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- · Capricorn Conservation Council
- Capricorn Enterprise
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- Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning
- · Department of Transport and Main Roads
- Department of Tourism, Events, Small Business and the Commonwealth Games
- Fitzroy Basin Association
- Fitzroy River and Coastal Catchment Inc.

Welcome to Dharumbal Country - Mayimbugu Dharumbal Nunthi

Rockhampton Regional Council acknowledges that Nurrim (Dharumbal word for Mount Archer) is of cultural significance to the Dharumbal people.

Rockhampton Regional Council has sought permission from the Dharumbal Elders to access Dharumbal's cultural knowledge for appropriate stories, the use of language associated with the area, including those areas viewed from this location across the floodplain, language names associated with flora and fauna that can be used in this public format both in literature and signage for example Moondagutta etc.

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- Rockhampton Mountain Bike Club
- Rockhampton Regional Council
- Rocky Road Runners
- The Rockhampton Region Community
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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 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

developing an activation master plan for mount archer











COUNCIL'S MISSION

Community

- Activate Mount Archer to be an iconic community asset
- Encourage community interaction
- Celebrate the history of Mount Arche
- Create a variety of recreation opportunitie
- Improve health outcomes for the community
- Integrate Dharumbal culture and knowledge

Environment

- Protect existing flora and fauna
- Educate the next generation about the environment
- Restore damaged or disrupted parts of the ecosystem
- Encourage eco-friendly human interaction

Economy

- Develop tourism opportunities
- Utilise this opportunity to create jobs
- Stimulate the local economy

COUNCIL CORPORATE PLANNING

Vision

- Activation of the Mount Archer area
- Creating a place for everyone to take pride and ownership of
- Control weeds, improve environmental amenity and remove pest animals
- Celebration of the indigenous culture and historical elements
- Improved accessibility to a variety or recreation pursuits
- Increased community participation
- Development of Mount Archer as a tourism experience

PROPOSED PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS

PROPOSED OUTCOMES

NEXT STEPS

Alignment with QLD Plan and Regional Planning

COMMUNITY ASPIRATIONS

Aspirations

- Improve usage of mountaintop facilitie
- Open up the park to more nature based activities e.g. bushwalking and cycling
- Create camp sites in the National Park for use by both residents and tourists
- Create a wider variety of Mountain Bike trails and activities
- Enable opportunities for events and sports tourism
- Provide a safe pedestrian path for Pilbeam Drive
- Increase opportunities for healthy living
- Increase tourist attractions and experiences in Rockhampton
- Open up the breathtaking panoramic views of the city, river and hinterland.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

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.

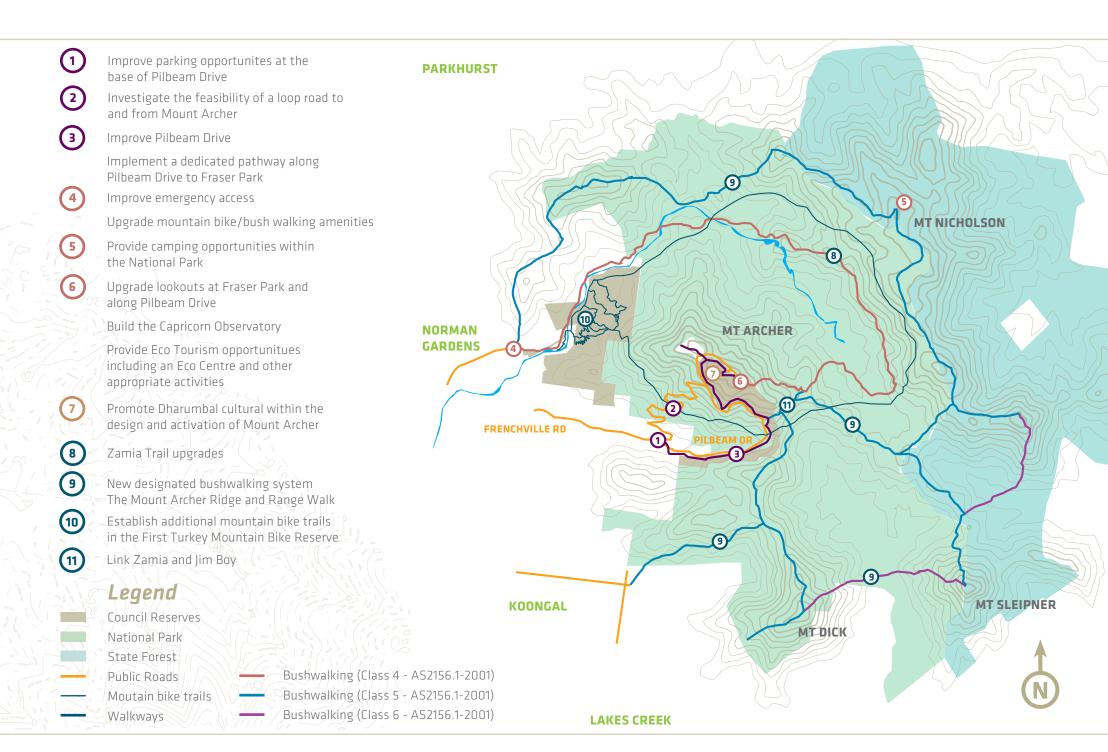
Future projects envisaged for the precinct will create jobs and improve health and lifestyle opportunities; while preserving Mount Archer's natural beauty and environment.





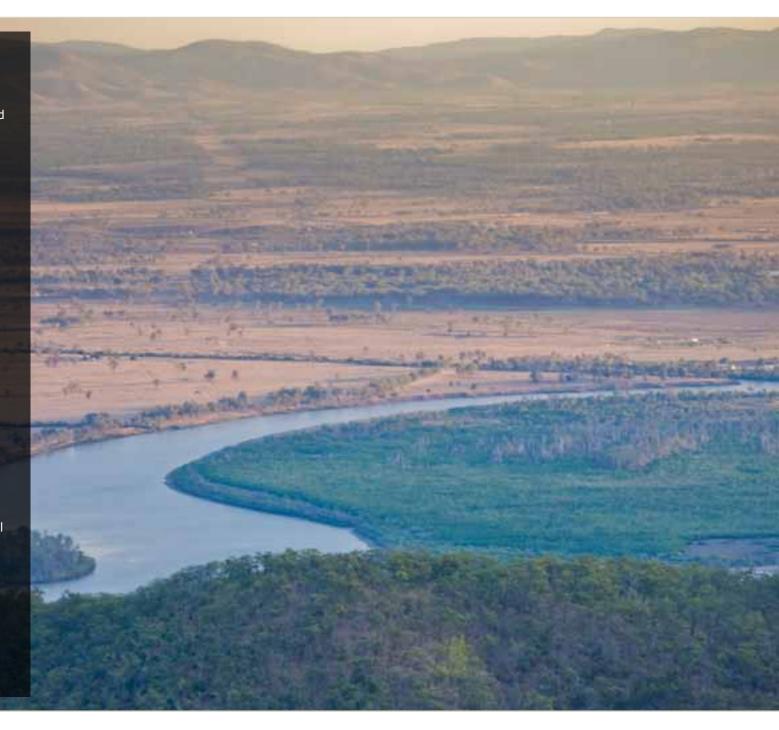
mt archer future use map

Community Consultation with diverse stakeholder groups has enabled the development of a range or 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.



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
- > Nurrim 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 Nurrim 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.
- > Nurrim 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 Berserker Range
- Increase and improve accessibility for all community members to appreciate the natural area
- Share and preserve Dharumbal cultural values and history
- Create economic opportunities for commercial tourism operators, camping 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

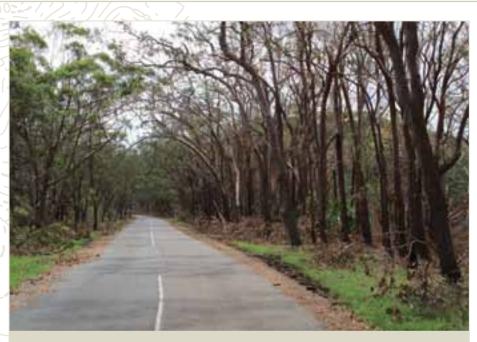
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- Department of Justice and Attorney General
- Department of Education
- Department of Environmental Heritage and Protection
- Department of Natural Resources and Mines
- Fitzroy Basin Association
- Fitzroy River Coastal Catchment
- Local community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

KEY PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS OUTCOMES 1. Mount Archer Environment • Undertake

- **1.** Mount Archer Environment Rehabilitiation project
- 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
- Repair road damage along Pilbeam Drive that was caused by the Cyclor Marica event.











Mount Archer Activation Master Plan



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.

An implementation guide will be developed to assist the delivery of programs and projects after consultation with the community is completed. Categories for the implementation guide will include: Remedial, Catalyst, Medium Term, Long Term and Onging Projects/Programs.

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



INFRASTRUCTURE

Access and Traffic The Pilbeam Walk Mount Archer Walkways and Signage



ENVIRONMENT

Flora Fauna



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



This project is the cornerstone of success for the Mount Archer Activation 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.

KEY PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS OUTCOMES

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1. Pilbeam Drive Repair and Improvements	 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 feasibilty of a second road to Mount Archer.
2. Base of Pilbeam Drive Car Park	Improve car parking at the base of Mount Archer, at the saddle, at German Street Bushland and at Fraser Park.
3. Emergency Access	 Construct emergency access points to ensure access for emergency vehicles into a variety of places into the National Park including: German Street Bushland (Moores 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.
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STAKEHOLDERS

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

PLANNING & POLICY ALIGNMENT

Oueensland Plan:

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

RRC Corporate Plan:

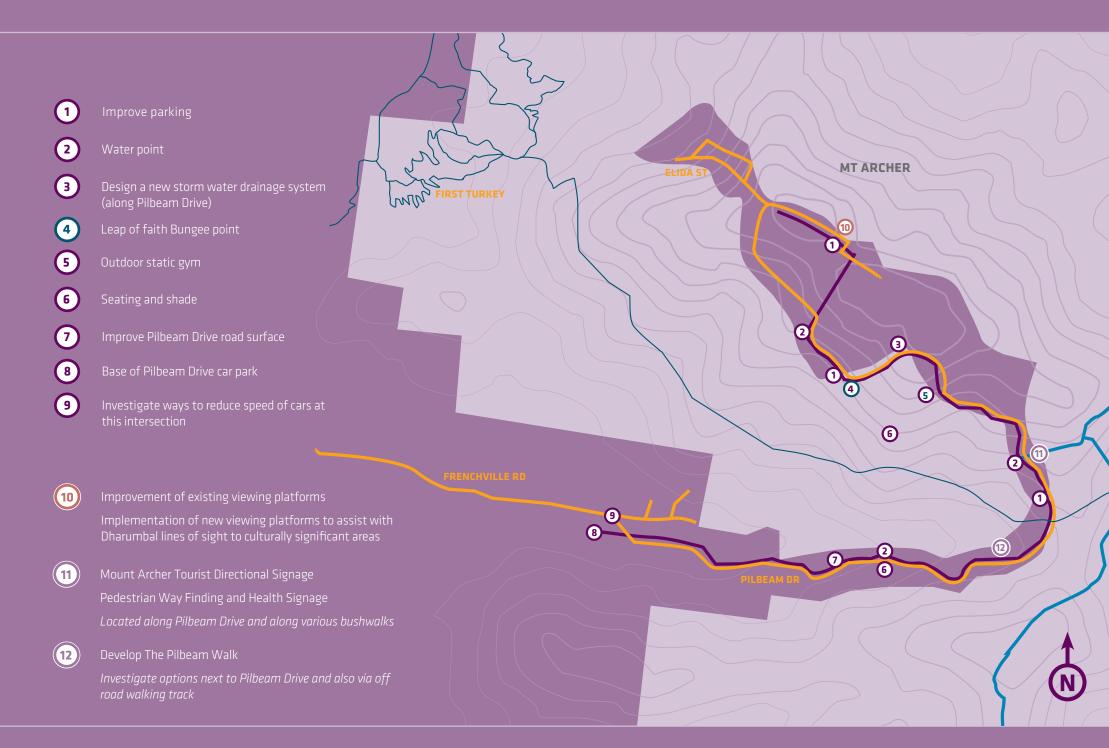
Infrastructure - Provide value for money construction, maintenance and community response services for transport and drainage assets.

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 recepticals and seating at various locations.

STAKEHOLDERS

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

PLANNING & POLICY ALIGNMENT

Oueensland 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



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.

KEY PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS OUTCOMES

- 1. Mount Archer Tourist Directional Signage
- 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.
- 2. Pedestrian Way Finding and Health Signage
- 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'

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.





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

- **Program**
- **1. Mount Archer Environmental** Remove weed species from Fraser Park and replace with appropriate
 - 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
 - · Indigenous flora and weed survey.
- 2. Creek and Environmental

STAKEHOLDERS

- Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sports and Racing
- Attorney General
- Fitzroy River and Coastal Catchment Inc.

PLANNING & POLICY ALIGNMENT

Oueensland Plan:

Aligns with Environment target G22 - We invest in and

Regional Development Australia – Fitzroy and Central

Fits with Environmental Outcomes – 'protecting and

RRC Corporate Plan:

Environment - Achieve land rehabilitation and mitigation

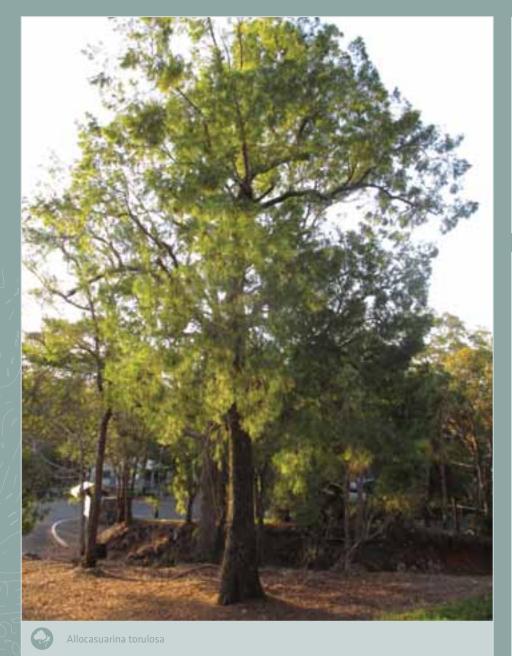
Environment - Promote the sustainable development of natural and physical resources and the maintenance of

RRC Community Plan:

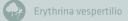
Environment Strategy 2 – Reduce the human impact

Environment Strategy 2 – Ensure the impacts of weeds,

Environment Strategy 3 – Protect and manage our natural









Banksia intergrifolia



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,

KEY PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS OUTCOMES

- **Program**
- 1. Mount Archer Environmental 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.

- 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.

STAKEHOLDERS

- Capricorn Conservation Council

- Department of National Parks, Recreation.
- Fitzroy Basin Association

PLANNING & POLICY ALIGNMENT

RRC Corporate Plan:

Environment - Implement Pest Management Plan actions

Environment - Promote the sustainable development of natural and physical resources and the maintenance of

RRC Community Plan:

Environment Strategy 2 – Reduce the human impact education, partnerships and regeneration schemes.

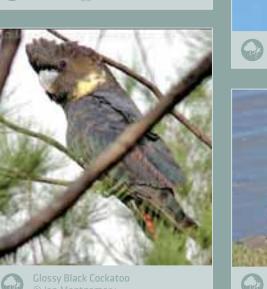
Environment Strategy 2 – Ensure the impacts of weeds,

Environment Strategy 3 – Interlink wildlife and vegetation















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 • Create a specific park architecture/development plan for Fraser Park. **Project** • 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. 2. Lookouts Project 3. The Capricornia • Investigate the feasibility of constructing the Capricornia Observatory. **Observatory Project** • 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** • Create landscape architectural drawings.

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.



KEY PROJECT: eco centre

There is potential scope to create an Eco Centre at the top of Mount Archer.
Thorough investigations will need to be undertaken to understand its viability.
This aspirational project would provide food, accommodation, day spa facilities and a conference centre. The Eco Centre could be utilised for education, well-being sessions, wedding functions and cultural and history awareness.

There is also the potential to establish a 'glamping' (five star camping) venue, to capitalise on an underrepresented tourism market. Council has undeveloped blocks that could be utilised to establish the Centre, and a variety of business models could be explored to operate the Centre.

This key project will incorporate eco design values and principles in its design and operation. The Eco centre will be complimentary to the Mount Archer wilderness.

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

- Capricorn Enterprise
- CQUniversity
- Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning
- Local community
- Local artists
- Private Enterprise
- Rockhampton Regional Council

PLANNING & POLICY ALIGNMENT

Tourism and Events 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.

Also: Tourism and Events 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:

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:

Environment Strategy 4 - Enhance and promote our ecotourism, 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.





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 Construction
- 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 Gawula (Mount Wheeler).

STAKEHOLDERS

- Capricorn Enterprise
- COUniversity
- 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

PLANNING & POLICY ALIGNMENT

RRC Community Plan:

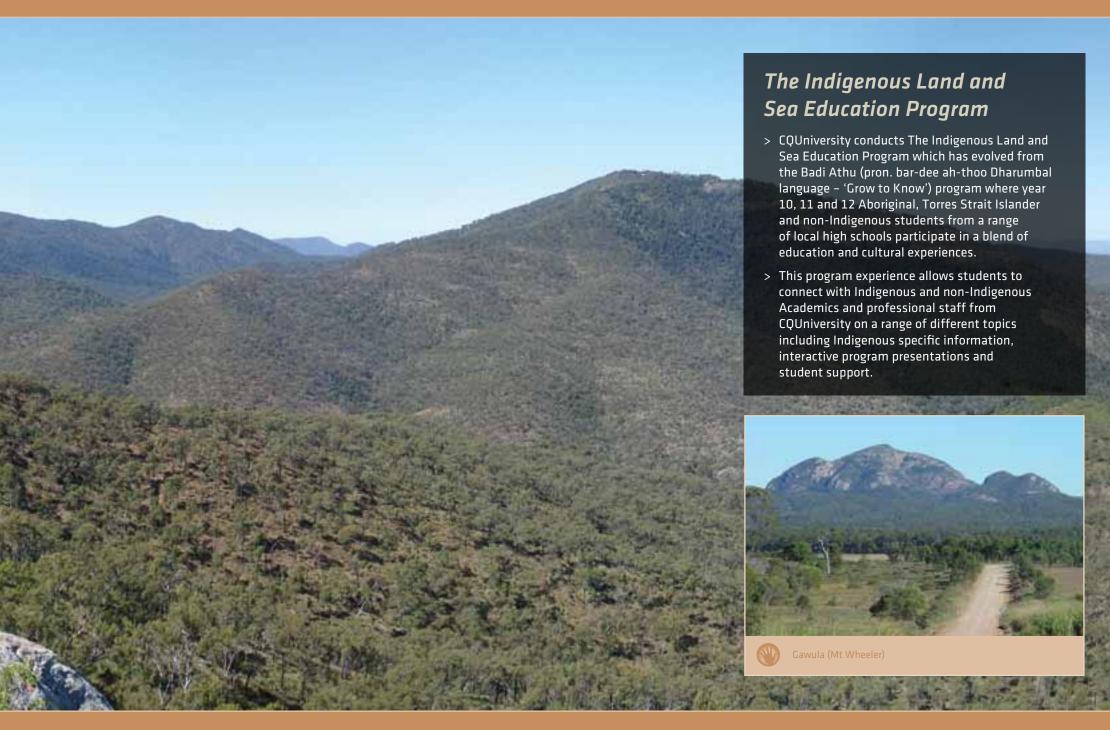
Living, Learning & Leisure Strategy 4 - Celebrate our strong indigenous history and culture.

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 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

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1. Bushwalking Construction	 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	Improve the surface of the full length of the Zamia trail to allow better accessibility.
3. Campsite Development	 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	Provide access to the National Park from a variety of entry points from North Rockhampton including Frenchville, Norman Gardens and Koongal.
5. Signage	 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	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
- CQUniversity
- Department of Justice and Attorney General
- Department of National Parks, Sport and Racing
- The Dharumbal people
- · Rockhampton Regional Council

PLANNING & POLICY ALIGNMENT

Oueensland 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.

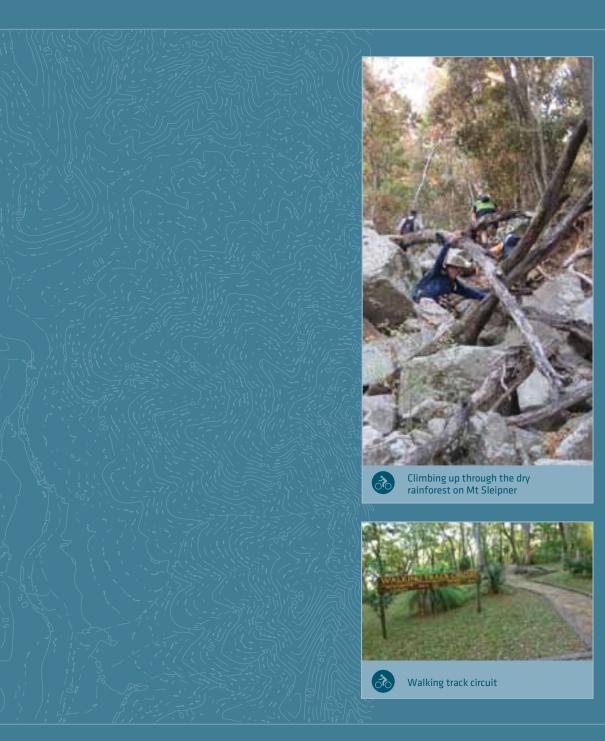
RRC Community Plan:

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

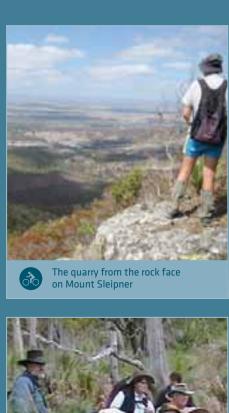
Environment Strategy 4 - Enhance and promote our ecotourism, and green and clean tourism options.

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 Mount Dick Walk



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 OUTCOMES

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.
- Project
- 2. German Street Bushland Park Establish a site based management plan for the German Street Bushland Park area.
 - Provide outdoor learning opportunities along the Zamia trails and

STAKEHOLDERS

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





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

KEY PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS	OUTCOMES
Work with local clubs and trail builders to develop sustainable mountain bike trails that are tailored to a variety of skill levels	 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	 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	Increase the amount of carparks in existing car park locations.
4. Signage and Interpretive Trails	 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	 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

Oueensland 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.





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 OUTCOMES

1. Establish and Execute Regular Events Calendar

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

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.



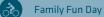














While other Activation Master Plan projects encourage ecotourism, The Wild Side considers the possibility of adventure based tourism out of Mount Archer.

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.

KEY PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS OUTCOMES

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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.

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 and Events 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 and Events 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 Oueensland'.

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 ecotourism, and green and clean tourism options.

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



where to from here?

EARLY 2014

Local communities of Mount Archer, parts of Frenchville and Norman Gardens that back onto entry points to the Mount Archer National Park were identified

NOVEMBER 2014

Two community consultation sessions were undertaken with community representatives, user groups and environmental representatives. State and Federal Government were also involved.

A core group from the community consultation process participated in the drafting of the Mount Archer Activation Master Plan.

OCTOBER 2015

Community and Council Endorsement of the Mount Archer Activation Master Plan. Create an implementation guide through determining feasibility of ideas, identify funding and resourcing options, partner roles and project timelines.

The affected community was engaged by divisional Councillors.

Numerous one on one discussions were held with local community members, community groups, natural resource management groups, environmental organisations, State Government agencies, State and Federal members of Parliament.

JULY/AUGUST 2015

Community feedback is requested on the draft Mount Archer Activation Master Plan—Open Days, submission process, one on one meetings.

DECEMBER 2015

Implement the Mount Archer Activation Master Plan—activate the programs and activities contained in this document with the assistance of each project's identified stakeholders and affected community groups.

references

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



