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From the Mayor

Welcome to the first edition of Reach for 2026! As we begin a new year, it's a great opportunity to reflect on the progress made across our Shire during 2025 and the momentum we now carry into the year ahead.

Throughout the past year, Council continued to focus on practical projects that strengthen liveability, support community wellbeing, and plan responsibly for future growth.

A highlight was seeing construction well underway at the Capricorn Coast Brian Dorey OAM Aquatic Centre, with tiling, waterproofing, filtration systems and building linings progressing quickly. Works are now moving into the final stages and the project team is currently aiming for a March opening. Other key 2025 milestones included completion of the Emu Park Sewage Treatment Plant upgrade, Greenlake and Artillery Road upgrade, the Emu Park Transfer Station upgrade, the new Rockyview playground, and rural bridge replacements.

On Great Keppel Island, solid progress was made during 2025, with construction beginning on the new wastewater treatment plant. The Arrivals Plaza and Amenities project advanced through detailed design and tender stages, paving the way for construction to start in 2026. The wayfinding and interpretative signage project moved into fabrication, with installation completed in December. Council also secured funding to progress a business case for planning and detailed design of coastal erosion solutions on Fisherman's and Putney Beaches.

Accessibility across the Shire remained a priority focus during the year, with upgrades including new accessible pathways and parking, beach access features, safer pedestrian connections, and small but meaningful improvements through the Minor Accessibility Works Program.

Beyond infrastructure, Council continued investing in the heart of our community. Free events and school holiday programs brought families together, while over \$370,000 in grants supported community groups, sporting clubs, artists and events to benefit residents of all ages.

Council continues to protect our natural environment through foreshore planting, coastal rehabilitation, and improved

stormwater controls. QCoast2100 funding will also advance the Muskies Beach and Great Keppel Island Shoreline Erosion Management Plans, along with the Emu Park Revetment Wall design.

Looking ahead to 2026, Council's Blueprint Livingstone project, will drive transformational, sustainable growth initiatives across the Shire. Early outcomes from the Temporary Local Planning Instrument are already proving positive for housing delivery, with strong developer interest reflected in applications lodged for the Kinka Beach area and a further application anticipated in the Hidden Valley Residential Precinct in the coming months. Council is also progressing applications for the next round of the Queensland Government's Residential Activation Fund, building on the successful \$25 million grant secured in 2025 for stage one of the East-West Connector.

Several other projects will continue or get underway in 2026. On Normanby Street, underground water, electrical and stormwater works will be completed, setting the stage for construction of the eastern section road upgrade (Mary St to Arthur St). Other projects include Stage 4 of The Gateway Business & Industry Park and the next stage of Matthew Flinders Drive, supporting local jobs, investment, and safer, more connected communities.

To ensure we are listening to our communities, Council will continue its community engagement throughout the Shire during 2026. Keep an eye out for upcoming dates when fellow Councillors and I will be visiting your community.

Thank you to everyone across our Shire — residents, volunteers, local organisations and partners — for helping shape Livingstone's future. Your feedback continues to guide our priorities as we work together to build a strong, inclusive community.

Let's go Livingstone!

Cr Adam Belot
MAYOR

To view all current Council projects and find the answers to frequently asked questions, please visit livingstone.qld.gov.au/council-projects

WHAT OUR COMMUNITY TOLD US



Livingstone Views 2025 Survey Results

More than 800 Livingstone Shire residents recently took the time to share what they value most about living here, and where they believe improvements are needed, through the Livingstone Views 2025 survey.

The results paint a positive picture. Overall liveability in Livingstone Shire was rated at 60 out of 100, above the Central Queensland average. Feeling safe, easy access to nature, and a strong sense of community were identified as the biggest contributors to quality of life, reinforcing why so many people choose to live on the Capricorn Coast and surrounding areas.

The survey also highlighted areas where residents would like to see progress, particularly access to healthcare, affordable housing, transport options and leisure opportunities. Importantly, most respondents supported growth that is managed carefully and supported by the right infrastructure, rather than rapid or unplanned expansion.

These insights will help guide Council's future planning, advocacy and infrastructure priorities, ensuring growth is shaped in a way that protects local character while meeting the needs of a growing community.

Full survey results are available online for those wanting a deeper look at the findings.



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PEACE OF MIND AROUND THE POOL

Swimming pools are part of everyday life for many Livingstone Shire households, but they also come with important legal and safety responsibilities. Queensland's pool safety laws are designed to reduce the risk of drowning, particularly for young children, by setting clear standards for pool barriers and ongoing maintenance.

If you own a pool or spa, it's important to understand that compliance is not a one-off check. Pool safety requirements apply year-round and continue whether a property is owner-occupied, rented, or being prepared for sale. Staying informed and regularly checking your pool area helps protect your family, visitors and the wider community.

More detailed guidance, including compliance checks and registration information, is available via the Queensland Building and Construction Commission website: qbcc.qld.gov.au

Pool Safety Essentials

- ✓ Pools and spas must be registered on the Queensland Pool Safety Register
- ✓ A compliant fence or barrier must be in place at all times
- ✓ Gates must self-close and self-latch correctly
- ✓ Required safety zones must be kept clear of climbable objects
- ✓ A current CPR sign must be displayed near the pool
- ✓ A pool safety certificate is required when selling or leasing a property
- ✓ Regular inspections and maintenance are essential to remain compliant



Livingstone Shire Council has launched Healthy & Active Livingstone, a new program making it easier for residents to find free or low-cost health, fitness, and wellbeing activities across the Shire.

The program brings together local instructors, clubs, and organisations offering regular activities that support physical, mental, and social wellbeing, many held in Council parks, open spaces, and community facilities.

Residents can visit Council's website to explore the online directory and activity schedule, with options to suit different ages, abilities, locations, and interests.

Simply scan the QR code to get started and discover new ways to stay active and connected in your community.



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SEE A PROBLEM?

Snap Send Solve it!

Residents have been using the Snap Send Solve app to report local issues for several years, but a new partnership with Council is now making the process faster and more seamless behind the scenes.

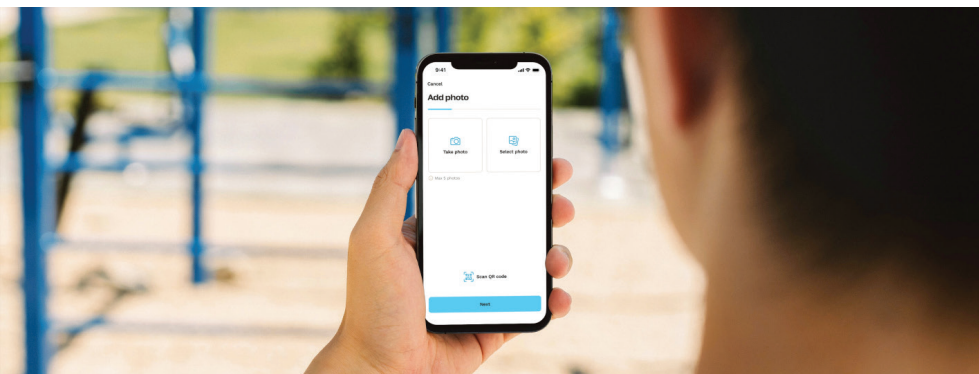
Snap Send Solve is a free app that lets residents report everyday issues such as damaged footpaths, fallen branches, overflowing bins, vandalism or missing signs in under 30 seconds. A quick photo and short description is all that's needed, with the app automatically pinpointing the location.


What's changed is how those reports are handled. Since partnering with Snap Send Solve in late 2025, reports now

feed directly into Council's customer request management system. This improved integration helps the right team receive the request sooner and reduces follow-up, improving response times overall.


The photos shown to the right are a recent local example — a broken street bin reported through the app and repaired within two working days. In the first two weeks of the partnership alone, more than 120 reports were lodged, showing how quickly the community has embraced the improved system.

Available 24/7 and in multiple languages, Snap Send Solve offers a simple alternative to phone calls or online forms, giving residents an easy way to help look after the places we all share.



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Community celebrating at *Carols by the Beach 2025*, delivered by Capricorn Coast Community Events and proudly sponsored by Livingstone Shire Council

