



Care And Support Services

Childcare

Given the strong family demographics and sizeable proportion of pre-schoolers (5.6% of the total population), the Capricorn Coast region provides considerable opportunities for the provision of childcare. In addition to the demand, the local quality of life is another advantage of the region, as many childcare facilities are family owned and operated. There are currently 682 approved day-care places across the Capricorn Coast region, however, considerable demand of almost 1,600 spaces is necessary to meet the future growth.

Opportunities

The opportunity builds upon the identified need to cater for a growing population. An increase in local childcare options at the Capricorn Coast will provide strong social and community benefits, in addition to new economic benefits. Making the area more attractive for recruiting new workers and their families.





Ageing In Place And Retirement Living

In 2016, the retired population comprised 24.6% of the Livingstone Shire population, higher than Queensland at 20.8%. With considerable growth (45%) anticipated in this cohort over the next decade, Capricorn Coast is the ideal place to invest in future ageing in place facilities, in particular resort style living facilities with storage for RV's and caravans. The quality lifestyle, coastal location and village appeal of the Capricorn Coast already attracts retirees. The region also offers an affordable alternative to other locations around Queensland, as new house and land median sales prices are greater than 15% below the state average. A variety of sites have been identified and zoned appropriately for retirement villages and/or aged care facilities.

Opportunities

Resort style retirement facilities fit well within the area, given its attractiveness, seaside location and easy access to top quality health and wellness services.

How to Invest - Where to Now?

Livingstone Shire Council offers support to projects where the nature and scale of the investment will stimulate significant economic and community benefits, job creation and value-add to the entire regional economy.

- » **Investment advice and in-kind support** are available through a variety of resources. Livingstone Shire Council can provide advice in regard to economic and demographic trends, grant opportunities and provide economic impact modelling to validate business case and grant development for projects.
- » **Flexible planning scheme** to make it easier to invest in the Capricorn Coast region. Improved measures encourage new business in centres with reduced levels of assessment allowing business to get on with business. If you're in a dedicated business zoned area, this scheme will allow you to attract tenants, within the scope of approved uses, without having to consult council every step of the way.
- » The Livingstone Shire's planning scheme allows for the accommodation of forecast population growth, with urban development expanding in proximity to established urban localities focussed around Yeppoon and Emu Park. Planning for growth will ensure cost effective and sequential provision of infrastructure.
- » **Free general planning and property advice** and access to pre-lodgement discussions for developers, offering access to a range of experts across council departments.

If you are interested in a confidential discussion on the investment opportunities available, contact: