

# CAPRICORN COAST

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From beach to bush to burgeoning urban centres, Livingstone Shire is the enviable destination of choice for over 38,000 residents and more than one million visitors every year. Situated just 20 minutes from Rockhampton along Central Queensland's Capricorn Coast, the Shire spans over 11,776km<sup>2</sup> and boasts a relaxed lifestyle, strong community values, diverse natural landscapes and a thriving tourism industry.

The major centres of Yeppoon and Emu Park are undeniably the region's premier lifestyle hubs, offering an extensive range of affordable housing and rental options, from executive villas and beach front homes to sea-side estates and lifestyle acreage.

Livingstone Shire remains one of Queensland's fastest growing areas outside the southeast corner, with approximately 1,000 new residents making a permanent sea change to the Capricorn Coast every year.

Indeed with safe and reliable transport links just minutes from their doorstep, including a range of public transport options, around 7,000 Livingstone residents work in Rockhampton while choosing to live on the coast or neighbouring hinterland where median house prices (\$380,000) are among the most affordable in Australia.

Residents of Livingstone Shire also enjoy first-class training and education opportunities, including nationally recognised public and private schools with boarding facilities, as well as direct access to CQUniversity, ensuring the leaders and entrepreneurs of tomorrow can further their education and career prospects locally.

And with a host of major infrastructure projects currently underway, including a \$53 million revitalisation of the Yeppoon Foreshore and Town Centre, the Shire is also home to a thriving business community, offering extensive employment and training opportunities in general industry, construction and engineering, tourism, retail, hospitality and agriculture.

The Gateway - Capricorn Coast's first integrated Business and Industry Precinct - is strategically located just 25 minutes from Rockhampton Airport, offering premium industrial land with high-speed fibre optic broadband to the premise and access to an established B-double transport hub.

Proximity to the airport provides business with a direct link to international heavy-lift freight capacity and daily passenger services to Brisbane, Townsville and the Gold Coast.

Livingstone Shire forms an integral part of the greater Central Queensland economy, and enjoys close working relationships with the neighbouring local government areas of Rockhampton, Central Highlands, Gladstone, Banana and Isaac through the Central Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils (CQROC), to encourage economic growth, private investment and job creation across the entire region.

It is this progressive approach to driving economic development, coupled with the region's unique and affordable lifestyle options, that ensures Livingstone Shire is the destination of choice to live, work, play and invest.

 **\$380,000**

median house price  
median rent \$320 per week  
(3 bedroom house)

More than **2,800**  
registered businesses in the Shire

**31** new commercial  
building works

**25** sport and  
recreational facilities  
**3** public swimming  
pools



**68** suburbs

covering 11,776.3km<sup>2</sup>

**482** new residential  
lots approved

**38,000**  
residents  
to increase to  
57,042 by 2036



**2.2%** average  
annual population  
growth

**10%** of residents  
were born overseas

**13** primary schools

**11** early childhood  
education and care  
services

**3** secondary schools

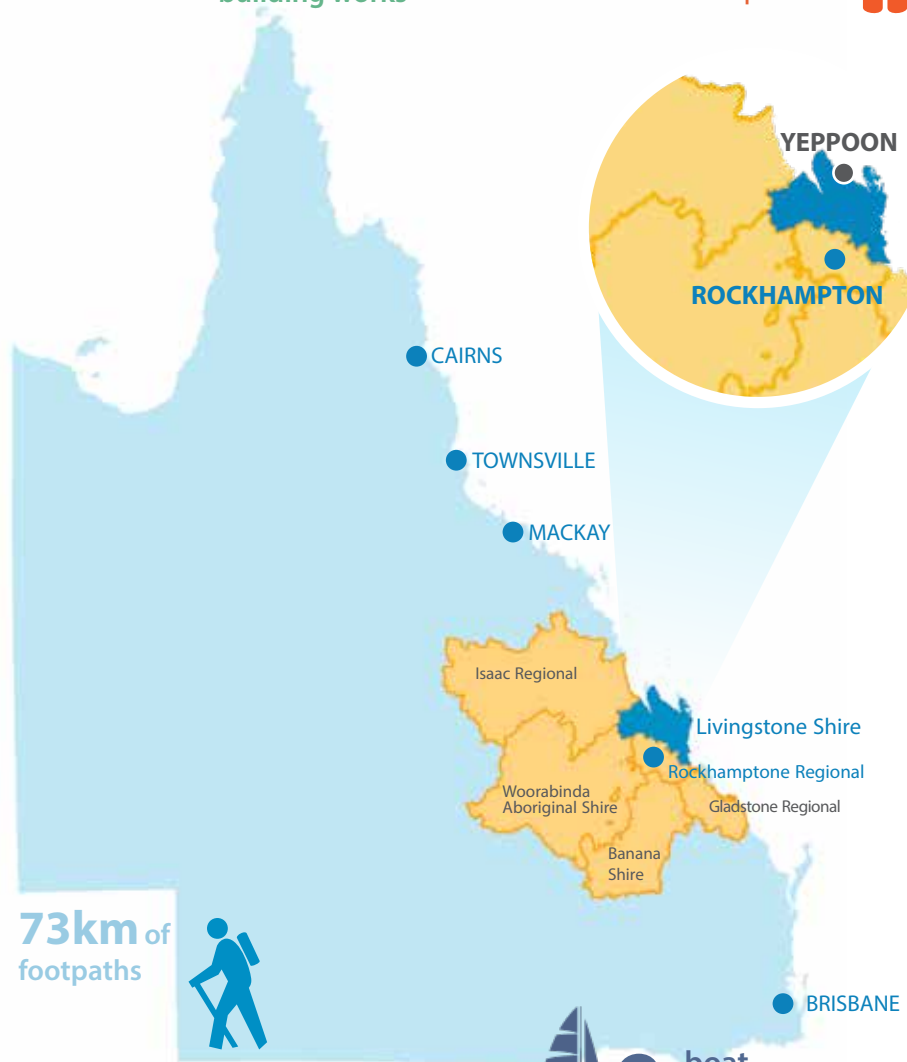
**73km** of  
footpaths



**50+** beaches

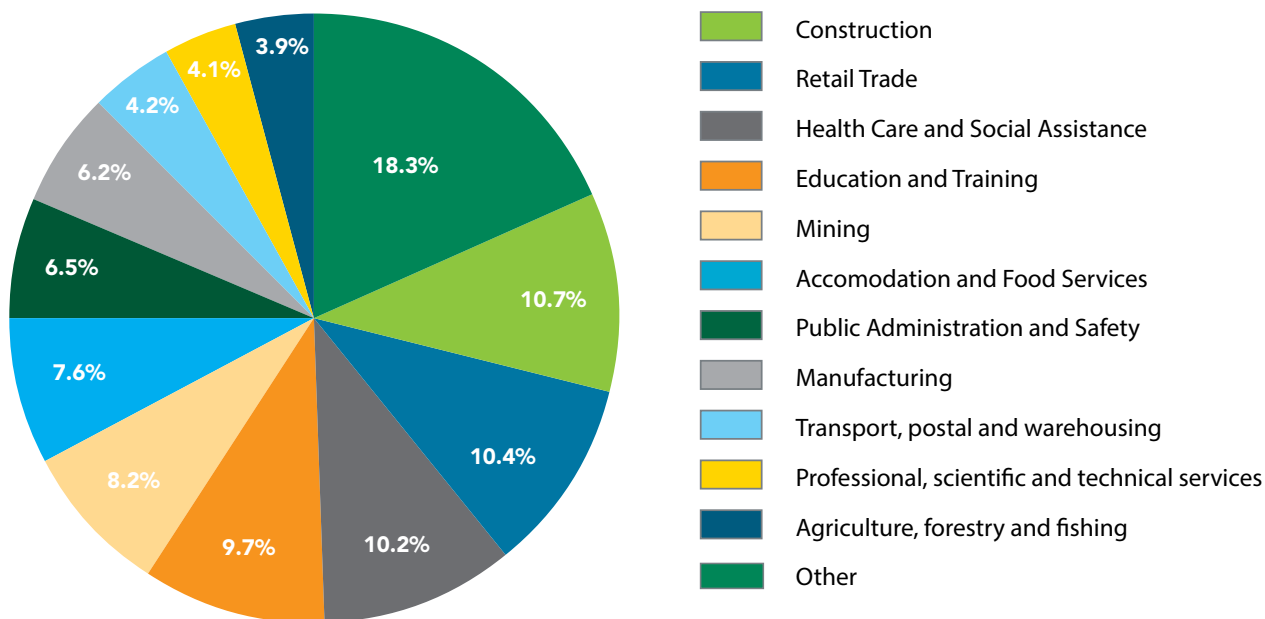


**9** boat  
ramps



# Livingstone at a Glance

Percentage Employed, Industry of Employment, Place of Work, Livingstone Shire, 2011



Source: ABS Census of Population and Housing 2011





# Livingstone Lifestyle

Livingstone Shire's stunning Capricorn Coast stretches north from the mouth of the Fitzroy River to Stanage Bay and features more than 50 pristine beaches spread over 250kms of breath-taking coastline, secluded bays, rugged headlands and a myriad of majestic tropical islands.

From fascinating limestone caves to rainforest-edged creeks and waterways, green hills and the island-studded Keppel Bay, the spectacular national parks, forested bushland and stunning tropical wetlands surrounding Livingstone Shire really do have it all.

The fantastic natural beauty of our region is matched only by the vibrant coastal communities and range of services available to local residents including first class medical facilities.

Yeppoon and Emu Park offer the broadest range of local private practice medical services ranging from doctors surgeries, dentists, chiropractors, podiatrists and physiotherapists while the Yeppoon Hospital also offers the latest in 24 hour emergency medical services, midwifery services, postnatal home visiting, parenting support, paediatric clinics, immunisation and palliative care options.

Queensland Ambulance Service operates three stations in the Livingstone region (all capable of 24 hour care) located in Yeppoon, Emu Park and Marlborough while the Rockhampton Base Hospital is only 30 minutes away.

Livingstone is also home to two urban fire stations located in Yeppoon and Emu Park, while the outlying areas are serviced by 18 rural fire brigades located across the Shire.

Whether you're watching the sun rise from one of our stunning beaches or experiencing the breathtaking wilderness of our incredible national parks, Livingstone Shire is a safe inclusive community, where residents and their families enjoy first class services.







# Tourism and Events

The Capricorn Coast has long been recognised as one of Queensland's premier coastal destinations and the gateway to the stunning Southern Great Barrier Reef (SGBR).

Last year almost 2 million visitors enjoyed all the SGBR has to offer – from stunning beaches and bushland to iconic cultural and sporting events and everything in between.

As the \$53 million dollar Yeppoon Foreshore and Town Centre Revitalisation continues to take shape, the Capricorn Coast's thriving tourism industry is reaping the benefits.

Last year overnight visitors invested almost a billion dollars in the SGBR area; an increase of 6% or \$52 million from 2014.

And it's little wonder with the Southern Great Barrier Reef among the top 15 domestic tourism destinations in Australia!

That trend also extends overseas, with the SGBR welcoming more than 137,000 international visitors last year, injecting \$105 million into the local economy.

With endless beach frontage and an abundance of greenspace and parklands, Livingstone Shire hosts over 46 major community events every year including:

- » Brisbane to Keppel Tropical Yacht Race
- » Lions Pine Fest
- » The Village Festival
- » Great Australia Day Beach Party
- » Yeppoon Tight Lines Fishing Classic
- » Cap Coast Running Festival
- » Emu Park Festival of the Wind
- » Yeppoon Triathlon
- » Obstacles Gone Mad
- » Lions Emu Park Oktoberfest
- » Weekly / Monthly Community Markets

These events attract tens of thousands of visitors to the region, who spend on average, \$130 per person per day, which stimulates local business and boosts the regional economy.





# Education and Schools

Livingstone Shire offers an extensive and dynamic range of education opportunities for young families with more than 25 child care centres, kindergartens, primary and secondary schools including both public and private options.

Aside from day schools, Yeppoon is also home to two nationally renowned boarding schools which cater to male and female boarders from across Australia and overseas.

Tertiary students also have direct access to CQUniversity's primary campus, located just 20 minutes away in Rockhampton.

CQU is Australia's largest regional university and offers more than 300 university and TAFE qualifications through a range of flexible study options and practical learning experiences.

Concept plans are also being designed for a proposed Yeppoon campus which will include a new civic library, art gallery and innovation hub.

## Early Childhood Education and Care Centres

- » Coastal Kids Child Care Centre
- » Jac's Learning World
- » Summerfields Early Childhood Development Centre
- » Emu Park C&K Kindergarten
- » C&K Taranganba Community Kindergarten
- » C&K Emu Park Community Kindergarten
- » C&K Yeppoon Community Kindergarten
- » Coolabah Early Childhood Development Centre
- » Yeppoon Childcare
- » Cedar Avenue Child Care Centre
- » Central Queensland Inclusion Support Agency

## Primary Schools

- » Byfield State School
- » Cawarral State School
- » Coowonga State School
- » Emu Park State School
- » Farnborough State School
- » Keppel Sands State School
- » Marlborough State School
- » Milman State School
- » Sacred Heart Primary School
- » St Benedicts Catholic Primary School
- » Taranganba State School
- » The Caves State School
- » Yeppoon State School

## Secondary Schools

- » St Ursula's College (offers boarding facilities)
- » St Brendan's College (offers boarding facilities)
- » Yeppoon State High School





# Connected Economy

Livingstone Shire's progressive approach to digital technology ensures residents enjoy metropolitan facilities in a stunning coastal setting, including the latest highspeed broadband and NBN connectivity.

Work has started on constructing fixed line technology to more than 8,900 premises in Yeppoon, Lammermoor, Rosslyn, Taranganba, Barlow's Hill and Meikleville Hill, while the NBN network is already live in a number of areas including parts of Bangalee, Bungundarra and Glendale with further rollouts planned in the near future.

In the past 12 months, Council has also successfully lobbied for funding to construct two new mobile towers in Mt Chalmers and Marlborough as part of the Federal Government's \$68 million Mobile Blackspot Plan.

Livingstone Shire Council provides free Wi-Fi connectivity at a number of popular public locations across the region including the award-winning Keppel Kraken Water Play

Area, Yeppoon Town Hall, both Emu Park and Yeppoon Libraries and the Yeppoon Community Development Centre.

Council is progressing a strategic long-term vision to nurture local business and entrepreneurs through a range of programs and has fostered a close working relationship with Start Up Capricorn, Capricorn Enterprise, local Chambers of Commerce and national telecommunication providers.

By embracing new technologies, Council will continue to expand and diversify the regional economy, as the Shire enhances its reputation as one of the most progressive and connected communities in Queensland.



# Panorama Drive Project

Completion: mid 2018

Cost: \$30 million

Proudly funded by the Queensland Government in association with  
Livingstone Shire Council

Great state. Great opportunity





# Major Projects

## Yeppoon Foreshore and Town Centre Revitalisation

A joint \$53 million dollar project including multi-storey car park, beachside lagoon pool, foreshore boardwalks and CBD connectivity.

## Panorama Drive

\$30 million strategic transport link to service the Capricorn Coast's northern growth corridor.

## Emu Park Foreshore Revitalisation

\$7 million project connecting iconic visitor sites to businesses and the Town Centre including more green space and car parking.

## Yeppoon Homemaker Centre

Prime nine-hectare site fronting Yeppoon Road, capturing 10,000 vehicles a day and offering seven premium retail and industrial lots.

## Keppel Kraken

Multi-award winning zero-depth water play feature on the Yeppoon Foreshore featuring incredible art elements and free public wi-fi.

## Barmaryee Multi-Sport Precinct - Yeppoon

Central Queensland's newest, inclusive multi-sport facility, which includes 14 sealed and turf netball courts, four full-sized rugby league fields which also cater to a thriving touch football competition, clubhouse and kiosk with amenities. Planning is also underway on two full-sized AFL fields.

## Hartley St Multi-Sport Precinct - Emu Park

A \$4.5million project - jointly funded by Council, the State and Federal Government - which will include two irrigated rugby league fields with full lighting, multi-purpose amenities building complete with training, change and first-aid rooms, kiosk and storage facilities as well as upgraded access road and car park.

## The Gateway Business and Industry Precinct

The Gateway is the Capricorn Coast's first integrated business and industry precinct.

The Gateway offers a three staged development master-plan on 55 hectares with the capacity to accommodate the projected growth needs of business and industry for the next 10 to 15 years.





# Arts and Culture

Livingstone Shire is home to a flourishing arts community with a number of award winning artists and authors, musicians and cultural tastemakers residing on the Capricorn Coast.

We encourage artistic expression, provide opportunities for participation in cultural experiences in many forms and act as a catalyst for making our community a dynamic and vibrant place to live.

Several art galleries located in the major centres of Yeppoon and Emu Park stage a variety of exhibitions all-year-round. The local business community and its corporate citizens are proud supporters and often key financial sponsors of many large scale public art projects and murals, as well as local and visiting stage shows, concerts and plays staged in our award winning Yeppoon Town Hall.

The Shire also boasts a well-deserved reputation as the events capital of Central Queensland with major festivals attracting thousands of visitors to the region for concerts, art displays, and fantastic markets, including the hugely

popular Village Festival, which saw attendance figures top 15,000 in 2016.

We have a proud and diverse multicultural society where more than 10% of our 38,000 residents were born overseas but now call Livingstone Shire home.

Indeed these residents represent 30 different nationalities including India, Germany, Philippines, South Africa, United Kingdom and The Netherlands among others.

Delicious local produce is also a popular trademark of the Livingstone lifestyle and one of the cornerstones of the local economy. Our award-winning local restaurants make excellent use of freshly-caught local seafood, juicy beef direct from Australia's beef capital and a variety of fresh fruit and vegetables grown right here in Central Queensland.





# Sport and Recreation

With 25 sport and recreation facilities as well as three public swimming pools and numerous parks and playgrounds, Livingstone Shire caters for a wide range of sporting and recreation needs, ranging from junior and senior rugby league, AFL, soccer, touch football, netball and gymnastics competitions.

Yeppoon is also home to CQ's newest inclusive multi-sports facility at Barmaryee, which includes 14 sealed and turf netball courts, four full sized rugby league fields - which also caters to touch football - and clubhouse with kiosk and amenities.

Construction is also underway on the \$4.5 million Hartley Street Multi-Sports Precinct in Emu Park, after Council successfully secured a combined \$3 million from the State and Federal Government for the project, ensuring Livingstone Shire realises its potential as a premier sporting destination with facilities on both ends of the Capricorn Coast.

Cooee Bay in Yeppoon also boasts 13 sealed tennis courts available for public use, competitive and social occasions.

There's also a number of playgrounds catering to children of all abilities, climbing nets and of course, plenty of parks

and open space on which to kick a football or play a game of cricket next to our free community barbecue facilities.

You can also take advantage of the idyllic weather and hire a boat which can be launched at any one of our nine boat ramps around the Shire, including the Keppel Bay Marina, which now boasts 500 berths for long and short term rental and can cater to vessels up to 35m.

The Marina is home to the annual Brisbane to Keppel Tropical Yacht Race and the gateway to the stunning Keppel Island group, located just 20 minutes from the mainland and boasting some of the best fishing on Australia's east coast.

There's also a range of water sports to enjoy including windsurfing, kayaking, surfing and stand up paddle boarding for those who want to just get out on the water and soak up some sunshine.



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