





From the Mayor

Hello and welcome to the latest edition of Council's Reach Newsletter for 2025.

Council's budget has now been adopted, setting the path for a busy year ahead focused on delivering essential services, important infrastructure projects, and a financially responsible plan that supports both current needs and future growth.

Creating this budget required careful balancing. Council understands the cost-of-living pressures many in our community face, and it's aimed to keep rate increases modest and fair.

The average rates rise of 4.05%, which amounts to about \$3.89 per week for most households, was a necessary step to avoid falling behind on vital maintenance and improvements that benefit all residents over time.

Living within our means has been a key focus. We have planned a capital works

program close to \$90 million, covering more than 100 projects across the Shire. These include major upgrades to roads, footpaths, and community facilities.

Highlights include the ongoing development of the Capricorn Coast Brian Dorey OAM Aquatic Centre, upgrades at the Emu Park Waste Transfer Station, and improvements to key roads such as Normanby Street and Dawson Road. We're also investing in safer and more accessible footpaths in areas like Byfield, Cawarral, and Yeppoon.

Financial prudence has been central to this budget. We will continue to pay down the debt with another \$6.5 million coming off to leave us with total borrowings of \$35.9 million – cash in the bank will be just over \$100 million.

Council understands some residents may be concerned about the increase in the waste facility charge from \$10 to \$45. This change reflects the true cost of waste services, which averages around \$64 per property.

Households will continue to receive 10 waste vouchers annually, helping to manage this cost. We remain committed to finding better ways to reduce waste and extend the life of our landfills for environmental and community benefit.

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This year's budget aligns with our vision for a growing, liveable Shire. It supports economic development, enhances public spaces, maintains essential services, and protects our natural environment.

I want to thank Councillors and Council staff for their dedication in preparing this budget. Most importantly, thank you to the Livingstone community for your trust, patience, and support as we navigate these financial challenges together.

For full details of the 2025–26 budget and to learn more about upcoming projects, please visit Council's website. Together, we will build a connected, sustainable, and vibrant Livingstone Shire.

Cr Adam Belot Mavor



2025/26 Budget Snapshot



total budget











\$27.3 M buildings & facilities



\$13 M land & site improvements



\$3 M plant & equipment



\$3.4 M infrastructure



\$21.5 M roads, drainage & bridges



\$5.2 M land development



\$16.3 M safe & reliable sewerage services



\$3.89 per week average increase in combined residential rates & charges (including water)



Tier	Consumption	Charge (per kiloLitre)
Residential Tier 1	Up to 90kL per quarter	\$1.40
Residential Tier 2	Over 90kL per quarter	\$3.27
Commercial	All usage	\$3.27

Operational project highlights

- Development incentives and Support Strategy focussed on attracting future growth industries
- Street Tree Strategy and Parkscaping
- Planning Scheme and Infrastructure Plan Amendments
- Parks Mowing and Roadside Slashing Service Level Review
- East West Connector Feasibility Study
- Northern Corridor Structure Planning & service options feasibility study
- Accessibility Review of Council Buildings and Public Spaces
- Shire wide Bushfire Mitigation Strategy
- Uplift of Finance One & Conquest Software
- Workplace Plan 2025-2030
- Enterprise Bargaining Negotiations

Capital project highlights

Project	Investment	
Continuation of Artillery Road ROSI works	\$4.9m	
Completion of Beaman Park Amenity Upgrade	\$250,000	
Completion of Byfield Footpath Stage 2 Construction	\$320,000	
Continuation of Clayton Road Footpath, Scenic Highway	\$386,700	
Continuation of Coucum Road - Western End of East West Connector	\$400,000	
Completion of Emu Park Arbour Replacement	\$870,000	
Completion of Emu Park Sewage Treatment Plant Active	\$1m	
Completion of Gateway Industry Park Stage 4	\$5.2m	
Completion of GKI Rejuvenation Project	\$21.6m	
Completion of Kraken Deck Replacement	\$370,000	
Continuation of Normanby Street Upgrade	\$2.6m	
Completion of Paramount Park Playground	\$120,000	
Completion of Pavement Rehabilitation Program	\$1.4m	
Completion of Scenic Highway, Lammermoor – Williamson Creek Footbridge	\$469,100	
Completion of Scenic Highway - Mulambin Rd Future East West Connector Intersection	\$1.5m	
Continuation of Taroombal South Sewerage PFTI Passive	\$4.5m	
Completion of Vin E Jones Memorial Drive Parking	\$300,000	
Completion of Yeppoon Aquatic Centre Upgrade	\$16.7m	
Completion of Yeppoon Landfill Cell Extension	\$6.4m	
Completion of Yeppoon Precinct East Shared Path	\$1.5m	

Major Projects Update

Planning Ahead for New Homes and Better Roads

Council has been working hard to plan for the future growth of our Shire. Over the past year we've taken steps to unlock more residential land in key areas such as Hidden Valley, Kinka Beach and Emu Park, where demand for housing continues to rise.

A new Temporary Local Planning Instrument (TLPI) is now in place to fast-track development in these areas. The TLPI streamlines some planning requirements, while still protecting important environmental and community standards. This means well-located land can be developed sooner to help ease housing pressures.

To make sure this growth is properly supported by roads and services, Council has also submitted an application to the Queensland Government for \$25 million in funding under the Residential Activation Fund (RAF). If approved, this funding would go towards building Stage 1 of the East-West Connector – a key road link through the Hidden Valley area. This would open up access to over 1,500 new homes in the future and set the stage for Stage 2, which would connect Tanby Road and Yeppoon Road to help ease traffic.

At the time this newsletter went to print, we were still waiting to hear whether our funding application had been successful. Regardless of the outcome, planning and design work will continue so that when funding is secured, we are ready to deliver the infrastructure needed to support growth and maintain the lifestyle we value in Livingstone Shire.

Council will keep the community updated as soon as more information becomes available.



Brian Dorey OAM Capricorn Coast Aquatic Centre

Construction is powering ahead at the new aquatic centre, with the structural foundations now in place following two major concrete pours. This milestone signals the start of the next phase of works, where the pool structures and new facilities will begin to take shape over the coming months.

The centre will feature a heated 50-metre pool with a submersible swim wall, extended shaded seating areas, new entrance facilities, and upgraded amenities including a Changing Places all-accessibility changeroom. These features have been designed to cater for everyone in the community – from lap swimmers and school groups to families and people with mobility needs – all year round.

Weather permitting, the centre is expected to open by the end of 2025, delivering a modern facility that will support recreation, sport and community life for generations to come.



Progressing Great Keppel Island (Woppa) Revitalisation

A number of important infrastructure projects are underway on Great Keppel Island, forming part of Council and the Queensland Government's long-term plan to improve facilities, protect the environment, and create a better visitor experience. Designs for the new Arrivals Plaza are now complete, with construction expected to begin later this year and finish by mid-2026. This space will provide improved seating, shade, and pedestrian access while maintaining a natural, welcoming feel.

Work is also progressing on a new sewerage treatment system to service key parts of the island. This upgrade will improve environmental outcomes and support future tourism growth. Council and its delivery partners are working closely with island residents and businesses to coordinate connections and minimise disruption during construction.

In addition, a new network of wayfinding and interpretive signs is being installed across the island. These signs are designed to make exploring safer and easier, while also sharing important cultural stories developed in consultation with the Woppaburra Traditional Owners. Planning is also continuing for new boardwalks and shoreline protection measures, with designs shaped by community feedback and staged delivery to suit future funding and priorities.

These projects are significant steps toward a more sustainable and enjoyable future for Great Keppel Island, balancing growth with care for its unique character and environment.

COUNCILLOR CATCH UPS

Councillor catch-ups allow locals to chat with their elected councillors, ask questions, share ideas, and talk about what's happening in the community Please note dates may be subject to change, scan the QR code to check for updates.

Plumtree Store, Stanage Wednesday 6 August 11.00am - 1.00pm

> Byfield Markets Sunday 31 August 8.00am - 1.00pm

Marlborough Hall Saturday 13 September 9.00am - 11.00am

Ogmore Bicentennial Park Saturday 13 September 12.30pm - 2.30pm

Palm Creek Park, Cawarral Saturday 27 September 9.00am - 11.00am

Bell Park, Emu Park Saturday 27 September 12.30pm - 2.30pm

Schofield Park, Keppel Sands Saturday 11 October 9.00am - 11.00am Nerimbera - location TBC Saturday 11 October 12.30pm - 2.30pm

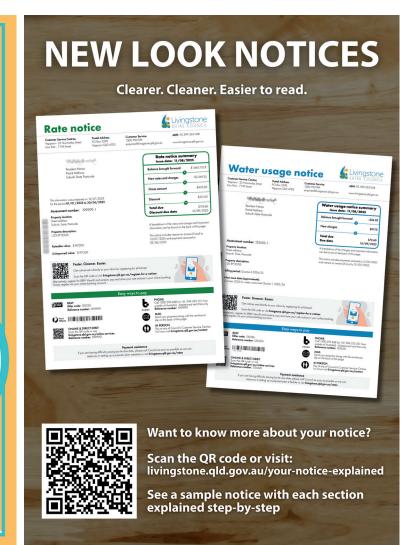
The Caves Bicentennial Park Saturday 25 October 9.00am - 11.00am

Sondra Lena Park, Glendale Saturday 25 October 12.30pm - 2.30pm

Have a question you want answered at an upcoming catch up?

Visit
getinvolved.livingstone.qld.gov.au
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to submit it





Key Rating Information

Making and Levying of Rates

In accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 2009 and the Local Government Regulation 2012, the identifiers of rateable land within the boundaries of the Livingstone Shire Council area have been determined by Council and are set out in the General Rating Categories 2025-26 Schedule 1 in the Revenue Statement, which can be obtained from our website. Land use codes supplied by the Department of Resources are used to assist in determining the rating categories.

General Rate

This is determined using the property's rating category (refer to table on the reverse) which reflects the principal use of the land, in conjunction with the rateable value of the property. The minimum general rates have been set for each category in accordance with Section 77 of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

Special Rates and Charges*

Special rates and charges are sometimes levied by Council to fund services or facilities that will especially benefit the owners of properties in a specific area. These are charged for a set number of years and revenue raised from these rates will only be used to fund the implementation program for the specific services, facilities or activities specified. Discount does not apply to these special charges.

Rural Fire Levy*

This is a special charge that Council collects on behalf of rural fire brigades to fund their services facilities and activities.

Emergency Management Levy*

This levy is applied to all Queensland properties to support fire and emergency services. The levy is a compulsory charge collected by Council on behalf of the State Government under the Fire and Emergency Services Act 1990.

Water Access

Water Access refers to the provision of water to a property. It also covers the costs of maintenance and operation of the water system including the water treatment plant and infrastructure.

Sewerage Charge

The charge of sewerage is set to recover all of the costs associated with the provision of sewerage reticulation services provided by Council.

Waste and Recycling Charge

The domestic charge is based on the number of bins at the property. Commercial levy is charged per bin per collection

Residential Waste Facility Charge*

This annual charge is levied for the provision and access to waste management facilities, services and waste disposal vouchers.

Road Network Separate Charge*

The annual road network charge is levied in order to defray part of the coast of maintaining the road network within the region. This charge is levied equally to all rateable properties, including vacant land.

Natural Environment Separate Charge*

This annual charge is used to defray part of the cost of formulating and implementing initiatives for environmental protection, enhancement and conservation. This charge is levied equally to all rateable properties, including vacant land.

Disaster Response Separate Charge*

Assists in the support of the State Emergency Services including ongoing cost of maintenance for facilities and emergency equipment (vital for our volunteers to assist in the community), providing mitigation strategies based on hazards and risks from disasters in the Livingstone Shire area, as well as provide funding to recover from disaster events that impact our Shire. This charge will be levied equally on all rateable land within the Livingstone Shire Council area.

Objection

Owners of rateable land have the right to object to the category that their land is included in. All objections must be lodged on the approved form, which can be found on our website or obtained from Customer Service, within 30 days of the Rates Notice date of issue.

Time for payment

Rates and utility charges, including water consumption are due payable within 30 days of the issue of a notice to pay.

*Discount in accordance with Section 130 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 will not apply to this charge.

General Rate Categories

No.	Category	Description	General Rate	Minimum General
NO.			(cents in the \$ of Rateable Value)	General Rate (\$)
L1	Mainland Commercial/Light Industry <\$565,000	Lands on the mainland where the dominant use or intended use is commercial or low Impact industry purposes and the rateable valuation is \$565,000 or less.	1.9981	2,351
L1A	Mainland Commercial/Light Industry >\$565,000	Lands on the mainland where the dominant use or intended use is commercial or low Impact industry purposes and the rateable valuation is greater than \$565,000.	2.0188	12,130
L2	Retail Warehouse, Business/ Shopping Complex, or Outdoor Sales with a gross floor area of 400m2 — 3,000m2	Lands where the dominant use or intended use is a retail warehouse, business/shopping complex, or outdoor sales with a gross floor area greater than 400m2 and up to 3,000m2.	2.1822	5,730
L2A	Major Shopping Centres and Retail Warehouse with a floor area of 3,001m2 — 10,000m2	Lands where the dominant use or intended use is a retail warehouse, business/shopping complex, or major shopping centre with onsite parking with a gross floor area of 3,001m2-10,000m2.	3.2175	38,735
L2B	Major Shopping Centres and Retail Warehouse with a floor area greater than 10,000m2	Lands where the dominant use or intended use is a retail warehouse, business/shopping complex, or major shopping centre with onsite parking and a gross floor area greater 10,000m2.	4.1222	279,281
L3	Heavy and Noxious Industry	Lands used or intended to be used, in whole or part, and whether predominantly or not, for: (a) an abattoir, (b) a meat processing facility; (c) any facility that processes by-products of an abattoir or a meat processing facility; (d) a fuel dump or storage facility; (e) an oil refinery, (f) a heavy or general industrial use, or (g) any industrial activity which emanates offensive noise, odour and dust.	3.7149	9,155
L4	Island Commercial / Industrial	Lands on the islands where the dominant use or intended use is for commercial or light industrial purposes.	2.1545	3,067
L5	Extractive >\$12,000	Lands used or intended to be used, in whole or in part, and whether predominantly or not, for the purpose of conducting an industry which may involve dredging, excavating, quarrying, sluicing, or other mode of winning materials (including minerals or other substances) from the earth or other environments including related activities, with a rateable value of greater than \$12,000 (including mining leases).	6.7913	9,256
L5A	Extractive <\$12,000	Lands used or intended to be used, in whole or in part, and whether predominantly or not, for the purpose of conducting an industry which may involve dredging, excavating, quarrying, sluicing, or other mode of winning materials (including minerals or other substances) from the earth or other environments including related activities, with a rateable value of \$12,000 or less (including mining leases).	6.3804	4,511
L6	Other Rural	Lands where the use or intended use is non-residential rural, agricultural or farming purposes.	0.7511	2,130
L6A	Beef Cattle Production 1	Lands where the use or intended use is Cattle Breeding, Grazing or Fattening and the rateable valuation is \$2,000,000 or less.	0.7654	2,130
L6B	Beef Cattle Production 2	Lands where the use or intended use is Cattle Breeding, Grazing or Fattening and the rateable valuation is between \$2,000,001 and \$5,000,000.	0.6759	19,488
L6C	Beef Cattle Production 3	Lands where the use or intended use is Cattle Breeding, Grazing or Fattening and the rateable valuation is between \$5,000,001 and \$10,000,000	0.6961	35,499
L6D	Beef Cattle Production 4	Lands where the use or intended use is Cattle Breeding, Grazing or Fattening and the rateable valuation is greater than \$10,000,000.	0.6855	77,087
L7	Child Care	All lands used predominantly for the provision of childcare services.	1.9981	2,351
L8	Major Tourism/Accommodation Facilities	All lands predominantly used, or intended to be used, for Accommodation — Tourist Facilities and the land: a) is used or intended for use commercially for that purpose; b) is greater than 5ha. in area; and c) has or is intended to have accommodation capacity for greater than 100 rooms/units.	2.1404	185,980
L9	Residential 1	Lands where the dominant use or intended use is residential purposes, and the rateable valuation is \$210,000 or less (excl. lands in any other category).	1.1804	1,387
L10	Residential 2	Lands where the dominant use or intended use is residential purposes, and the rateable valuation is between \$210,001 and \$420,000 (excl. lands in any other category).	0.9708	2,417
L11	Residential 3	Lands where the dominant use or intended use is residential purposes, and the rateable valuation is between \$420,001 and \$915,000 (excl. lands in any other category).	0.8495	3,895
L12	Residential 4	Lands where the dominant use is a single residential dwelling and the land has a rateable valuation of more than \$915,000.	0.7613	7,109
L15	Large Residential 1	Lands, used or intended for use for residential purposes, and the rateable valuation is \$210,000 or less: a) having an area of 4000m2 or greater; or b) having an area of less than 4000m2 but located within a Council planning scheme, zone, or precinct with a preferred minimum lot size of 4000m2 or greater (excl. lands in any other category).	1.1527	1,574
L16	Large Residential 2	Lands, used or intended for use for residential purposes, with a rateable valuation that is between \$210,001 and \$420,000: a) having an area of 4000m2 or greater; or b) having an area of less than 4000m2 but located within a Council planning scheme, zone, or precinct with a preferred minimum lot size of 4000m2 or greater (excl. lands in any other category).	0.8889	2,625
L17	Large Residential 3	Lands where the dominant use or intended use is residential purposes, with a rateable valuation that is between \$420,001 and \$915,000: a) having an area of 4000m2 or greater; or b) having an area of less than 4000m2 but located within a Council planning scheme, zone, or precinct with a preferred minimum lot size of 4000m2 or greater (excl. lands in any other category).	0.8162	3,987
L18	Large Residential 4	Lands where the dominant use is a single residential dwelling, with a rateable valuation more than \$915,000: a) having an area of 4000m2 or greater; or b) having an area of less than 4000m2 but located within a Council planning scheme, zone, or precinct with a preferred minimum lot size of 4000m2 or greater (excl. lands in any other category).	0.738	7,317
L21.1	Multi Residential Non Strata < 10 Dwellings < \$255,000	Lands which meet all of the following criteria: a) not part of a community titles scheme; b) on which there are at least two, but less than 10, self-contained dwellings (includes flats, studios, cabins, dwellings, relative retreats, independent living quarters and secondary dwellings); c) used or intended to be used predominantly for residential purposes; d) having a rateable valuation of \$255,000 or less; and e) not otherwise included in another rating category.	1.3933	2,080
L21.2	Multi Residential Non Strata < 10 Dwellings > \$255,000	Lands which meet all of the following criteria: a) not part of a community titles scheme; b) on which there are at least two, but less than 10, self-contained dwellings (includes flats, studios, cabins, dwellings, relative retreats, independent living quarters and secondary dwellings); c) used or intended to be used predominantly for residential purposes; d) having a rateable valuation of greater than \$255,000; and e) not otherwise included in another rating category.	1.1456	3,626
L21A	Multi Residential Non Strata 10-14 Dwellings	Lands which meet all of the following criteria: a) not part of a community titles scheme; b) on which there are 10 to 14 self-contained dwellings (includes flats, studios, cabins, dwellings, relative retreats, independent living quarters and secondary dwellings); c) used or intended to be used predominantly for residential purposes; and d) not otherwise included in another rating category.	1.4165	13,870

No.	Category Description		General Rate (cents in the \$ of Rateable Value)	Minimum General Rate (\$)
L21B	Multi Residential Non Strata 15–19 Dwellings	Lands which meet all of the following criteria: a) not part of a community titles scheme; b) on which there are 15 to 19 self-contained dwellings (includes flats, studios, cabins, dwellings, relative retreats, independent living quarters and secondary dwellings); c) used or intended to be used predominantly for residential purposes; and d) not otherwise included in another rating category.	1.4756	20,805
L21C	Multi Residential Non Strata 20-49 Dwellings	Lands which meet all of the following criteria: a) not part of a community titles scheme; b) on which there are 20 to 49 self-contained dwellings (includes flats, studios, cabins, dwellings, relative retreats, independent living quarters and secondary dwellings); c) used or intended to be used predominantly for residential purposes; and d) not otherwise included in another rating category.	1.5346	27,740
L21D	Multi Residential Non Strata 50-99 Dwellings	Lands which meet all of the following criteria: a) not part of a community titles scheme; b) on which there are 50 to 99 self-contained dwellings (includes flats, studios, cabins, dwellings, relative retreats, independent living quarters and secondary dwellings); c) used or intended to be used predominantly for residential purposes; and d) not otherwise included in another rating category.	1.5346	69,350
L21E	Multi Residential Non Strata 100-149 Dwellings	Lands which meet all of the following criteria: a) not part of a community titles scheme; b) on which there are 100 to 149 self-contained dwellings (includes flats, studios, cabins, dwellings, relative retreats, independent living quarters and secondary dwellings); c) used or intended to be used predominantly for residential purposes; and d) not otherwise included in another rating category.	1.5346	138,700
L21F	Multi Residential Non Strata 150-199 Dwellings	Lands which meet all of the following criteria: a) not part of a community titles scheme; b) on which there are 150 to 199 self-contained dwellings (includes flats, studios, cabins, dwellings, relative retreats, independent living quarters and secondary dwellings); c) used or intended to be used predominantly for residential purposes; and d) not otherwise included in another rating category.	1.5346	208,050
L21G	Multi Residential Non Strata 200-249 Dwellings	Lands which meet all of the following criteria: a) not part of a community titles scheme; b) on which there are 200 to 249 self-contained dwellings (includes flats, studios, cabins, dwellings, relative retreats, independent living quarters and secondary dwellings); c) used or intended to be used predominantly for residential purposes; and d) not otherwise included in another rating category.	1.5346	277,400
L21H	Multi Residential Non Strata ≥250 Dwellings	Lands which meet all of the following criteria: a) not part of a community titles scheme; b) on which there are 250 or more self-contained dwellings (includes flats, studios, cabins, dwellings, relative retreats, independent living quarters and secondary dwellings); c) used or intended to be used predominantly for residential purposes; and d) not otherwise included in another rating category.	1.5346	346,750
L22	Strata Commercial/Industrial	Lands that are part of a community title scheme, used or intended to be used predominantly for commercial (including retail) or industrial purposes.	2.4069	2,351
L23	Strata Residential >500m2	All land in a community title scheme, used or intended to be used predominantly for residential purposes, with an individual lot size of greater than 500m2.	1.3575	2,417
L23A	Strata Residential <500m2	All land in a community title scheme, used or intended to be used predominantly for residential purposes, with an individual lot size of 500m2 or less.	1.4165	1,574
L24	Vacant land >\$915,000	Vacant land with a rateable valuation greater than \$915,000.	2.3609	25,827
L26	Special uses	Lands on the mainland where the predominant use is non-commercial in nature and the land is used or intended to be used for social and community welfare, defence or education purposes.	1.3635	5,493
L27	Other	All other rateable land that does not fall within another category. Including but not limited to Transformers, Stratum, Reservoirs, Dams and Bores. Excluding land included in rating category L28.		2,365
L28	Reservoir/pump site ≤\$10,000	Lands where the valuation is \$10,000 or less and used for the purpose of a Reservoir, Dam, Pump site, or Bores.	0.759	1,337
L29	Service Stations <\$750,000	Lands where the dominant use or intended use is in whole or in part; capable of; or being used for the storage, wholesale, or retail of petroleum products including gas; with a rateable valuation of \$750,000 or less.	2.1948	2,375
L29A	Service Stations >\$750,000	Lands where the dominant use or intended use is in whole or in part; capable of; or being used for the storage, wholesale, or retail of petroleum products including gas; with a rateable valuation of greater than \$750,000.	1.9555	12,078
L30	Power Generation 1 (0-100 Megawatts)	Land used in whole or in part, and whether predominantly or not, for or ancillary to the generation of electricity from a facility with an output capacity of 100 Megawatts or less (excluding transformers / substations)	3.0558	18,202
L30A	Power Generation 2 (101–200 Megawatts)	Land used in whole or in part, and whether predominantly or not, for or ancillary to the generation of electricity from a facility with an output capacity of between 101 Megawatts and 200 Megawatts (excluding transformers / substations)	5.9922	42,422
L30B	Power Generation 3 (>200 Megawatts)	Land used in whole or in part, and whether predominantly or not, for or ancillary to the generation of electricity from a facility with an output capacity greater than 200 Megawatts (excluding transformers / substations)	8.9881	90,863
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