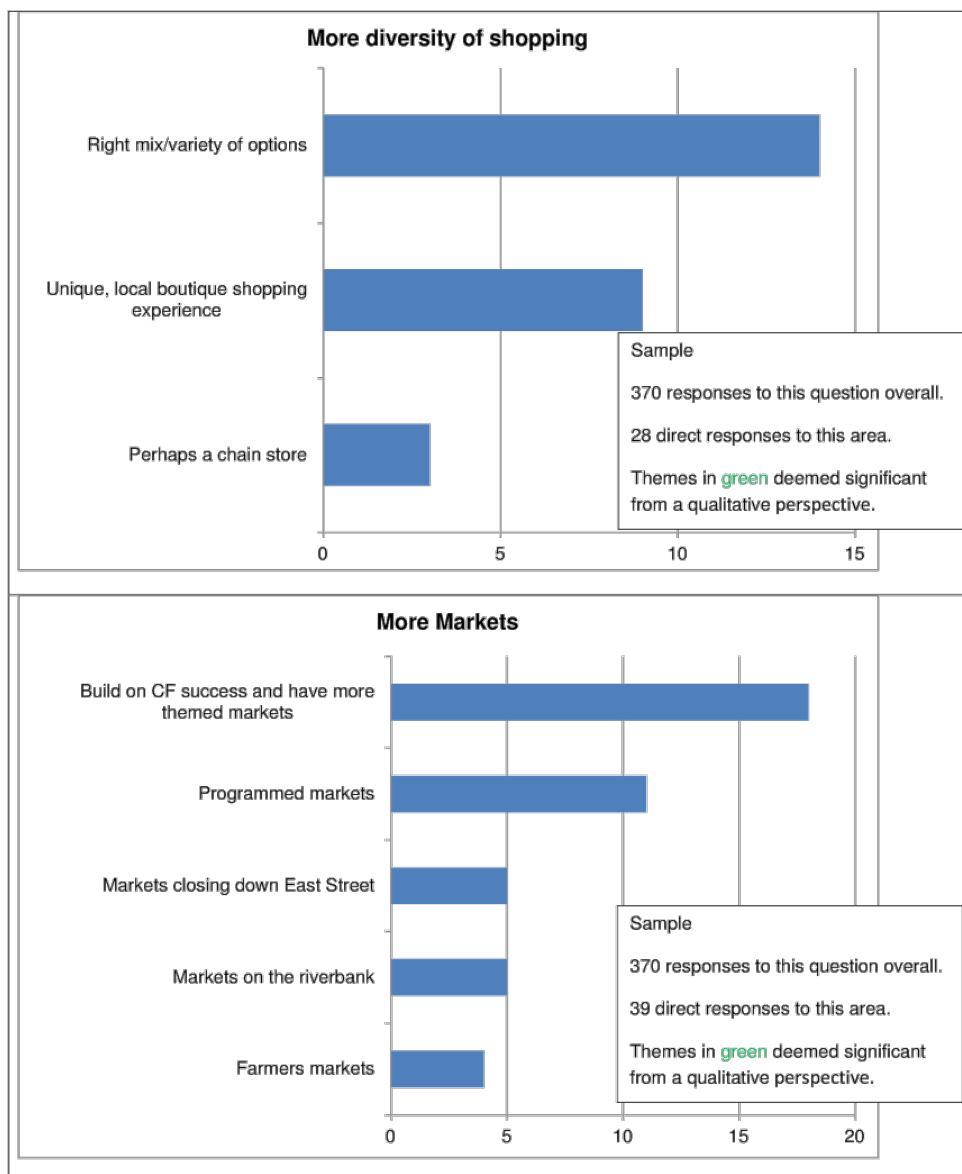
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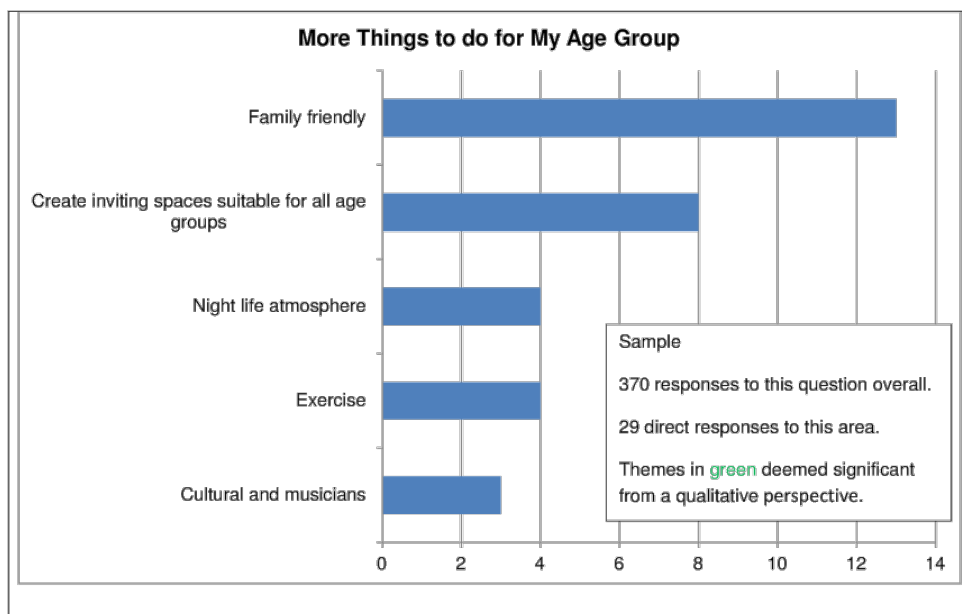
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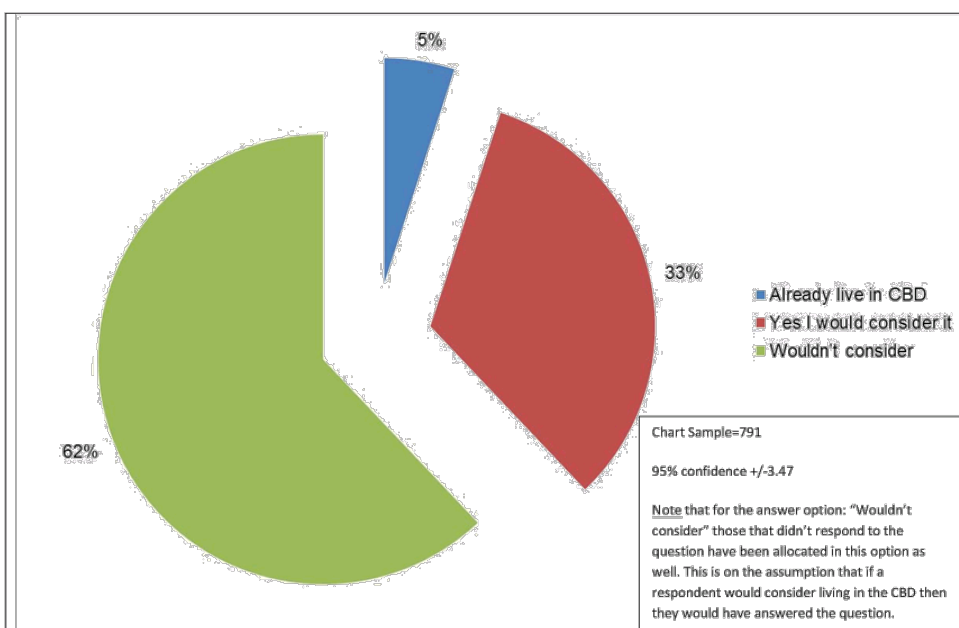
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Would you consider living in or near the CBD?



Data analysis:

For those already living in the CBD

According to this survey young workers (25-34 yr olds) and parents / homebuilders (35-49 yr olds) make up over 50% of the current residents living in or close to the CBD. 20% are older works / pre-retirees (50-59 yr olds). The rest is split between other groups.

For those that would consider living in the CBD

The relative statistics of those that would consider living in the CBD is similar to the age groups already living there, the exception being there is a much higher level of 35 to 49 yr olds that would consider living in the CBD than are currently living there at the moment (25% currently living there to 33% that would consider it).

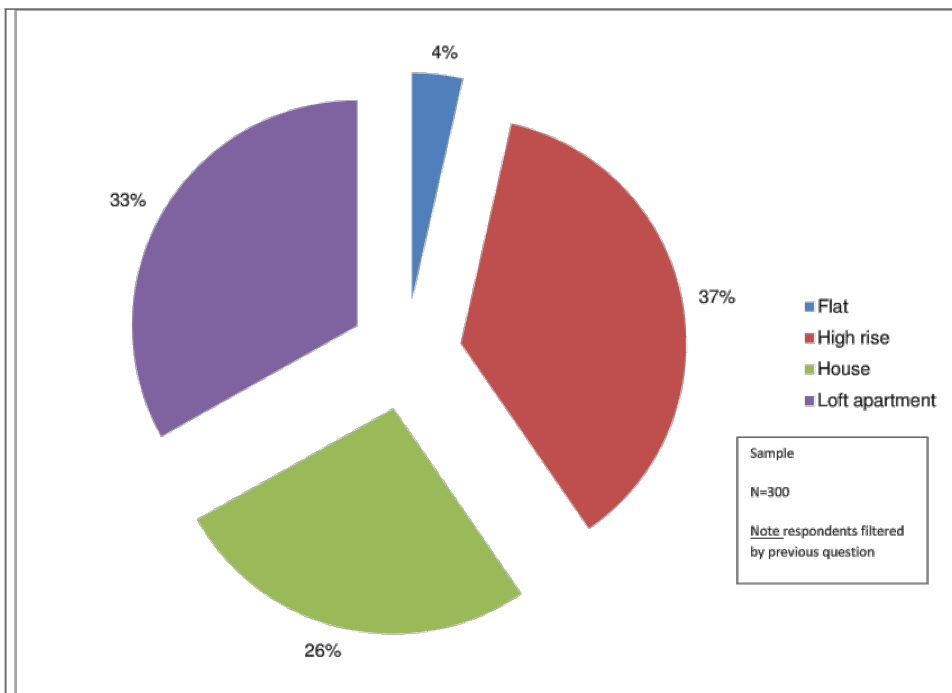
In terms household incomes that would consider living in the CBD:

- For the \$80 to \$180K income bracket – 38% were 35-49 yr olds, 29% were 25-34 yr olds and 17% were 50 - 59 yr olds. The rest is split between other groups.
- For the \$180K income bracket – 37% were 35-49 yr olds, 32% were 50-59 yr olds and 18% were 25-34 yr olds. The rest is split between other groups.

For those that wouldn't consider it the main reasons (in order) were:

A perception of crime in the area / safety issues, some residents were happy where they currently lived, current family / household wouldn't permit them to living in the CBD, some residents indicated that they prefer space and affordability issue was outlined for some.

For those considering living in the CBD what is your preferred living arrangement



Data analysis:

In order of preference 18-24 yr olds prefer a House, a Loft, then High Rise and finally a Flat.

In order of preference 25-34 yr olds prefer a Loft, a House, then High Rise, and finally a Flat.

In order of preference 35-49 yr olds prefer High Rise, a Loft, then a House and finally a Flat.

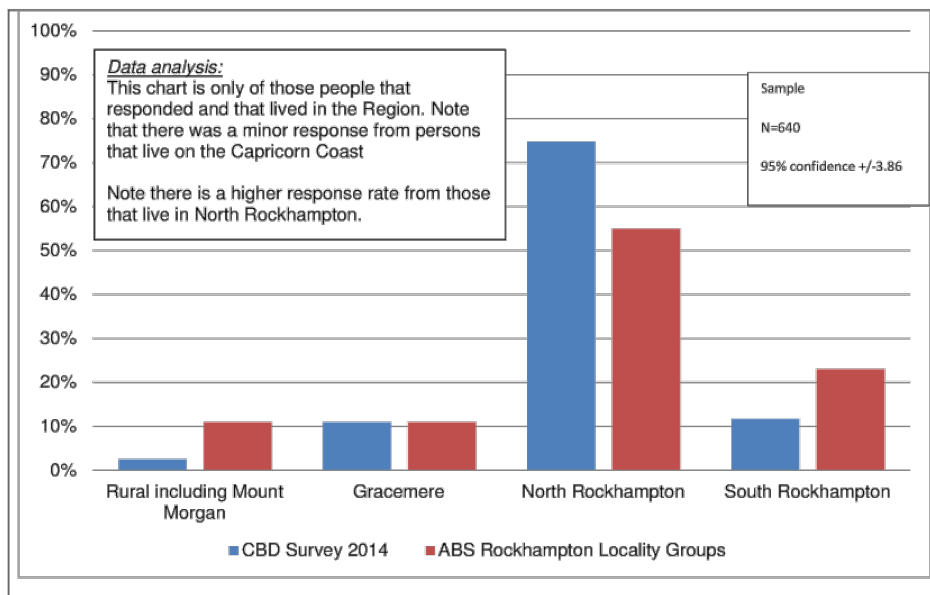
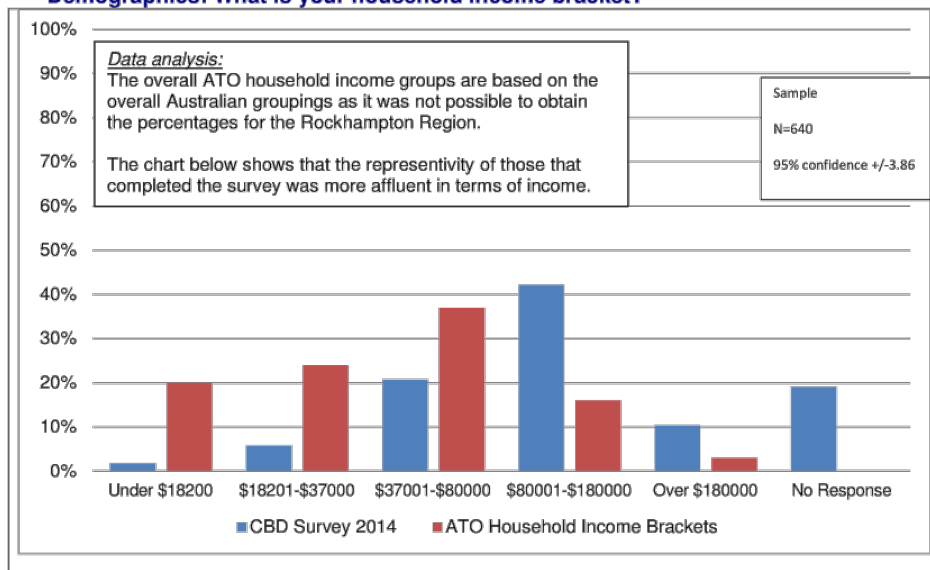
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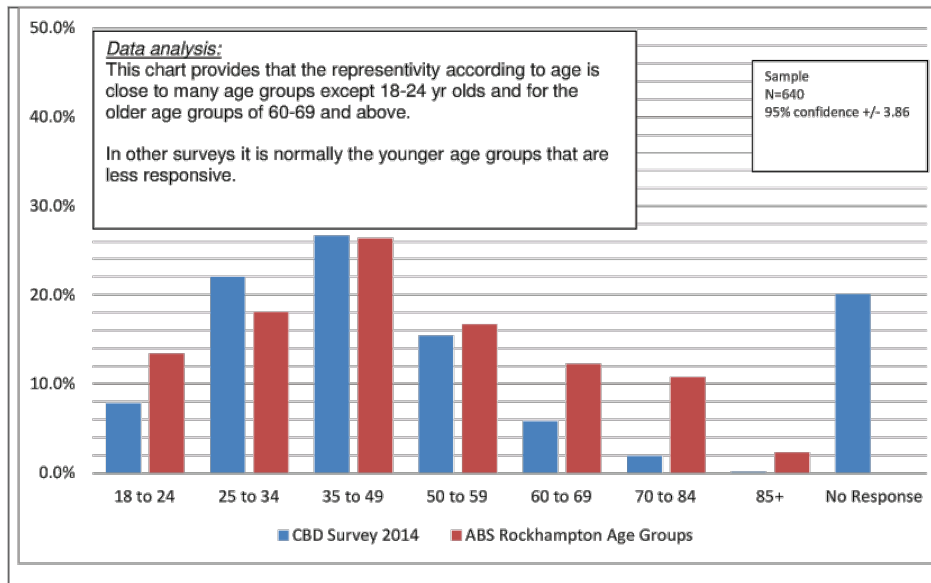
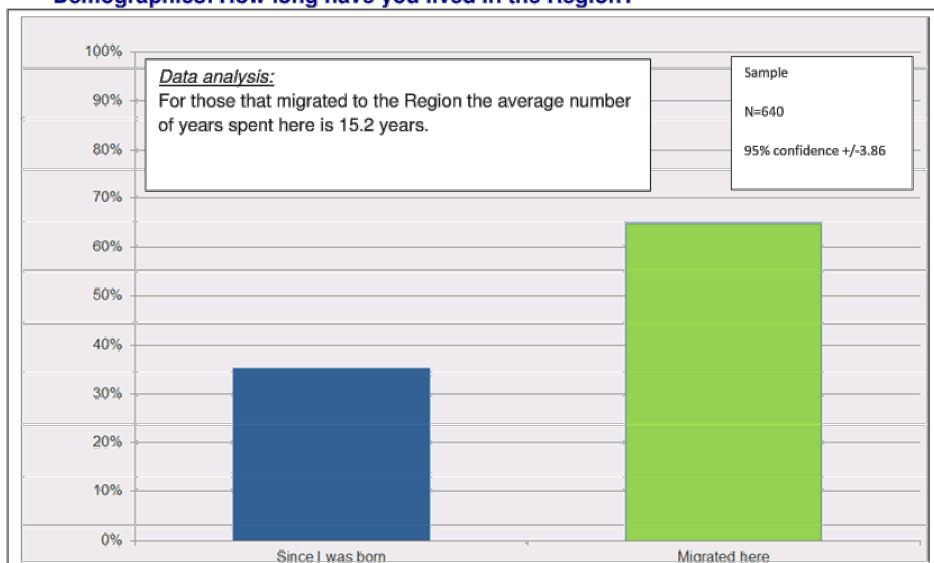
In order of preference 60-69 yr olds prefer High Rise, a Loft, then a House and finally a Flat.

Those on \$37K to \$80K prefer: Loft (40%), High Rise (31%), House (20%) and Flat (9%).

Those on \$80K to \$180K prefer: High Rise (45%), Loft (42%), House (11%) and Flat (2%).

Those on \$180K+ prefer: High Rise (51%), Loft (37%) and House (12%).

Demographics: Location (Rockhampton Region only)**Demographics: What is your household income bracket?**

Demographics: Age groups**Demographics: How long have you lived in the Region?**

Do you have any further comments on the Rockhampton CBD?

1	A \$1,300,000 marketing investment was made to help Rocky improve its image problem, why has Council betrayed the investors, the artists and 3,500 community participants? Does Rocky want to perpetuate the negative image of the city? What happened to Smart City and City of Symphonies - the whole world wants to help Rocky and its image problem of a boring heart - why does Council spurn and malign us all?
2	A lot of untapped potential. Right now too many vacancies and tired looking.
3	A paint job on some of the buildings wouldn't hurt
4	Acknowledge the workforce who contribute to our city. We are the ones in the offices and behind the counters who are there every day making this city tick. how about providing conveniences such as improved parking for the people who actually pay taxes. Also, The successful eateries are those which serve meals quickly for the workers who are time limited. We are not all on shopping excursions or tourists.
5	All ideas should be reality tested to demonstrate feasibility. Too many hollow 'bright ideas' and too little substance will propagate issues rather than resolve
6	Appreciate what you have. Utilise existing talent - you may do better with local experts rather than outsiders. Engage more with promoting the region - what are you doing to encourage business visitors to spend another day or another dollar? do you acknowledge that tourists come to the region? Revamp Council's website (impossible to find anything on it) to highlight places to go. Ask the CBD traders if they want to be promoted on a joint website. Allow markets and event planning an easier approvals process. Work with other organisations - don't try to take control - value the experts who are already working in the area (again some shops are amazing! while others are dying). Get the local media to be more positive in their outlook - constantly telling people how bad it is, makes those who are okay tighten their belts in preparation for something that might not happen to them. Stop allowing them to get away with easy negative targets and work to get positive solutions. When you engage with the community- actually listen, do some of their ideas without claiming it as a council idea and think about hiring some of the good ones as short-term consultants rather than outside 'experts'.
7	As a business owner in the CBD there are daily parking problems both for myself and staff and for customers but like most cities, parking is a problem that can be alleviated by more efficient public transport. Perhaps free buses to the CBD might encourage both workers and shoppers to come to the CBD and maybe reduce traffic congestion and encourage shopping/participation. Alternatively, empty buildings could become car park spaces with roof top gardens or leisure areas. The footpaths along Denham St are very uneven and rough, as are sections of the road. These detract from the look of the city and need to be fixed to ensure safe passage by foot and improve aesthetics. How about some competitions in each street to have the best garden boxes or the best shopfronts or some incentive to green up the streets and create some atmosphere to promote pride and participation. It's as if there is little pride or excitement despite some new or revamped buildings.
8	As has been said before, the CBD in Rockhampton has the bones for a safe, welcoming and enjoyable place, though changes can be undertaken in the short and long term to promote greater use of the area.
9	As I mentioned earlier the river could be featured more with increased lighting and more activities particularly in the summer in the early evening
10	At least this survey is a start You should also consider tourist not just locals. A lot of tourist vehicle traffic travels through Rockhampton including grey nomads. But our road system needs to be completely overhauled to allow and entice people vehicle tourists to stop. There is basically no good traffic signage to lead traffic to the CBD THIS LANE CBD The traffic light are not coordinated. A bypass road will lose lots of potential dollars to our region. For more comments get XXXXXXXX to call me XXXXXXXXXX.
11	Atleast bring Rocky it's first starbucks if you can't get anything else good in there.
12	Better, affordable and stable houses
13	Bring in paid parking meters for people who are parking longer then 30 minutes, you need to keep the parking free for the people who can duck in and out of the parking space.

	Business is hard I have no doubt for many in town - as can simply be a numbers game (not enough) in part - but with a concerted effort from all businesses (and council in clean up/maintenance) - then collectively could make a big impact and attract new shops. Parking is a big issue as always hence why satellite shops always seem to do better as they have plenty and don't have to walk miles in sun to get anywhere.
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15	Clean it up rubbish everywhere every day
16	Clean it up, fill the empty buildings and make it look like someone in charge actually gives a crap, I'd change my mind on the place.
17	Concentrate on the river bank and make this the focal point day and evening. Not sure what can be done to incorporate East St into the plan
18	Consider giving reduced rates to tenants in the CBD if they can show \$ was spent on restoring a building along the riverbank.
19	Council need to revisit/relax food trading regulations. Let in some food vans, pop-up restaurants or mimic Brisbane's Eat Street markets. Parking in the area will always be an issue. The riverbank is an ideal space but the security issues keep people away.
20	Council staff do a fantastic job maintaining the gardens along the river, always looks great.
21	Councillors can make a difference, the decisions they make. Stockland is ridiculously large for the size of Rockhampton, a suburban shopping centre that services not only the whole town, but also the Capricorn Coast. It was never inevitable, council can so no to development that is considered detrimental. We all knew, despite assurances from the developers that the city cinema would not close, that they would not keep there word, and close it. Another blow to the CBD. It takes backbone to say no some development. The apartments along the riverbank are excellent, increasing density and vitality just where we need it, but more civic entrepreneurial enterprise is needed to make the city CBD the envy of other Queensland towns.
22	Creating a high end cluster within the CBD. Increase residential living with the CBD to help support cafe's, bars, entertainment and shopping.
23	Creating a vibrant riverside precinct along part of Quay St from the Criterion Hotel to William St with al fresco dining/cafe options, boutiques (NOT Reject shops), etc and closing this section of the road each weekend to facilitate a vibrant gathering place, and perhaps a couple of buskers, etc.
24	Dead -Too many empty buildings and poor quality retail establishments!
25	Decide on whether we want a "strand" atmosphere like Townsville or a "mall" like atmosphere of Mackay. Make the river bank a place where people want to go with their families and feel safe to do so without being threatened with violence and harassed.
26	Definitely need something for the kids
27	Dirty Dark Dull Inconvenient
28	Do not be extravagant with the changes otherwise in 5 years time the next council could just pull it down or change it back at cost to the ratepayers.
29	Do not envy you, in trying to remedy the situation. Not everyone will be happy. Please try your best, something does need to be done
30	Does seem a dangerous place a night. I don't feel comfortable walking along the Riverfront in the dark, even though it has the potential to have a great atmosphere.
31	Don't know what a loft apartment is? sounds American??
32	Don't make it harder to drive around, This would make it less attractive as a destination. Secondly make more parking. The council seem quite good at reducing parking in the CBD (Bolsover St in front of new motel in the old TAFE building between William and Denham St for a new car park entrance and in front of the new Empire building in Victoria Pde). In the case of the old TAFE/ Technical college building five car parks were lost to make a new car park entrance for the motel. The spare space in front of the front door of the motel could have been reclaimed as parking spaces in lieu of a couple of the spaces lost for the new car park entrance. The council don't seem to be able to see the big picture. Also the council in their wisdom have recently pinched a fair number of the centre parking spaces in East Street outside the Walter Reid Centre for their own employees in the Walter Reid Centre. The council attitude seems to be (look after our own first and bugger everyone else). To me a fair few of the CBD parking problems are caused or increased by short sighted council employees.

33	Don't try to be something you're not. Just be Rockhampton, but make it safer and easier to park
34	Don't take long to overhaul it. The quicker it gets changed the better the local economy and more vibrant our town will be.
35	Ease of access, perhaps via laneways would bring a more cosmopolitan feel to the place
36	East St night markets once per month or every second month.
37	Empty shop fronts, violent and drunk bums and a poor selection of shops means I generally drive through. Most (if not all) of my shopping is done online, it would be great to have a selection of unique specialty shops available.
38	Encourage growth Fill empty shops Keep area clean Not sure how the parking issue can be addressed, but it is a serious issue
39	Encourage occupation of buildings (like old cba building) Arts and crafts food and produce markets (other than the arcade) at the river bank or quay street Safety
40	Enormous potential and the drive is there - go green and clean
41	Fearful the same mistake will be made and our city will suffer. there are 50,000 adults if you don't get at least 25,000 opinions you will be listening to the minority 'the elite that govern' and the general population will vote with their feet. DO NOT DO ANYTHING UNTIL THE PEOPLE HAVE HAD THEIR SAY. the possible removal of the toilet block has been received with anger. people want a tourist info in city, it should never have been removed, in front of where the toilet block is. failing to replace tourist info in CBD and removing toilet this would be ill advised.
42	From the viewpoint of a relatively recent arrival to Rockhampton, my impression is that the level of service, quality and consistency of dining/pubs needs to be lifted to meet the high prices that are being charged. I suspect that coming off the back of a boom, there is a complacency from not needing to try too hard. As someone who frequently speaks with business and leisure travelers, people are sometimes frustrated with paying so much for so little. ie. lining up to order food and collect own cutlery, no table cloths and lack of table service. However, this is not always the case and there is positive feedback. For some long term planning, I would suggest some investigation into the success of the Teneriffe area of Brisbane would be useful, such as Initial redevelopment of Teneriffe from abandon industrial area to inner city hot spot. Conversion of woolstores into quality loft style apartments Development of, and use riverside area Development of Teneriffe as a microbrewery/associated food hot spot (brings special interest people to the area from all over Brisbane every weekend) Brisbane Powerhouse Markets Teneriffe Festival in July. 40,000 attendees every year, after only 5 years. Obviously Rockhampton is not inner city Brisbane, however, I believe that much could be learned from others success.
43	Get cracking!
44	Give a consistent look and feel to area eg Quay & East Sts have lots of trees and cooler feel, Bolsover and Alma like deserts. Even things like the footpaths, you can walk a few blocks and have 4 different types of footpath, and they have different and bad patch jobs as well. Parking in Quay & East is parallel in some places, angle in others. It's like someone spun the wheel to see what design we'll use for this block. It needs to tie in. You need people to liven it up. Residential accommodation is lacking. You have to get people living in the area or they'll just keep leaving at the end of each day.
45	Good work in some areas, - Quay Street is in an appalling state and has been for many many years. The riverbank is a great looking place but very few go there because of the park people especially at night. No good having a nice riverbank if you can't go there because of drunks.
46	Great to see new shops coming in. The more shops and variety, the more people will come.
47	Has way more character than shopping centre, not as crowded, interesting shops that aren't all chain stores. Very pleasant & I love the riverbank & walks & ambience. Love old buildings & history.
48	Have New Year Fireworks to attract people to City
49	https://www.change.org/p/margaret-strelow-build-a-free-waterpark/u/8674729 There is no CBD with out a city.. wake up.

50	I am a Sth sider and love the mall, I rarely go to the Nth side only time I go is when I need to go to Medicare or Pte Health Cover, maybe if you get places like this back into the mall it will fill shops, and people will have no need to go over the bridge. People want a/c (that's why they go to Stocklands) plant more trees make it look pretty different. Give the mall something to do, not just the pubs and clubs, something that is no where else, Water Park have a look at Cairns and Mackay, Sth Bank Brisbane get ideas from other cities. It would be lovely for the Mall to have beautiful restraunts (its getting there) boutiques, Art, Culture (Street performers) like Brisbane Mall (Gives the kids something to look at). Rockhampton CBD has so much potential it could be fantastic the council just needs some vision, do your research check out what works in other cities and doesn't. Good Luck!
51	I am glad that you are 'considering' doing something about it. However, its time to invest money and actually do something. Thank you.
52	I believe Rockhampton has the potential to really vitalize its CBD area and should be looking at the likes of South Bank at Melbourne, the Strand in Townsville etc. I can appreciate this is not something that can happen overnight and it would need to have a lot of businesses on board etc but it just feels that Rockhampton is stagnant and is getting left behind will other towns/cities progress. Use our river to our advantage.
53	I believe the CBD need a more substantial shopping centre. obviously hard to obtain, but if keen to bring in business, a myer would be ideal. realise difficulty in this however if council provides incentives it may be possible. It is a same the new empire do not incorporate a couple of level of retail space with restaurant on lower floor and more comprehensive parking. Personally I believe this will need to be encouraged onto a buidler for the CBD to really improved its usage. Until then I think use will be limited. Even a small westfield if they were interested would then offer competition with stocklands. Until then stocklands will always been the main shopping hub and businesses will struggle to exist in east street. expanding city centre plaza may also be an option as there is area around there. Then the western end of east street would need to be developed to entice people to walk down east street. Pedestrian access to main east st may then need to be considered across Fitzroy st. expanding city centre plaza, if possible over Bolsover st would be ideal.
54	I commend the attention being paid to this issue. There is good potential
55	I commend the RRC for the initiative in revitalising the CBD
56	I encourage the RCC to listen to the people - as this survive proves they are - and be prepared to make the changes that citizens of Rocky are asking for. This may require some difficult and uncomfortable decisions being made but we really do need to do something about our CBD. Other centers along the coast seem to be alive - unfortunately Rocky is not.
57	I enjoy going to the Rocky CBD, it just needs a little push with a few things to make it even better.
58	I expressed my opinions earlier thank you.
59	I feel that the vacant lots and buildings make it look run down. Perhaps give the business/building/lot owners a discount on rates on the condition that that money is used to update the building, shop front, keep the lot in better condition. For lots that are vacant and owned by Council, if able, why not turn them into extra free parking. A lack of parking down the end towards Empire make the businesses there hard to access, especially on very hot days (of which Rockhampton has plenty) when you don't want to walk far. Some proper graffiti art like found in Melbourne might brighten up the place a bit. Due to the vagrants on the Riverbank and the verbal abuse and threats I have been subject to from them I now would never go there during the day, let alone of a night.
60	I hate living in it
61	I have classed Rockhampton CBD as starting at North Street and Victoria Parade ending about Alma street and Stanley street area and have limit comments to what I now of that area however some comments also hold true for outhter areas of Rockhampton
62	I have lived in Rockhampton for 10 years now. It is exciting to see how far the city and the CBD has come in terms of sophistication of living and dining in the CBD. May it continue. Love the openness of the Riverbank. We need to encourage more public use of the facilities through using it and making it a busy place and so to discourage the minority groups who tend to drag the city down. One further comment I would like to make is that recently in our local paper there has been a focus on Rockhampton vs Gladstone and which is best. I would like to see this attitude dampened, to be led by council, and to recognise that both cities have amazing things going for them and that we should respect the differences not denigrate each other. This would be an indication of two mature cities.

63	I have only lived in rockhampton for 3 years now and the only progress I've seen is the high rises a bit of road work and thats it, coming from toowoomba, brisbane and the gold coast makes me realise how far behind this town is. This town does have potential but no one seems to care about it. If nothing gets done soon to it then the cbd area will become a run down dump. I hardly go to the cbd area because there are cleaner, friendlier and more acessible areas closer to where I live, its such a shame not being able to use the area.
64	I hope ideas presented in the surveys submitted are taken on board. While opinions and ideas will vary, I think most will agree that it needs redevelopment to bring it up to current era.
65	I like the idea of CBD apartment style living, but for it to work the CBD has to be a safe place to walk around. Families and tourists will not come into the CBD if they are going to be hassled by drunks especially drunks during the daytime. It is scary being called a 'fucking bitch' because you don't have a lighter or matches to hand over to a drunk person and sadly Rocky has a culture of not helping a person who is being physically or verbally abused.
66	I live near Southside McDonalds and it is fantastic having everything so close by and walking distance.
67	I rarely go over there as there isnt enough shops to look at and the parking are terrible not interested to park far away if I go over that way or having to pay for it
68	I really like that the shops in the mall are mostly unique (not chain stores) - but maybe this is part of the problem? If there was a couple of other well known stores, would this perhaps tempt people back to the mall?
69	I really think more people took more pride in East St area when it was not accessible to cars. It was tidier, more family friendly, more opportunity for eating areas. If I could make the decision I would definitely bring back the walk through mall
70	I rented on Quay St for 5 months, and the number of drunk people going past every day was very off-putting. Besides, the house had flooded so I didn't want to stay there. I wouldn't want to live there now. It was cheap, so as soon as I could afford to, I moved out.
71	I think concentrated living (apartments) suit a lot of people, just not my family. The houses that are around the CDB tend to be old and on small blocks. Improving the residential neighbourhood would likely also lift the business sector of the CBD. Nature and sandstone architecture should continue to be the flavour or trend - don't lose that!
72	I think I've said it all. Safety, aesthetic value, sort out the groups of drunken people that roam up and down the streets each day. Work with business and building owners. SORT OUT THE CAR PARKING. Make a walk through Mall.
73	I think that it is great that you are moving things forward with the CBD. Congratulations. Oh, one last thing. The service generally in cafes is not really that good. I go to lots of cafes and restaurants, and service is fairly mediocre. Such a shame that the owners aren't ensuring it is of exceptional quality, as it is such a pleasure when you get good service. Sometimes it is the managers and owners that are serving me, and they just don't seem to 'get' it. The odd place is good, but generally it is quite disappointing.
74	I think the addition of the amazing cafes and the high rises is really starting to move it in the right direction. Now to have more happening and make it the place that you can bring visitors at any time of the day and have something to show them
75	I think the CBD and riverfront are wonderful assets to our region, unlike other regional centres I have visited Rockhampton's CBD is well planned and laid out. Plus there is not a need to spend mega millions of dollars, but there is a need to address some real issues: Better maintenance of landscaping and gardens Better Security and lighting, particularly along the riverbank. A need to address traffic issues on Quay St and Victoria Pde. A stronger link with the riverbank from the western footpath of Quay St and Victoria Pde RRC somehow finding a way to discourage East St landlords with vacant shops to improve their shopfront presentation. RRC having control over the size and consistency of shopfront awnings in East St
76	I think the riverbank would be better utilised with more cafes suitable for both young and old. There should be a play ground and also a couple of walkways/corridors to take you into the mall (at the moment you have to walk around the block and not through the block to get to the mall). Parking is always an issue and the Council should bite the bullet and look at buying a couple of buildings in the mall, knock them down and make more parking.

77	I think there is a lot of interest to visit the Rocky CBD and to love the place - after all, it really has a good location and the ambience is already great. In saying that, I also think it needs to be improved a lot to maintain that interest and convert that interest into action - where people actually go there because of the festivals, events, shopping centres, restaurants, and PARKING spaces. Finally, I really wish Rocky CBD was all-weather friendly - to be able to walk from one building to another and not worry about getting soaked in the rain or burnt by the sun.
78	I would love to see the CBD revitalised and an exciting place to shop. I really do try to shop there but it is just not inviting or appealing. For instance - I have 2 small children. If I was to visit Stockland, I can get a park near the door, put my youngest in a trolley and enjoy shopping in air conditioned comfort. There is a clean and comfortable area to feed/change children and I can come home relaxed with all of my shopping done. To visit the CBD, I need to find a place to park the car. I have had to park on the riverbank and juggle a 2 year old in a pram and a 4 year old walking to the mall. Once there, we will walk past several cigarette smoke clouds, be abused by drivers speeding down the mall and usually can not find what we are looking for. Often, hostile shop assistants will look at us like we are idiots and tell us to go to Stockland. If we need to use the toilet, they are often dirty and the facilities to change a nappy or feed a child are appalling. There are some nice restaurants that we regularly frequent but when it comes to actual shopping - there is no reason for me to visit the mall.
79	I would love to use this area more....make it safe, move on the vagrants,
80	I would suggest that a number of buildings that are available for rent in the CBD are overpriced and that is why they are vacant. Some landholders need to be persuaded to charge a realistic rent and then the buildings will be rented. I suggest you speak to the local real estate agents.
81	I wouldn't live there with my children as I don't think it feels safe at night. We are on the northside closer to their schools.
82	I'm really hoping to see it developed
83	I'm surprised by how many people are in the CBD of a Sunday morning. Perhaps an extension of the markets idea could be successful? I am absolutely certain that paid parking would drive everybody away. We should avoid the old days of parking meters at all costs. Rockhampton's branding could be built around how generous and friendly we are - we provide a free zoo and amazing parks and gardens for instance. We should build on that with well maintained free barbeques and friendly, happy pop-up shops. Our history is really interesting and there are so many stories and photos of the old days. The plaques are great, but would it be possible to have some sort of cheap booklet available at shops through the CBD which has photos of old buildings, floods, local characters and so forth so that visitors and locals alike could become more acquainted with the history and stories of the past? If not a book, then maybe a free app where it can show and tell you things based on your GPS location? What I see
84	People screaming for on a regular basis on Facebook, is a waterpark for the whole family, similar to the old Aquatic Adventure land. Maybe something like this might be possible somewhere near Huish Drive or maybe purchase and reclaim an area such as some of the block between Quay Street, Quay Lane, Stanley Street and South Street. Would love to see another fibreglass bull in the CBD prominently somewhere. Would love to see somebody who knows a lot of the local history and stories to run river cruises departing from the CBD on an unusual boat - like maybe a replica of the Elida?
85	I've already said it, but parking is the MAJOR reason I avoid the CBD. And I feel very frustrated for shop owners who are trying to make a living and know customers aren't coming to them because the fact is, they can't get a park.
86	I've already used my .50c I hope this provides some great feedback which you'll use.
87	If a building goes up for sale or lease in the CBD is it possible for the owners and the real estate to be responsible to clean the façade prior to going up for sale? Is this not in the best interest of both parties?
88	If it is clean, safe and there are interesting events to attend then that will attract people to enjoy the CBD and river bank more.
89	If we make an effort, by cleaning it up and having an idea of how we want to use it, people - business owners, developers etc will come.
90	If you build it, he will come! - 'Field of Dreams.'
91	If you don't address this issue in the next year or so, the CBD will be dead and Gracemere and Parkhurst will become satellite cities demanding more investment in community services and there

	will be NO interest in the CBD.
92	Improve both areas CBD AND RIVERBANK urgently SO WE HAVE AREAS WE CAN PROVIDE TO LOCALS AND VISITORS. Get back to basics - don't waste money just role up your sleeves and get the job done.
93	Improve parking, clean it up, get rid of the low lifes that hang around intimidating everyone, more attractions for young kids, maybe close it off to traffic again?
94	Improve the footpaths. Have a small fenced children's playground on the riverbank area. When shops are closed down, ensure their signage is removed. Perhaps have a poster art competition and have them displayed in empty shop windows. Have "quirky" sculptures along the riverbank as a tourist attraction - Google "25 Of The Most Creative Sculptures And Statues From Around The World" - surely Rocky can come up with something great like these! Lots of people like "big things" and travel around to photograph them to add to their collection - add to our collection a "Big Barra" on the riverbank.
95	Improve walkability in the CBD ie by ensuring pathways are of sufficient width and surface is even; there is sufficient time to cross at signalised intersections (see Fitzroy Street and East Street corner); pedestrian traffic is prioritised over vehicular (traffic calming rather than fencing pedestrians in so they don't interfere with traffic flows); consider segregation of pedestrians and vehicles along Fitzroy Street in a way which doesn't compromise linkage from one side of precinct to the other for pedestrians. Arts and craft groups established in vacant offices in CBD until new tenants can be attracted.
96	Incentivise Incentivise Incentivise.
97	Is there anyway the Rockhampton CBD can be branded online and on TV/radio under one umbrella, similar to the old 'City Heart Mall' or 'Riverside CBD' branding? It would give retailers the chance to unify and support one another and promote each other's shops. There are already a number of East Street retailers on social media - why not put them in one place in one social media page where specials, events etc could be shared on one page. The Kern Arcade is doing exactly this with their Facebook page - sharing their retailers posts about specials and events, while promoting events such as the Christmas shopping night being held tomorrow night (3/12). Why not create a similar page, and encompass and promote all retailers, including cafes and restaurants within the CBD? Existing retailers in the CBD need as much community support as they can get, and potential retailers need reasons why they should move into the CBD to fill the empty slots that need filling.
98	It could have so much going for it, but it doesn't. It makes me feel poor & sad whenever I shop there because it's so backwards and tired
99	It doesn't have to cost a fortune to start doing something.....greener & more attractive would be a good place to start. Can do attitude by all CBD building and business owners and a commitment to standards of excellence costs nothing. If CBD rents can be kept affordable, it will attract boutique style independent stores which are much more interesting than national chains..... abd create a point of difference. The CBD is the life and soul of the City.....tell everyone and make them believe it
100	It has plenty of potential to be amazing. unfortunately, it is currently being wasted.
101	It has potential. Since the mall was removed it has declined. It used to be a great place to visit when I was a child growing up and during the 80s and 90s. It now looks old and worn out and can't compete with Stocklands and big shopping centres. The riverbank could be vastly improved to make it more family friendly. Better, visible security needs to be provided, especially at night/evenings. On recent visits we have been approached several times by drunk or drug affected people asking us for money. It really does put us off visiting the area.
102	It is a bit disjointed with a number of distinct areas. A cohesive look to tie it all together could be a good way to strengthen the CBD as a whole and make it more attractive to business. Whatever you do, you need to factor in climatic friendly trees and shade to counter the hot and dry image of Rockhampton. Looking cool is half the battle. Greenery is key for this. Encouraging cafes and restaurants out onto the footpath makes the place look more vibrant. Again, shade is the key.
103	It is a terrible shame that it has been neglected and would be a wonderful opportunity for renewal if a 50year vision can be conceptualised that is creative, heritage rich and has true environmental values.

104	It needs a face lift. Keeping the old buildings is fine, because a lot of people like the heritage aspect, but the area needs to be cleaned up and needs to be made to feel welcoming. It just feels dead and deserted during the day and is just a clubbing/drinking area at night.
105	It offers so much potential. It needs the support of private investment. Difficulty with that in Rockhampton in to generate private investment there needs to be a level/certainty of return on investment.
106	It really does look tired. While East Street is quite nice (although many empty shops) everything around it is very tired and very poor from an urban design perspective. We need areas where people can gather, meet, relax and just watch each other and the world go by.
107	It sort of feels like the rest of Rockhampton, not much happens and isn't going anywhere but maybe backwards
108	It would be great to be able to be excited to bring people into this area and have a great adventure. It is a wonderful site that has been neglected and kept very conservative for a long time. I have lived here for nearly 20 years now and it is improving but the city centre is still conservative and not inspirational or an area to be proud of.
109	It's a shame to see all the Heritage buildings in a state of neglect and so many empty shops in the CBD. The gardens could do with an overhaul to make it a bit greener or cooler
110	It's run down and there is nothing exciting about it at all
111	It's so very connected to our beautiful city's history, let's not lose our link to that heritage. We have such a wealth of beautiful architecture to celebrate, and I believe the CBDS gives Rockhampton its character. Also, some riverfront dining options with decks out over the water with views of the boats, plus some commercial jetty facilities. Could heritage organisations in conjunction with council acquire a beautiful old paddle steamer and use it to also celebrate our unique and wonderful Fitzroy?
112	It's such an unattractive place - nothing much going for it at the moment.
113	Its boring not enough night activities for families.
114	Its sad that for such a long time our river and CBD area have been forgotten. We are so lucky to have a river through the center of town and a CBD full of beautiful building, other towns would love to have what we have. Our neighbours being Gladstone and Mackay don't have what we have so we should make it work in our favour!! I hope this project is what we need to energise the town.
115	Its slowly moving but needs to plan its growth well so it doesn't limit its opportunities Car Parking Continue to Attract more investment to the River front
116	Just need more parking and free parking it will bring more people. The big mistake was allows Stockland in sit in this town then kill BCD
117	Lack of free parking that is close to the 'old mall section' is a really large turn off for going to the CBD. Creating a real alfresco dining strip would really revitalize the CBD
118	Lagoon is needed (Cairns/Airlie beach style). This brings people into the city, to buy items, to have a healthier lifestyle.
119	Less old more new
120	Let's capitalise on our beautiful river and be proud of what we have to offer
121	Lots of potential, love the old buildings and feel of the place. More 'boutique' types of shops and cafes and markets would be great.
122	Love the buildings and the outlook and the vibe especially during markets
123	Love the look of the new empire riverfront dining, very modern and great atmosphere.
124	Loved the fountains and seating areas when the Mall first opened. Was such a cool and pleasant atmosphere
125	Make more attractive with art sculptures, murals, indigenous artwork. Coloured street lights.
126	Make your rates cheaper so people don't have to struggle and they can afford to spend money that way people can stay in business in the cbd and not go broke

127	Margaret Strelow and council is doing a great proactive job in helping and lifting the CBD. Perhaps a council funded community organisation could go into one of the vacant buildings? Something like arts or theatre to support local artists, bands. Thank you for having this survey available. The river bank is looking beautiful. More events utilising this would be awesome too. Thanks for reading :)
128	Massive shopping centres like Stocklands suck the life of CBDs - you will struggle to 'revitalise' the CBD while everyone is attracted into places like this. Keeping a town's heart pumping requires judicious approvals of development elsewhere... you must manage the whole to save the heart.
129	May be the CBD should be moved because it needs effective planning as does the whole town
130	More car parking for the businesses in the mall. Possibly encourage people to use kern arcade car park or maybe demolish an area (if any is suitable) for such a use. (??) Clean up the footpaths and shop frontages. Yes that means a wash! ;-)
131	More parking, more shops. More parking monitoring. Licenced outdoor venues.. For example the nice new area at the empire!. We need to branch out and kind of brisbanise it more. It's more attractive to everyone then. The worst thing that happened was the road that was built through there.
132	More positive fir region.
133	More residential living instead of commerical offices
134	Most of the shops have very small floor space. Also a Myers/David Jones/Kmart/BigW or large department store would help.
135	My vision is to see high rise apartment living in east street, a beautiful park that is pet friendly , more interactions out doors and a reason for the rocky people to get together. Something affordable as well , rocky has an awful lot of people who struggle, would be cool to have an area where the homeless can meet as well? Have somewhere in public where they can sleep and allow the public or council to buy food vouchers etc for these people, let's raise each other up, there's already enough people who want to pull us down xx look forward to creating a new city for all to enjoy xx Loads of love and gratitude
136	Need modern smart entertainment and dining and it needs to be supported
137	Need more classy shops and cafes/restaurants.
138	Need more recreational facilities and cheap price restaurant.
139	Need to clear out the population that habit the river frontage. BBQ's not safe to cook on. Not safe to walk at night.
140	Need to make it attractive to residents whether that is shops that aren't anywhere else such as Aldi, Myer etc or make it a cafe dining precinct like several other cities have and encourage people to go on weekends and weekdays to eat with seating on footpaths etc. Also something that would attract families whether that is playground or not. Also think part should be pedestrian mall with vendors in centre.
141	Need to make the area safer and cleaner
142	Need to promote the CBD and encourage the public transport availability and easy access for people; that there are no parking problems by using public transport. By proud of the CBD and keep it clean.
143	Needs a revamp
144	Needs to be cleaner. People spitting on the streets and sleeping on benches in the mall/riverbank is just disgusting. Clean up your act Rocky.
145	Needs to be more community friendly, more things happening, inviting, facelift, innovative, interactive, more exciting
146	New pool is a great asset!
147	Nice need more things to do on the river really nice spot but the locals make you not go for fear of them starting on you. But love the markets and live music but not well advised so you never know when it's on
148	No timed parking spaces to receive fines from
149	Not really, but hope to see some great things happen there, We have enjoyed the outdoor movies, glad vans selling food etc. are there too, so it could become the very place where 'you need to be seen'!

150	Our biggest asset in the cbd is quay street which we need to take full advantage of by repairing gutters and roads , trying to attract restaurants and cafes and filling vacant shops which would make this cbd a hot tourist attraction which rocky can be proud of.
151	Parking
152	Pilbeam Theatre - better advertising of what's on (email notification letting us know what's on and gives people time to book tickets). Attracting more bands etc to Rockhampton so people don't have to travel to Brisbane. Gladstone is getting a lot of big acts which I would have gone to in Rockhampton if they had been there. I think the Pilbeam theatre needs to be refurbished inside. Australia has a lot of the best bands in the world and it would be great to be able to see them live in Rocky. Would be great to see more international bands coming here also.
153	Please do something to improve it, there is so much potential
154	PLEASE DO SOMETHING WITH IT... LET'S WALK THE TALK...
155	Please ensure you keep the heritage buildings. Rather than building more high rise modern buildings on the river front please consider renovating the upstairs or above shop spaces of some of the heritage buildings as accommodation either for sale or rent. With people living in the CBD this may bring more life back to the area. what about a small supermarket or grocer/convenience shop in the city? Only place to purchase groceries or similar items is Coles in City Centre Plaza. Bring back a butcher, baker where city workers can pick up goods on the way home from work.
156	Please fix it.
157	Please just clean it up and make it more welcoming. The riverfront could be a beautiful area.
158	Put more Optus and Vodafone Towers for better Reception in the CBD so let Telstra and Optus put in better Towers.
159	Quay Street and the riverbank are under utilised areas that could be made more attractive by having restaurants and cafes.
160	Quay street needs to be only one side parking with more attention to the river views etc as well as dredging the silt from that area making a more attractive view when the tide is at it's lowest. also more areas where people can sit and enjoy and possibly have access to snacks and nice coffee etc.
161	Recently I was at a workshop in Rockhampton with people from seven different locations in cluding four different countries and the first thing they said was that the city under sells its self, they said we need to talk up all the benefits and all the diversity, they also said that they could find little on the web about Rockhampton
162	Rockhampton could turn some of the older buildings into residential apartments, on a less grander scale than the Bulimba wool stores in Brisbane. repurposing the building while maintaining there facades
163	Rockhampton does have a very tired looking CBD and it would be wonderful to have a pedestrian mall like we had before. A lagoon water park along Victoria Parade should be the first priority and would be the "wow" factor that it needs to attract people into the CBD area and encourage tourists to stay longer in Rocky. Rockhampton people deserve to have this in our very hot climate.
164	Rockhampton has a culture that they don't eat out after 9pm and as a result restaurants don't stay open late to service patrons after concerts etc. While that culture continues there will be considerable limitations on what can do done in the CBD. Nightclubs serve a purpose but the management of the patrons needs to be curbed to encourage a wider age bracket of patrons in the CBD or anywhere else in Rockhampton. We move away where there is consistent civil disobedience or unacceptable behaviour no matter how good the CBD is. Control this and patronage will be encouraged and increased. Given our population we have far too many eateries, cafes and restaurants so that the ability to develop beyond the safe zones of business in Rockhampton are not being achieved. One opens up and then one closes. People go to things that are new and later down the track patronage goes down because it is no longer new. This "I want something new culture" is what is being demanded by the community....not satisfied...con
165	Instantly going from one to the other. We don't acknowledge what we have. Restaurants can change their menu to try and keep patrons interested and even that doesn't work. We need to break the mold of wanting new all the time and focus on the quality of what is there and the quality of life that should be encouraged around it.
166	SAD
167	Sad and unsafe. A very poor reflection on our town.

168	Saigon Saigon have great meals but the round building looks very dilapidated. If I was a visitor to the CBD and going on appearance i would not go that restaurant.
169	Shops are continuously changing in east street, they are not well presented, the only good cafe is giddy goat and that's now old and boring, we need more modern cafes and restaurants and clothing stores! Have a look at some Brisbane areas such as bulimba for ideas, so much classier and better vibes
170	Should it still be called the CBD? Is it still a business district or should it be called something else? This part of town was once the hub of shopping and business but Rockhampton has grown especially the northside and rather than the CBD I would see it more as the cultural and heritage precinct of Rockhampton. Could it be marketed in that way? It has to be revitalised and I think that by opening it up to people being able to live in the area could see services being attracted back to the area to cater for these people.
171	So much potential - but we need a community who will support it but getting out and spending some money and time
172	Something like Eat Street in Brisbane could liven up the mall on the weekends in the late afternoon / early evening. The new restaurants at the Empire have definitely added sophistication to the area... there needs to be more of this!
173	Something needs to be done about the traffic congestion and the complete lack of parking. more relevant retail outlets would be a huge help too.
174	Start taking action and less talking. We need more progressive business people involved in city planning
175	Stop building out of town shopping centres
176	Stop the high rise apartment blocks. They look terrible.
177	Stop trying to make us Brisbane with all the highrises. Only the rich and snobby people can afford them. Not like the everyday person can. Its ridiculous. Got all this money for shit highrises but cannot do the mall, riverbank or the northside riverbank up. What a joke. People laugh at us in the town. The laughing stock we are
178	Stop wasting money on it. Give it a decent burial and forget it.
179	Support the flood levee project to make it safe for businesses to set up, more security and policing.
180	Thank goodness somebody seems to be taking this seriously.
181	The are shit and in bad need of repair
182	The cafes that are open of an evening and during the weekend have certainly brought life to the CBD. It is still very difficult to find a cafe open that serves decent coffee after 10 pm, i.e. after the theatre or movies.
183	The CBD could be much more pedestrian friendly. There are large patches of uncovered areas that make it too hot to walk in. There are large empty buildings at the Fitzroy street end of East Street that could be utilised better.
184	The CBD definitely needs to be updated and improved!!
185	The CBD is full of attractive heritage buildings that are run down and crumbling. Encourage owners to maintain them and offer them an incentive. Put a plan of "heritage colour schemes" in place to stop owners painting buildings in horrible colours that look like they were chosen by a 3 year old. Put a simple cohesive planting plan in place. The current gardens are a mess of plantings and are poorly maintained. If flowering plants are included they need to be maintained. The clashy plantings of cannas are a mess and need dead-heading. Have something actually happening there. Apart from drunken yobs on Friday and Saturday nights the place is dead.
186	The CBD master plan should include: 1. the procurement of the current rail bridge when it is decommissioned for use as a foot bridge linking the parklands on the two sides of the river. 2. the creation of a free waterpark in the CBD. This feature will bring the families and tourists back to the CBD creating the environment for more dining and small shops. 3. the creation of a LOT MORE parking spaces. More activity results in more workers and visitors needing more parking. 4. making the CBD GREEN and COOL (water & plants).

187	The CBD needs vision, full tenancy of shops, more people, and effective promotion. Council and the community can develop the vision. Property owners can assist in making their buildings attractive to tenants by investing in the repair of the many(aesthetically and structurally) run-down buildings, including making them amenable to innovative use of space. Council could support continued growth in the inner city population by promoting the residential redevelopment of flood-proof blocks between Alma and Campbell Sts currently occupied by run-down residential,light industry, and commercial facilities. Once the current unit developments on the river are completed, it would be unwise (and will devalue existing unit-owner amenity) to fill in the river view with additional similar buildings that will remove open views to the river for the public using the CBD. Effective promotion should include signage, events, and promotion in council and public media.
188	The CBD should be transformed into a market place that not only has quirky shops but is the food bowl centre. A place that can conjure up varying atmospheres, from a carnival to the serenity of watching the river tide. Where people can come together, enjoy a variety of experiences and be safe.
189	The current walk along the river stops at the train-track because of construction at the end and at the South-side pool complex. I realize that this is due to construction, but it is a major impediment to people using the riverbank. I pray that the walkway-bikeway will reopen properly in the near future. A lot of people use Victoria Park. Otherwise - Quay street itself is under-utilised and the road surface is appalling.
190	The heritage building are absolutely stunning, like the post office, the cathedrals, I think Rockhampton has a reputation around the country for not being very cultured and just being cow town would be nice to see more diversity but i know it's not easy because you have to get people to attend this events. Maybe if there were more things on at night in east street it wouldn't be so scary
191	The high rises along the riverfront is great start to modernising Rockhampton
192	The Mall needs to feel connected to the River bank area. Like "bringing the out doors in" type of thing. I don't think I've ever seen signs in the Mall letting people/tourist know that we have a riverbank area / walk and visa versa. It would be good to also have a "community notice board" (a big flashy electronic thing, not a pin board) in the CBD letting people know what's happening in the Mall each month.
193	The need for utilising a wonderful area in a more efficient and family orientated manner is definitely something council needs to look at , without losing the heritage feel and showcasing what a great area we have to explore and live in .
194	The old architecture and gardens in east street are great, especially the ones that have been painted modern colours. Starting to get a bit of a cafe culture there which is good and I think most people do a lot of their retail shopping at shopping fair now as it can offer everything in one stop. Would be good to see more restaurants along east st. The lookouts on the river are nice and pathways are good for exercising, would be good to see the updated pool and playground join up to the riverbank walk way somehow and seems like a nice open spot for some markets. Possible move the twilight markets there that are already established?
195	The parking Officer tells me that the mall owners and their staff are shuffling cars all day and thus making it difficult for customers to access the shops. They know who the culprits are but, as the cars keep moving all day, there isn't a lot they can do. I hear that in Brisbane they have created parking ZONES and if your car is anywhere in a zone for longer than the specified time then you get a fine so there is no point in just swapping spaces with another car all day. Perhaps we could try that here??? The days of chalking tyres being the only way to monitor parking should be well behind us.
196	The public transport system in Rockhampton needs to be improved to improve the parking situation in the CBD. Buses need to be on time so people can rely on them. Brisbane's bus system is example to strive for.
197	The rivier is a lovely place, but it feels very closed off from the main street. In fact each street feels very separate from the next - there is no natural flow or visual attraction to encourage movement from one area to the next.
198	The shops that are currently in East St offer a good range for browsing. There is an excellent range of cafes in the area. The main issues are the high vacancy rate, the fact that the area looks a bit run-down, and that traffic congestion / parking can be issues if you're wanting to spend a half day in the area, or want to go out to dinner.
199	The sooner the better as the river is a beautiful asset not just for tourism but for the local community too.
200	The streets are not pedestrian friendly, in fact foot traffic feels discouraged when it needs to be the opposite!

201	The under pass of the Fitzroy st bridge is far too dark and dangerous and the uneven pavement on east street is a hazard. I would love to see more regular police patrols or security, perhaps a few security phones could be spread out along the bank. I also believe that residence of the area should be able to have discounted parking permits for on street parking as not all building in the CBD have suitable parking. I think it would be nice if Quay st could be turned into a one way street with angle parking - freeing up side walk space for footpath dinning etc
202	The work rob car has done on bolsover street is inspiring. We need more investors who are looking to improve the existing structures and thats right across rockhampton not just cbd.
203	There are a lot of vacant shop fronts with apartments, or rooms that could be used as accommodation above them. There are a lot of single people out there that want to rent/or can only afford to rent a small space. Why not have the building owners There should be some form of legislation for local councils to make landlords maintain their property in a neat and tidy state, or council can have the right to paint/cover up (or whatever else is required) to maintain the buildings appearance and the streetscape - at a reasonable cost to the owner. Or at least serve notice to the owner to make amends within 60 days or the council will take action. It happens with vacant blocks of land re; mowing and rubbish removal - so why not buildings as well. A classic example was the horrible eye sore of the run down building on the corner of Fitzroy and East St (now the NAB) that sat idle and disintegrating for years. What an eyesore. And the Winter Garden.
204	There don't appear to be many affordable living options in the CBD - or none that are advertised.
205	There is a stigma associated with the CBD so a lot of work will need to be done to change peoples perception and to get people supporting the CBD. It is hard to compete with Shopping Fair so a more "Boutique" shopping precinct would be good. The Christmas Fair with markets & family friendly activities was great and maybe could be something that is done more than once a year.
206	There is nothing actually appealing about living in the CBD in Rocky as compared to living in the CBD in a larger city such as Melbourne. Rockhampton currently lacks that vibe and ease of accessibility to what is so attractive about living in a CBD in a larger city, such as cafes, restaurants, nightlife, shopping, culture and a sense of security. While it is improving, Rockhampton still has a long way to go. Having a Cash Kings on the corner of a major intersection for example is an eyesore and sends the wrong message to locals and visitors alike. We need to be fully aware of the image that we are portraying. Our aim should always be to keep moving forward and constantly improving ourselves. Let's start demonstrating it!
207	There needs to be a real effort from Council to take advantage of the amazing opportunities along the riverbank.
208	There needs to be more atmosphere and culture. Rockhamptons CBD needs a more open mind similar to byron bay.
209	There's room for improvement. I don't know why the council doesn't set up a few committes covering the different demographics to get it all done.
210	This area needs a free preformance area for local bands etc to play of a night to entertain and be heard
211	Three years ago when I moved here I asked if there was a Masterplan for the CBD to grow the population, encourage renovations of the old building, develop a café culture, events hub. A number of Councillors and senior management dismissed the need for one. The CBD is indeed a sad place and as the population growth will be in the north (Stocklands/ uni etc), there really will be no need to cross the river as hubs (retail, services, events, population) develop further.
212	Too expensive to love there. Units are not good value. Way overpriced. Otherwise I would be there.
213	Try to encourage good service as well as good product..... Having said that rude customers breed rude service in all aspects of business so maybe do something to improve the demeanour of both....
214	Uneven path surfaces need improving. Clean up bus station outside Kern Arcade.
215	Until empty shops are filled with quality stores and not \$2 or discount stores in the mall it will remain an eyesore and continue to attract the level of social demographic that it does currently.
216	Upgrades will definently bring more people from else over rockhampton.
217	Wayne Riddell can rebuild it
218	We have a beautiful CBD thats just not at its full potential, it wont take alot to get the area looking and feeling better, people want social areas that are clean, safe and free of danger

219	We have a beautiful CBD with many amazing buildings, and a great river - let use the resources we have to create an amazing family/friends zone with regular events, markets, music, dancing - a lot of Rockhampton residents are looking for this type of place.
220	We have one of the most beautiful river fronts in Australia and we are not taking advantage of it with up do date modern dining options and entertainment.
221	We need a council who are prepared to revitalise the area and send some money in the area.
222	We need a few different things to attract people not just one
223	We need to see the industrial developments to relocate over time so as the CBD becomes a more desirable place to live
224	What's upstairs from all the mall shops? Other than the odd dance school, does anything go on up there? Can we MAKE something go on up there?
225	With living in cbd. It needs to be affordable with a floor with inside playground area for children. A restaurant or a couple of decent cafes excess able for residents like local deli store /cafe. For meal times...breakfast Dinner tea. ground floor cornerstore market, down stair laundrette/dry cleaner. daycare on one floor. gym and non alcoholic sports bar that shows more international sports as football_ premier league African league .Spanish la liga (soccer) that way you are creating opportunity for locals to open shops and create wealth with in our community. you will decrease bored locals. unemployed immigrants. alcohol shops or fast food shops. but better options to create a higher standard of living and quality of people living inside.and representing rockhampton.
226	Work out a way to make leading cheaper by lowering rates so that locals will take the risk and start their own small business. Our city is starting to get overrun by outside investors who only care about their profit margins. Look after locals and they will look after you.
227	Would be great to see it revamped and returned to a former glory
228	Would like to see more evergreen shade trees suited to our climate, gardens, outdoor cafes and activities eg free exercise/tai chi near railway bridge (between the two bridges), free outdoor photography tips/hints taking pictures of our City and surrounds.
229	Would love the riverbank and CBD to be inviting and safe for locals and visitors. On a Thursday, Friday and Saturday night it should be alive with families dining out, not full of drunk/homeless and drunk people throwing up/peeing on the shop fronts from the nightclubs.
230	Yes if money is going there. Will it stay there and not steal for another project
231	Yes the local homeless people who frequent the CBD does not portray a comfortable image to visit. Shops are vacant, parking is limited, I work in the city yet I find the best sandwich on the northside. Quay Street should be closed to make a riverside mall (walking area only) with grasslands and water parks themes along the length of area.One side of the old bridge with the Old buildings can be promoted as old Rockhampton town and the other be new Rockhampton. Overall Rockhampton CBD is still regraded as the city a place to be entertained or inspired, to learn, to visit friends and/or to conduct personal or corporate business and it does that, but why is it not be used by everyone. It is because the negative aspects outway the positive.Begin luring the best people in their fields back to the city.
232	You need the right services in the cbd to attract busoness. Unfortunately some businesses and community services need to be moved on and relocated outside of cbd. They are tired and don't necessarily attract welcoming and friendly clientele. There should be a corporate standard for commercial buildings in east street, quay street and vic pde. Not one building should look in need of repair. The old cba building is atrocious!! An embarrassment. Maybe we could knock it down and build another carpark. Not like its being of good use! And Telstra's eye sore next door!!!! Businesses should be held accountable and fined for not keeping their premises tidy. If shop fronts are empty obviously the lease is too costly. Landlords greedy much?? Its no wonder the cbd is empty and boring.
233	You need to balance all the services and types of people that are in cbd. If you specialise too much on one area, eg cafes and nightclubs then there will be problems.

Appendix

Please se tell us about Rockhampton's CBD!

Revitalisation of Rockhampton's CBD is essential to the future growth, prosperity, and confidence of the Rockhampton Region. We are seeking for your thoughts on the CBD, what works, what doesn't and what you would like the CBD to be. You can help us by providing your input in the survey below.

For the purposes of this survey the Rockhampton CBD can be defined as the area within the boundaries of Alma Street to the Riverbank, between North Street and Derby Street, South Rockhampton.

PLEASE NOTE: All survey information collected will be statistically analysed and used for the purposes of the CBD Revitalisation project. Your contact details provided will be retained in accordance with the *Information Privacy Act (QLD) 2009*. A Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS) is available for all residents by phoning 131 450

Q1. How often do you go to the CBD?

	Several times a week	Once a week	Once a month	Once every few months	Once a year	Do not go there
Quay Street	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
East Street	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Victoria Parade	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q2. When do you go there most?

- ☐ Day
- ☐ Night

Q3. If you go to the CBD, what do you go to the CBD for? Select all that apply.

- ☐ Arts and Culture (Art gallery, Pilbeam, library, etc.)
- ☐ Business
- ☐ Cafes
- ☐ Restaurant dining
- ☐ Enjoy the riverfront
- ☐ Exercise
- ☐ Entertainment (bars and clubs)
- ☐ Meet / Catch up with family or friends
- ☐ Services (medical, fitness, etc.)
- ☐ Shopping (Retail, groceries, etc.)
- ☐ Visit government offices
- ☐ Work
- ☐ Other (please specify) _____

Q4. What do you like most about the CBD? Select your top four choices.

- ☐ Arts and Culture (Art gallery, Pilbeam)
 - ☐ Architecture, general atmosphere
 - ☐ Cafes
 - ☐ Restaurant dining
 - ☐ Enjoy the riverfront
 - ☐ Entertainment (bars and clubs)
 - ☐ Meet / Catch up with family or friends
 - ☐ Shopping (Retail, groceries, etc.)
 - ☐ Other (please specify) _____
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Q5. If you don't go to the CBD or not as often as you used to, what are the main reasons? Select your top four choices.

- ☐ More convenient elsewhere
- ☐ Better variety of retailers elsewhere
- ☐ Better variety of restaurants elsewhere
- ☐ Parking
- ☐ Not air conditioned
- ☐ Not an attractive place
- ☐ Not a clean environment
- ☐ Not enough local events/festivals/activities to attend
- ☐ Safety and security (please specify) _____
- ☐ Other (please specify) _____

Q6. If Rockhampton's CBD was a person how would you describe them? For each row below using the scale which of the personality traits is most like the CBD?

Attractive	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Tired
Confident	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Timid
Exciting	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Boring
Friendly	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Hostile
Positive	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Negative
Going places	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Stagnant
Progressive	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Conservative
Happy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Sad

Let's Talk about the Future!

Q8. How can the CBD be improved? Specify if possible

- ☐ Better facilities on the Riverbank _____
- ☐ Better lighting and signage _____
- ☐ Better quality dining _____
- ☐ Better access to public transport _____
- ☐ Clean it up and fill in the empty buildings _____
- ☐ Greener and more attractive _____
- ☐ Improve parking _____
- ☐ Improve safety, reduce crime _____
- ☐ More community services _____
- ☐ More entertainment options _____
- ☐ More festivals and events _____
- ☐ More diversity of dining and café options _____
- ☐ More diversity of shopping _____
- ☐ More markets _____
- ☐ More things to do for my age group _____
- ☐ Other (please specify) _____

Q9. Would you consider living in or near the CBD?

- ☐ Already live in CBD: : loft apartment | flat | high rise | house
- ☐ Yes: circle preferred living arrangement: loft apartment | flat | high rise | house
- ☐ No: Why not? _____

Q10. Do you have any further comments on the Rockhampton CBD?

A little about you

D1. Which suburb do you live in? _____

D2. What is the year of your birth? _____

D3. How long have you lived in the Region? Since I was born "or" number of years _____

D4. What is your total household income bracket? Under \$18,200 \$18,201 to \$37,000 \$37,001 to \$80,000 \$80,001 to \$180,000 Over \$180,000

D5. What is your occupation? _____

Want to stay informed and involved with Council projects and provide your opinion / feedback?

Rockhampton Regional Council has established the "Regional Voice" which is a free membership panel that provides an opportunity to keep residents informed, enables discussions on local and regional issues, and builds connections between Council and its community.

Please list your details:

Name: _____

Email address: _____

Address: _____

What are your special interest areas?

- ☐ Arts and Heritage
- ☐ Community
- ☐ Governance and Leadership
- ☐ Infrastructure
- ☐ Parks and Open Space
- ☐ Planning and Land Use
- ☐ Recreation and sport
- ☐ The Environment
- ☐ Waste
- ☐ Water

Rockhampton Regional Council appreciates your time in completing this survey. For more information on the CBD revitalisation please see Rockhampton Regional Council's website.

Q5a If you don't go to the CBD or not as often as you used to, what are the main reasons?

OPEN ENDED QUESTION RESPONSES

1	All the feral people hang around there doing nothing but wasting space and causing conflict.
2	Antisocial behaviour.
3	At night.
4	At night it's not good to be alone.
5	At night time.
6	At times, either day or night, I do feel unsafe with the intoxicated persons that yell and make you feel uncomfortable.
7	Being hassled by riff raff for money or cigarettes or just being pestered.
8	Bit hot for shopping in summer during the day but like the atmosphere at night.
9	Both day and night.
10	Bums on the river bank.
11	Colourful people.
12	Dangerous at night.
13	Dangerous at night; unfriendly folk down by river at other times.
14	Dirty grubby place to go.
15	Do not feel safe at night.
16	Does not feel like a safe place to hangout.
17	Don't feel safe - have had homeless/drunk people yell and try to get into our car.
18	Don't feel safe in the CBD.
19	Don't feel secure walking around at late afternoon and night.
20	Don't like being approached by drunks.
21	Don't feel safe at night.
22	Drunk locals lying in doorways is never attractive. Getting asked for cigarettes and watching fights is also not good.
23	Drunk/drinking locals.
24	Drunks.
25	Drunks.
26	Drunks and muggers.
27	Drunks and vagrants.
28	East street parking.
29	Far too many scum bags hanging around!
30	Feeling unsafe.
31	Feels a bit unsafe.
32	Fix the bitumen road in Quay Street.
33	Footpaths & gutters could be swept; and a general tidy up (coat of paint) or colourful drapes of material hanging in vacant shop front windows; a quirky attraction (think the newsagents near the oxford hotel - rainbow arch).
34	General atmosphere at night is lifeless.
35	Get assaulted to easily at night.
36	Groups along the riverfront prevent me from using that place.
37	Hassle of finding a parking spot.
38	Have been harassed by inebriated people for money and cigarettes.
39	Have seen drunk people down there during day, don't feel safe taking my children down there.
40	Have to walk to my car at night after work.

41	Homeless and colourful people being pests.
42	I am concerned about people hanging around on the riverfront.
43	I can't think of anything else than my previous selections.
44	I do go (daily) but this is my overall impression.
45	I don't feel safe walking down Quay St at night, drunks roaming the streets and riverbank.
46	I don't like the large groups that gather to 'hoon' / admire each other's cars.
47	I don't like the traffic. I preferred it when there was no through traffic.
48	I have been accosted several times along the riverbank.
49	I have been approached by persons asking for money and have seen fights on the riverbank and blood on the footpaths.
50	I like taking photos early morning and sunset at times don't feel safe.
51	I took a group of friends from overseas to have a barbeque one Friday night on the riverbank. They were terrified and the barbeques were being misused by various undesirables.
52	I would like to go to the riverfront more often but it is not a nice space.
53	It feels empty.
54	It needs more eatery / bars (along the lines of South Bank in Melbourne).
55	It's far too dangerous to walk along the river front.
56	Lack of atmosphere.
57	Lack of parking.
58	Lighting and security.
59	Locals drinking on the riverfront is a major turnoff - I'd love to bring my children down and exercise along the river but it's not safe or pleasant. What a waste of the existing facilities when it's just used as an uncontrolled wasteland for unemployed drinkers.
60	Looks tied along most parts of the riverbank and not appealing.
61	Lots of fights at night!
62	Mainly at night.
63	Mainly security at night with a lack of lighting to some areas.
64	Many undesirables.
65	More like better quality elsewhere.
66	My car was stolen from there once.
67	Need more events, better variety of restaurants, more retailers, better quality markets.
68	Need to make better use of the riverfront. Markets, festivals etc...
69	Needs better aesthetic footpaths - more shade trees around the CBD and CBD outskirts.
70	Needs more restaurants, grubby in the mall.
71	Needs more security especially at night.
72	Needs to be made a safe place for families and friends to meet and relax - we have a lovely riverfront that should be used by all Rockhampton residents.
73	Nice waking at night but not safe.
74	Night time can be not safe for women.
75	Night time safety is an issue.
76	Nights clubs are open.
77	No free entertainment for families.
78	No soul in the city.
79	Not an appealing area. Police target the area on Thursday nights.No Sunday trading
80	Not enough things to do.
81	Not enough BRIGHT lighting. Too many nooks and crannies. Place looks inviting to layabouts.
82	Not enough police at all times, too many idiots, too much violence.
83	Not keen to go there at night unless we are part of a group.

84	Not major concern but a few locals who frequent the area can be intimidating
85	Not safe.
86	Not safe - too many drunk, homeless people wandering around with zero police presence.
87	Not safe at night.
88	NOT SAFE OR SECURE AND ITS AN EYE SORE.
89	Not the safest place at night, especially along the Riverbank.
90	Nothing is in the mall it dirty and the park people around the area make it unsafe.
91	Nothing much to do.
92	Often homeless people hanging around the mall.
93	Park people at night.
94	Parking is always a horror. My partner has a business in Denham Street and all day parkers stay. However when a parking inspector comes and marks tyres, they all come out and move the car a few spots and nobody is booked.
95	Parking is always terrible and sometimes impossible. When you are taking kids, it's even worse! At night, you don't feel safe because of youth and drunks, particularly on the riverbank and around the hotel in the centre and the nightclubs.
96	PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS - PLANT LIFE OBSCURES PEDESTRIANS.
97	Personal security when walking / parking.
98	Poor parking and the drunk river people.
99	Quay street drunks/drug use.
100	River bank is a disgrace, no forward thinking social infrastructure.
101	Riverbank area is not safe.
102	Rockhampton ignores the 'vibrancy' project funded by the private sector, only to attempt to re-invent the wheel.
103	Safety.
104	Safety along the riverfront.
105	Safety and not looked after enough, not being able to access some of the historical buildings.
106	Safety and security concerns after hours compared to Shopping Fair or similar should be pretty obvious.
107	Safety is a big issue.
108	Safety is a concern with the homeless wandering around especially in the evenings/nights.
109	Safety on the riverfront is a very big factor.
110	There has been complaining about the 'bad behaviour' in these areas yet it continues.
111	Sick of being approached by "locals" asking for money/drugs/alcohol.
112	Smoking.
113	Some desperate people hang out in the CBD and it can be uncomfortable being confronted by them.
114	Some of the people that visit regularly ruin the atmosphere with drunken behaviour.
115	Sometimes get abused by passing drunks.
116	Space needs to be more user friendly and inviting.
117	Stereotypically, a different cohort of the public frequent the CBD area and this does not make the area attractive.
118	There is a certain element of the community that hassles people.
119	There are people that swear and hassle people make it a no go area.
120	The above is a comprehensive list of why not.
121	The CBD is lifeless, business owners have reaped great benefits, some own beautiful heritage buildings and Council has allowed the values and integrity of these properties to be neglected. A standard needs to be imposed on heritage properties to be maintained and restored, new lighting, sculpture, interactive signage, street events, and Trees are required as a minimum.
122	The clubs make nighttime dangerous. During the day its not much better.

123	The parking on Quay is dangerous and appalling towards the William street, whereas why is the parking near Channel 7 at a safe standard? The parking is one of the most off putting things about east street end.
124	The river bank residents.
125	The riverbank dwellers.....
126	The riverbank would be a great place to go for a run but as a woman I do not feel safe. When I do group exercise on the riverbank there is often vomit and mess.
127	The riverfront isn't always safe - you need to do something about the drunks!
128	The safety aspect needs to improve.
129	The stores that are there feel like they belong in a retirement village, nothing to bring youth in to the area.
130	The tiles need to be gurneyed at least fortnightly.
131	The type of people that hang around there and harass you.
132	There is a big chance of being accosted by drunken vagrants.
133	To be completey honest, There isnt anything that stands out to me about the CBD. There are limited restaurants, cafes and retails outlets to choose from. Occassionally I will go for a walk to see whats happening but nothing strikes my interest, just see more business closed down.
134	Too many undesirables at the riverbank.
135	Too dark at night.
136	Too many undesirables loitering and harassing people.
137	Too many drunk people on the riverbank.
138	Too many drunks.
139	Too many empty shops, no vibe.
140	Too many nooks and crannies and dark spots that allow for a general feeling of 'unsafe'.
141	Too many people harass you while walking along the riverbank.
142	Too many undesirables on the river front.
143	Too many unsavoury characters.
144	Too many vagrants.
145	Uncontrolled patrons wandering drunk from the East and Quay Street pubs and riverfront, making it feel unsafe.
146	Undesirable people.
147	Unsafe.
148	Unsafe footpath, low lighting.
149	Unsavoury characters along the riverfront.
150	Unwanted attention from undesirable people.
151	Vagrants.
152	Vagrants abusive behaviour.
153	Vagrants pester people on river bank.
154	Worried about security especially using car parks and lighting
155	Would not go near the river after dark as I would feel unsafe. This is a real shame and needs to be rectified.
156	You take your life in your hands when you walk along the riverbank day or night

Q8. How can the CBD be improved? Specify if possible

OPEN ENDED QUESTION RESPONSES

1	A unified image - see Bundaberg for simple street landscaping, reinvigorate existing shops/cafes to encourage use, run competitions/coupons etc, offer local entertainment as the shopping centres do.
2	Ablutions block on riverbank
3	At the end of the day, anything that is done will be an improvement.
4	Better outdoor exercise facilities, paths, dining options that include fresh made whole foods verses packaged or "brought" in food
5	Better safety on riverfront
6	Better urban design. Places to gather and sit down and eat or relax.
7	Bring back the rock climbing centre and new things similar
8	Bring Water and Fun and Encourage Relaxed Family Holiday Feel
9	Business input
10	Clean up the scruff - not a good look with drunks sleeping in the streets
11	Community gardens
12	Covered walk paths
13	Do not introduce paid parking
14	Develop the river front walks on both sides of the river with shops and outdoor food and pernanant growers/farmers markets and tourist shops like cairns
15	Eateries open after 4pm
16	Encourage development of apartment living/accommodation in upstairs areas of historic buildings
17	Family dinning family free fun
18	Family friendly
19	Fine smokers
20	Fix the roads
21	Fix the unsafe road (pot holes) and mitigate flooding
22	For families
23	Gentrification required
24	Get rid of that busker with the accordion - seriously nobody else in Rockhampton plays an instrument?
25	Get rid of the blacks on the river bank
26	Get rid of the drunks
27	Have more people living nearby.
28	Honour the architecture. make it more physically accessible
29	I would also suggest late night tradings
30	Improve facilities for cyclists -
31	Information Centre
32	Involve the community. if the community is not involved in refurbish they will not come to CBD. CBD should represent who we are - we are a regional city we are not monte carlo or milan. be proud of our region and its history reflect that in CBD.
33	It's mostly about a lack of quality for me I'm happy to pay a high price if product and service is equivalent to the price but it seems in most places if they get the \$\$ for a good product they don't care about the service.
34	Just get the buses working
35	Kids activities, art, history on rton center, think local and what are things we lack in for our community. Point of difference
36	Kids playground

37	Lagoon
38	Less traffic along Victoria Parade, greater focus on pedestrians and less on cars and on street parking along Victoria Parade and Bolsover Street. Walking short distances from parking facilities on the boundary of the CBD would be good for people's health.
39	Limit traffic in main street
40	Listen to the people who have done residency in the CBD
41	Major upgrade of roads, clean up of streets and vacant lots
42	Make it easier to drive around.
43	Make it safer for me to take a young family
44	Manage the drunks and squatters and make it safe 24/7
45	More family friendly
46	More Family orientated activities and dining options that cater for a family
47	More family oriented restaurants
48	More free parking, more police
49	More Kid Friendly
50	More parking for the disabled
51	More residential
52	More things for kids
53	Moving on the unsavoury characters on river front
54	Needs a sense of community
55	No people sleeping on benches on the riverbank
56	Not just better, innovative, creative changes and infrastructure design approach
57	Play areas for the children with areas to sit nearby
58	Police beat on mall 24 hours also riverfront needs revamp and make like Townsville strand which is awesome add some tourist attractions like waterworld etc
59	Preserve and Capitalise on the Heritage and River
60	Public transport bus stops are in a good position however the shelters need to be extended to protect from the weather.
61	Put free parking on in the arcade and the markets out in East Street. Much more atmosphere with street stalls. Eg. Caloundra, The Rocks Sydney
62	Put lines in for pedestrian crossings
63	Remove drunks from the riverbank areas.
64	Remove mass displays of goods from footpaths in front of certain shops
65	Remove the indigenous and drunks
66	Replace outdated archaic buildings
67	Roads need re-surfacing for better parking
68	Small convenience store for basic groceries
69	Smoke free environment
70	Spruce up its appearance, there is nothing exciting or interesting.
71	Stop staff parking in the carparks
72	Stop the monopoly of buildings/shopt being owned by the same person ie Woods
73	Sunday afternoon chill live music on the riverbank, both family and single friendly with alcohol allowed in a mild, friendly, safe environment. A happy afternoon for all that finishes around 7pm at the latest.
74	Support for Calma community to grow and fill the space with inclusive events and activities. I love the night alley markets. Such a lovely atmosphere.
75	The "wow" factor: A lagoon water park.
76	The entire thing needs to be improved and not have the excuse why its not being done
77	The toilets are a disgrace

13 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

14 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Nil

15 URGENT BUSINESS/QUESTIONS

Urgent Business is a provision in the Agenda for members to raise questions or matters of a genuinely urgent or emergent nature, that are not a change to Council Policy and can not be delayed until the next scheduled Council or Committee Meeting.

16 CLOSED SESSION

In accordance with the provisions of section 275 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, a local government may resolve to close a meeting to the public to discuss confidential items, such that its Councillors or members consider it necessary to close the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the meeting be closed to the public to discuss the following items, which are considered confidential in accordance with section 275 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, for the reasons indicated.

17.1 Request from RIG for Funding Support for E-Portal

This report is considered confidential in accordance with section 275(1)(h), of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, as it contains information relating to other business for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government or someone else, or enable a person to gain a financial advantage.

17 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

17.1 REQUEST FROM RIG FOR FUNDING SUPPORT FOR E-PORTAL

File No: 10097

Attachments:

1. Report from Executive Manager Regional Development
2. Notes of Meeting with RIG Representatives
3. E-Portal request

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SUMMARY

Consideration of two requests by Resource Industry Group (RIG) for sponsorship and for funding to establish an E-portal. This report includes notes from the meeting with RIG representatives on 6 August 2015 and the subsequent sponsorship request from RIG.

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