



Defence And Military Training

Shoalwater Bay Military Training Area encompasses close to 30% of the Capricorn Coast Region and is recognised as one of the best training facilities in the world. The training area is the only area in Australia where the army, air force and navy are able to engage in joint military exercises. The Australian Defence Force and other allies such as Singapore Armed Forces and United States Military conduct regular training exercises at this location each year. Defence force exercises at Shoalwater Bay inject greater than \$10 million into the regional economy each year. Major expansion of the facilities and increased military training exercises are planned for the training area.



Facts



Total Value:
\$10 million



Supported Jobs:
Held in construction, transport, defence contracting, tourism and recreation, storage depot and maintenance sectors.





Opportunities

Opportunities exist to establish a logistical equipment and combat supply storage and maintenance hub at The Gateway Business and Industry Park. Other opportunities involve attracting niche defence suppliers to invest such as advanced and precision manufacturing, research and development, diagnostics and prognostics, specialist engineering and design, weapons system support, military training simulation industries.



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: