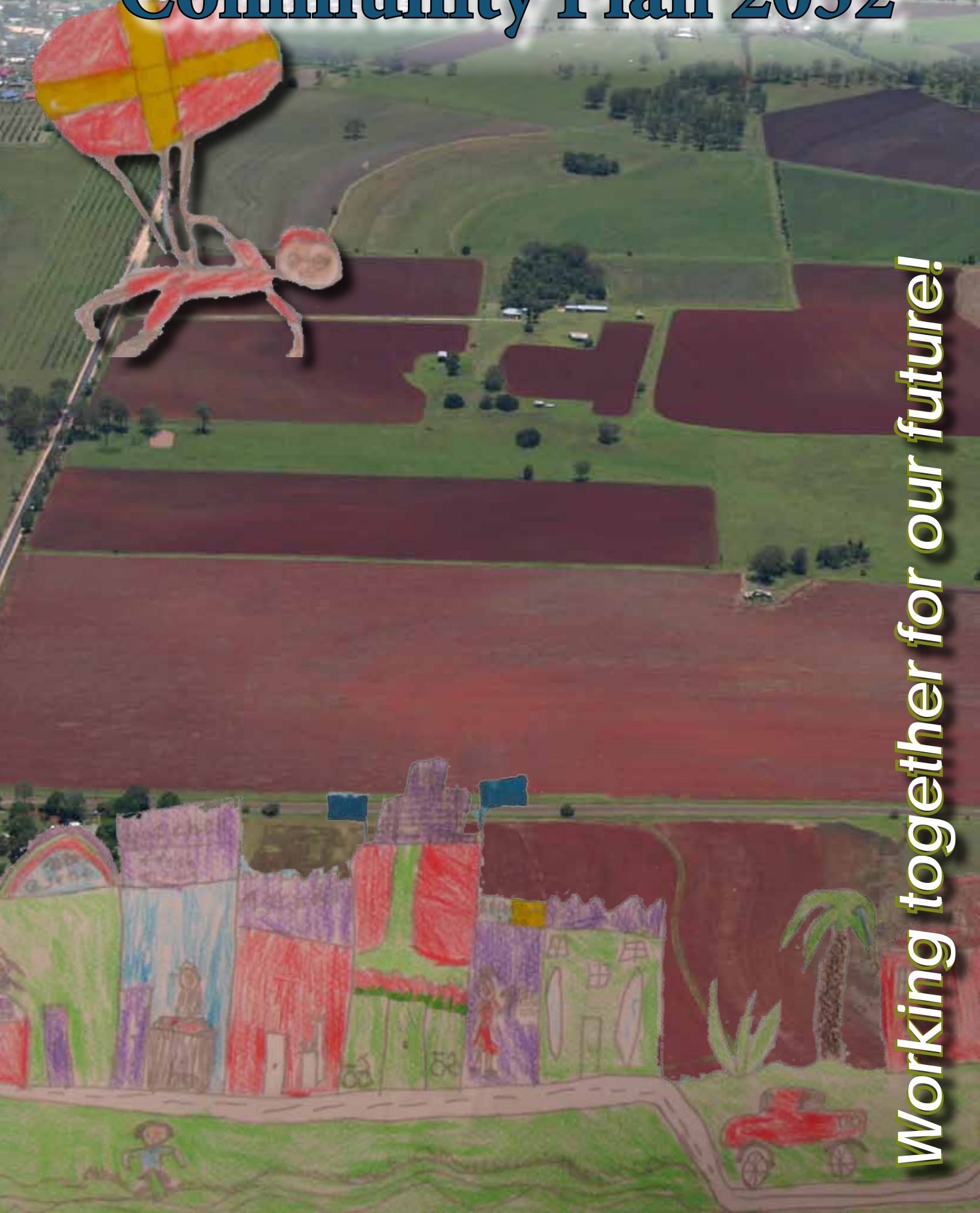


South Burnett

Community Plan 2032



Working together for our future!



It's our home...

It's our community...

It's our future...

It's our words...

It's our

COMMUNITY PLAN!

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A Message from the South Burnett Community

The resounding message from you, the South Burnett residents is that “**We love our country lifestyle**”. This message was very evident in the “Have your Say – Community Planning Process” feedback.

The country environment & *feel* of our individual communities is what keeps us living in the region & is also what attracts a lot of newcomers. Being able to live in a community with country values & lifestyle in close proximity to the metropolitan areas & the coast is a real attraction for us. Over the next 20 years we want the area to ‘**retain the country feel**’ but balance that with economic growth to enable the region to be sustainable into the future.

During the consultation process, we have been very careful to help manage expectations. Not everything that we aspire to can & will be delivered. There are some things we would like to see (eg: a university so our children don’t have to leave the area). We appreciate that this is important but also acknowledge that it is probably unrealistic. However, we have identified some long term visionary goals, such as a road direct to the Sunshine Coast from our region, that may be attainable in the very long term.

We believe there are opportunities to build on the strengths & unique characteristics of our region which have not yet been realised. These include building on our cultural heritage in terms of indigenous history, capitalising on the attributes of our individual communities & promoting our tourism, agricultural & business opportunities.

We acknowledge that we have challenges to face over the next 20 years particularly in the area of access to adequate health services, transport, farming viability & retaining & attracting youth in our area. These major issues will need to be managed carefully & as a result of the community planning process we have identified key strategies to enable us to achieve this.

This is our plan for the Future. It has been written using the information gathered through extensive community consultation, – it reflects our aspirations - it is our home, our community, our future, our words - **it is our Community Plan**.

Thank you – The South Burnett Community

Community Overview

The South Burnett is located approximately 200km by road from Brisbane & 200km by road from the Sunshine Coast. We are situated on the Great Dividing Range & bordered on the south-west by the Bunya Mountains. Covering 8,399km² our region is renowned for being a quality agricultural district that exports nationally & internationally.

Major river systems & water bodies within the South Burnett Region include the Stuart River, Boyne River, Barambah Creek, Barkers Creek, Cooyar Creek, Boondooma Dam, Bjelke Petersen Dam, & Gordonbrook Dam.

The primary centre for the South Burnett region is Kingaroy, supported by the townships of Blackbutt, Murgon, Nanango, Proston & Wondai. Smaller villages include Benarkin, Durong, Hivesville, Kumbia, Maidenwell, Memerambi, Tingoorra & Wooroolin.

The traditional indigenous inhabitants of the area are the Wakka Wakka people with bora-rings & rock paintings confirming habitation of this area prior to European settlement. Rock paintings found at Maidenwell have been carbon dated & confirm that this area has been used by indigenous people for approximately 4,000 years. One of the main yearly events for the Wakka Wakka people was the bunya nut harvest which centred on the Bunya Mountains.

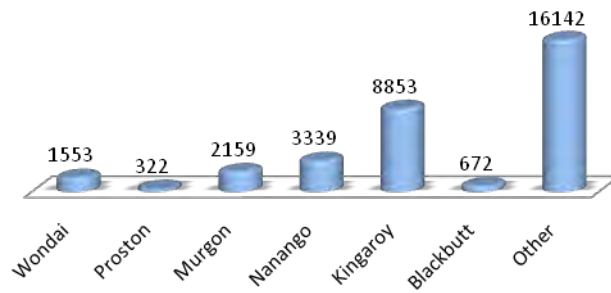
James Burnett was a surveyor & explorer who visited the lower reaches of the Burnett River in 1847. The Burnett region was named in his honour. The first European settlement within the area was in the same year with the establishment of Nanango & Taromeo Stations.

The South Burnett is an area rich in rural industries & primary production & strategically adjoins South East Queensland & the Surat Basin which provides opportunity for future economic & industrial development.



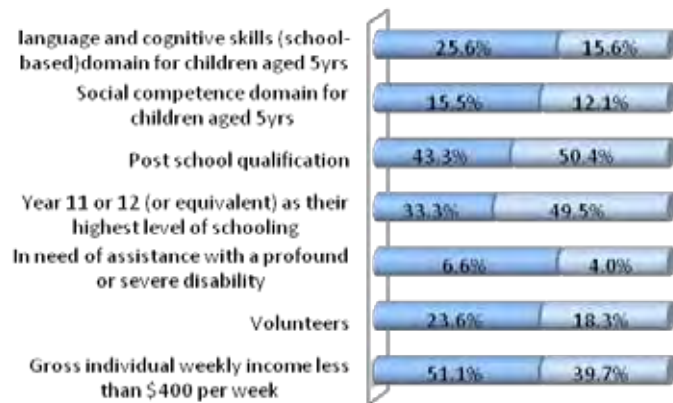
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Population 2010 Total 33040



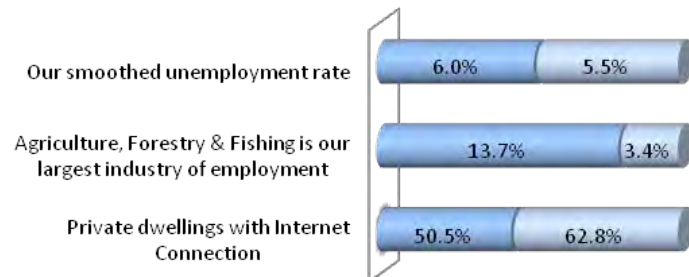
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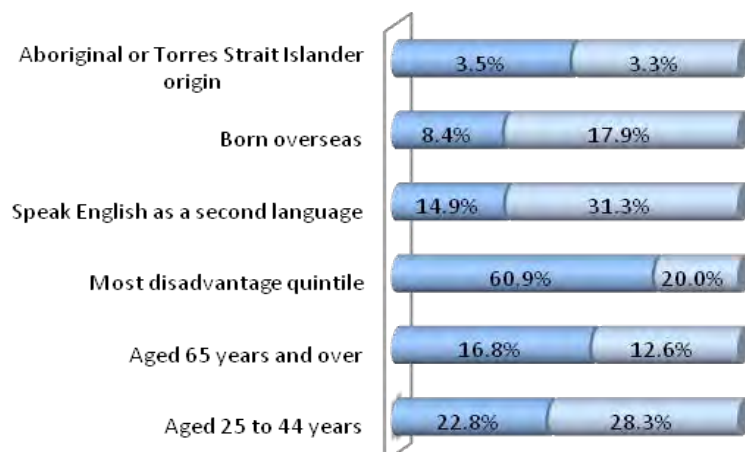
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Population and Demographics

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Our Vision

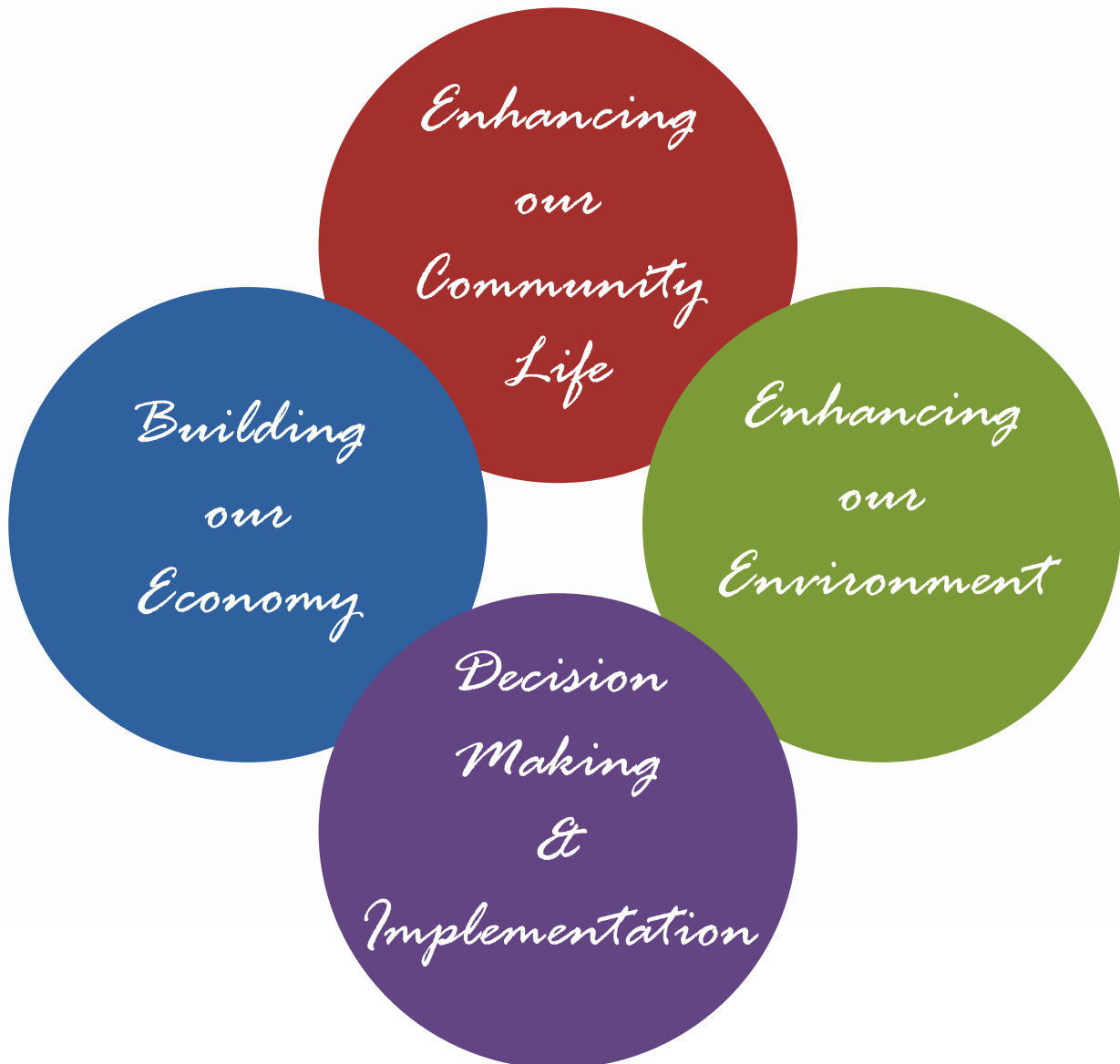


It was clear during the consultation process that in 20 years time we want our region to still embrace our country lifestyle. We want to balance this with progress to be big enough to sustain ourselves in terms of Industry development. We want to retain our individual communities but work together to ensure our future is sustainable & secure.

In essence we want to be a major regional centre with a country lifestyle atmosphere. To achieve this, we have identified a number of goals & actions around four themes.

“In 20 years time, the South Burnett will be a friendly region of connected communities that celebrates its heritage & enjoys a country lifestyle with sustainable development & growth”

Our Themes



As a community we have developed some specific actions which we would like to achieve & these are sorted into sub-themes as detailed in the following pages.

Enhancing our Community Life



Theme 1 - Enhancing our Community Life

Strategy 1

ACTIVE LIVING

"We want facilities & services that promote a healthy lifestyle"

Goal

1.1.1 We need to provide activities & facilities for our younger generation, particularly on weekends

Actions	When	Who	Council's Role	Achievement Indicator
a) Provide opportunities to be educated on the effects of drugs & alcohol abuse, particularly focused on under 18's	Short	Community	Partner	Education provided
b) Provide more socialising opportunities	Short	Community	Partner	Events & Activities provided
c) A blue light disco for high schoolers & one for primary schoolers	Short	Community	Advocate	Seperate events provided
d) Rock climbing programs	Medium	Community	Partner	Programs provided
e) Libraries to run weekend programs, particularly in smaller towns	Medium	Council	Direct	Libraries opened on weekends
f) Libraries to run programs aimed at "before school aged children"	Short	Council	Direct	Library programs conducted
g) Support & implement programs that are specifically focused at early childhood development.	Short	Government	Partner	Programs implemented
h) A children's gym	Long	Business/ Industry	Advocate	Gym provided
i) Provide activities & places that give an alternative to boozing, sniffing & fighting	Medium	Community	Partner	Activities & places provided
j) A weatherproof undercover children's playground	Long	Council	Direct	Weatherproof playground provided

Goal

1.1.2 We need infrastructure & activities that promote healthy lifestyles

"As at June 2010 Murgon recorded the highest proportion of children aged 0-14 years (23.5%) in our region. Wondai recorded the lowest (20.1%)"

Actions	When	Who	Council's Role	Achievement Indicator
a) Provide pathways (footpaths, bikeways, other trails) that link key places in our communities	Ongoing	Council	Direct	Tracks, trails & pathways provided
b) Implement projects identified in the Wide Bay Burnett Regional Sports & Recreation Plan	Long	Community	Partner	Facilities provided
c) Build & implement projects identified in South Burnett Healthy Communities Plan	Long	Council	Direct	Facilities provided
d) Provide drinking water facilities at skate parks	Short	Council	Direct	Water available

Theme 1 - Enhancing our Community Life

Strategy 2

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

"We want our community to retain our country lifestyle & to work to develop social capacity & resilience"

Goal

1.2.1 We need to develop a plan to coordinate & drive social investment

Actions	When	Who	Council's Role	Achievement Indicator
a) Employ a Community Development Officer (CDO)	Short	Council	Partnership	CDO employed
b) Develop South Burnett Community Development Plan	Medium	Council	Direct	Plan developed
c) Build more partnerships between businesses, governments & the community that enhance community development	Medium	All	Partnership	Partnerships built
e) Invest in the establishment of a regional leadership program (eg mentoring/coaching, professional development & study)	Medium	Government	Advocate	Program established

Goal

1.2.2 We need to support & value community organisations

Actions	When	Who	Council's Role	Achievement Indicator
a) Promote resources that are available to help community organisations	Ongoing	Community	Advocate	Resources promoted
b) Continue to support community organisations that provide services that would not be provided or otherwise have to be provided by governments	Ongoing	Council/ Business/ Industry	Partner	Support provided
c) Develop a community website to promote linkages with events & ensure information is designed to be easily accessed from mobile phones	Short	Community/ Business	Partner	Website developed

Goal

1.2.3 We need to utilise those facilities already established in the region

Actions	When	Who	Council's Role	Achievement Indicator
a) Better advertising of Council facilities & activities to improve utilisation & participation	Ongoing	Council	Direct	Facilities promoted appropriately

Theme 1 - Enhancing our Community Life

Strategy 3

SAFE COMMUNITIES

"We want communities that are safe places to live, are well serviced by emergency service professionals & are able to respond to disasters"

Goal

1.3.1 We need facilities that are appropriate for our emergency services

Actions	When	Who	Council's Role	Achievement Indicator
a) Upgrade or build a new police station in Kingaroy	Short	Government	Advocate	New station opened
b) Upgrade or build a new police station in Nanango	Medium	Government	Advocate	New station opened

Goal

1.3.2 We need a community that is prepared for disasters

Actions	When	Who	Council's Role	Achievement Indicators
a) Help build community resilience & preparedness	Short	All	Partner	Community is prepared when disasters occur

Goal

1.3.3 We want our residents to continue to feel safe in their homes & communities

Actions	When	Who	Council's Role	Achievement Indicators
a) Liaise with police to develop community policing partnerships & initiatives	Medium	Community	Advocate	Partnerships established
b) Provide education to young people about the dangers of boozing, sniffing & fighting	Short	Government	Advocate	Opportunities for education provided

Strategy 4

COMMUNITY SPACES

"We want community spaces that are attractive & encourage opportunities for social connections"

Goal

1.4.1 We need places that attract people to want to live in our region

Actions	When	Who	Council's Role	Achievement Indicator
a) Build a Performing Arts/Entertainment Centre	Medium	Government	Partner	Centre built
b) Transform Memorial Park into an entertainment precinct	Long	Council	Direct	Park infrastructure improved

Theme 1 - Enhancing our Community Life

Strategy 4

COMMUNITY SPACES - cont.

"We want community spaces that are attractive & encourage opportunities for social connections"

Goal

1.4.2 We need to improve town entry ways so that they are attractive

Actions	When	Who	Council's Role	Achievement Indicator
a) Beautify & modernise the entrances to towns	Short	Council	Direct	Town entrance statements established
b) Replace or remove the ugly billboards on entry ways	Short	Council	Direct	Boards removed or replaced
c) Don't let too many billboards be on entry ways to our towns (reduce visual pollution)	Short	Council	Direct	Incorporated into planning scheme

Goal

1.4.3 We need to improve the spaces we already have

Actions	When	Who	Council's Role	Achievement Indicators
a) Improve access to environmental reserves	Medium	Council	Direct	Environmental reserves used by community
b) Review the use of Council owned facilities & explore options for future use	Short	Council	Direct	Review conducted
c) Provide better parks with activities for the young people (eg shade & fencing for Wooroolin Park/play equipment at Bunyas)	Ongoing	Council	Direct	Parks continually being improved
d) Provide areas to have "Battle of the Bands" or South Burnett "Idol"	Medium	Community	Partner	Areas provided to organisations to run event
e) Have things on, away from the Kingaroy Skate Park	Short	Community	Partner	Activities provided
f) Identify & promote the facilities that are owned by businesses, community groups & other government agencies that can be utilised by the community	Medium	All	Advocate	Facilities shared

Theme 1 - Enhancing our Community Life

Strategy 5

COMMUNITY SPIRIT

"We want communities that work together & support each other"

Goal

1.5.1 We need events that unite our communities & celebrate our differences

Actions	When	Who	Council's Role	Achievement Indicator
a) Revamp & reinstate the Bunya Nut festival to promote & educate people about the Indigenous culture of the area	Medium	All	Partner	Festival held
b) Utilise the Kingaroy forecourt & other public areas for free community entertainment	Short	All	Partner	Entertainment provided in forecourt
c) Up-to-date community events calendar established (eg S.B Online)	Short	Community/ Business	Partner	Up to date website developed

Goal

1.5.2 We need to retain the community spirit that already exists

Actions	When	Who	Council's Role	Achievement Indicators
a) A South Burnett awards program to recognise outstanding achievement at a national & international level	Medium	Council	Direct	Awards program implemented
b) "Get to know your neighbour" projects	Ongoing	Community	Advocate	Neighbourhood projects established
c) Local clubs & groups to implement creative programs & initiatives to increase their membership base particularly with the youth	Ongoing	Community	Advocate	Increase in youth being involved in community groups
d) Positively promote the region through all available avenues including the local media	Short	All	Partner	Region is seen as a great place to live & visit
e) Develop community pride through a range of initiatives (eg. Ambassadors program/Australia Day Awards)	Ongoing	Council	Partner	Ambassadors program established

Theme 1 - Enhancing our Community Life

Strategy 6

CONNECTING PEOPLE & PLACES

"We want a community that is able to easily move around the community (physically & virtually)"

Goal

1.6.1 We need to establish a transport system that connects our community internally & externally

Actions	When	Who	Council's Role	Achievement Indicator
a) An inter-town bus link service developed for the South Burnett	Short	Business/ Industry	Partner	Bus service provided
b) Provision of a public transport system that is affordable, reliable, convenient & sustainable which links with intra & interstate travel	Short	Business/ Industry	Partner	Bus service provided
c) Transport links established between South Burnett & major service centres	Medium	Business/ Industry	Advocate	Bus linkages provided
e) A better transport link to the mining areas out of our region	Medium	Business/ Industry	Partner	Transport linkages provided

Goal

1.6.2 We need to be better connected by technology

Actions	When	Who	Council's Role	Achievement Indicators
a) Improve the mobile phone coverage for our region	Medium	Government	Advocate	Better phone coverage
b) Improve the reliability & speed of internet services the number of residents connected to the net (currently less than 50%)	Short	Government	Advocate	Improved internet services



'Peanut House'

Jessica Barron

5,396 occupied private dwellings have an Internet connection.

2,421 with broadband connections

2,923 with dial-up connections

Theme 1 - Enhancing our Community Life

Strategy 7

LIFE LONG LEARNING

"We want a community that builds opportunities & supports life long learning"

Goal

1.7.1 We need more opportunities in our region for life long learning

Actions	When	Who	Council's Role	Achievement Indicator
a) Support existing trade & training centres (eg schools)	Short	Government	Advocate	Trade Centre established
b) Retain & develop facilities for 'at risk' youth to support them through schooling	Ongoing	Government	Advocate	At risk facilities in place
c) Tertiary Education opportunities in the region are promoted & enhanced in conjunction with TAFE & Universities	Short	Government	Advocate	Programs in place & promoted
d) Develop opportunities for young people in primary industries	Ongoing	Government/ Business	Advocate	Agriculture is seen as a good job opportunity
e) Utilise advances in technology to provide better access to educational opportunities	Medium	Government	Advocate	Technology is used to provide educational opportunities

In 2008-09, the Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing Industry had the largest number of businesses in our region, with 1,455 businesses or 43.1% of the region's total number of businesses.

(Source: OESR, ABS, Counts of Australian Businesses, 2007-09)

Strategy 8

HEALTH & WELLBEING

"We want a community that is healthy & active & can access quality medical services when needed"

Goal

1.8.1 We need to educate & support our community to live healthy lifestyles

Actions	When	Who	Council's Role	Achievement Indicators
a) Promote different types of activities for men (eg 'Men's Sheds')	Short	Community	Advocate	Increase in healthy activities for men
b) Create awareness of & address the increase in drug usage, (particularly sniffing) & alcohol abuse	Medium	Government/ Community	Partner	Decrease in drug usage
c) Create awareness of & support initiatives that address suicide & mental health issues	Short	Government/ Community	Advocate	Programs run

Theme 1 - Enhancing our Community Life

Strategy 8

HEALTH & WELLBEING - cont.

"We want a community that is healthy & active & can access medical services when needed"

Goal

1.8.2 We need good medical facilities & services in our region

Actions	When	Who	Council's Role	Achievement Indicator
a) Implement strategies to attract more doctors, dentists & other health professionals to our region to service our growing population	Ongoing	Government	Partner	Increase in doctor numbers
b) Utilise hospitals within our region as training facilities	Long	Government	Advocate	Hospitals used for training purposes
c) Utilise technology to improve access to medical services	Medium	Government	Advocate	Technology is utilised to provide medical services
d) Develop ways to retain skilled health professionals in the region	Medium	Government/ Council	Partner/ Advocate	Equipment & services appropriately used
e) Increased utilisation of existing medical facilities & equipment throughout the region & ensure facilities are appropriate to the needs of the community	Medium	Government	Advocate	Equipment & facilities appropriately used

Goal

1.8.3 We need facilities & services that support our aging population & vulnerable residents

As at June 2010 Wondai had the highest proportion of persons aged 65 years & over (19.4%). Kingaroy recorded the lowest (12.1%).

Actions	When	Who	Council's Role	Achievement Indicators
a) Provide facilities & services to support the increasing need for aged, aging and those with a disability.	Ongoing	Government	Partner	Facilities provided
b) Develop strategies aimed at reducing the number of suicides, particularly for under 30's	Short	Government	Advocate	Reduction in suicide number
c) Establish a full time psychiatric service within the region	Short	Government	Advocate	Full time service established
d) Expand drugs and alcohol prevention and/or treatment facilities	Short	Government	Advocate	Facilities provided
e) Incorporate a mobile outreach service into our smaller localities	Short	Government	Advocate	Mobile outreach services available
f) Increase the capacity of core emergency responders (staffing and appropriate resources) to respond to mental health issues, particularly after hours	Short	Government	Advocate	After hours services adequately resourced

Enhancing our Environment



Theme 2 - Enhancing our Environment

Strategy 1

EDUCATION & AWARENESS

"We want people to be aware of issues that affect our environment & what we can do to help"

Goal

2.1.1 We need to educate our community

Actions	When	Who	Council's Role	Achievement Indicators
a) Encourage a culture that changes community habits through a user pays approach to minimise waste	Medium	Council	Direct	Waste reduced
b) Provide education about flora & fauna to use appropriate plants for our climate & conditions	Medium	Business/ Industry	Partner	More appropriate plants used
c) South Burnett event that promotes our environment (eg cleanup South Burnett Festival)	Medium	Community	Partner	Events held
d) Promote benefits of public transport to reduce our carbon footprint	Medium	Business/ Industry	Partner	Public transport used once established
e) Educate landowners about identifying & controlling pests & weeds	Ongoing	Council	Direct	Educational opportunities promoted
f) Ensure Council leads the way be controlling weeds on Council controlled land	Ongoing	Council	Direct	Noxious weeds controlled

We have 917.4 square kilometres of protected areas (National Park, State Forest, Timber & Forest Reserve) in our region.

(Source: OESR, Queensland Department of Environment & Resource Management, 2010)



'Community Gardens'

"This is a picture of how I would like to see the gardens in the area."

Emily Farrer

Theme 2 - Enhancing our Environment

Strategy 2

SUSTAINABLE INITIATIVES

"We want people to promote a lifestyle that is sustainable into the future"

Goal

2.2.1 We need to educate & promote residents on how to be sustainable

Actions	When	Who	Council's Role	Achievement Indicator
a) Encourage more energy, water & localised food independence	Short	Community	Partner	Environmental sustainable development
b) Encourage the use of green technology, localised food security, business innovations & advanced carbon sensitive agricultural production systems	Short	Business/ Industry	Partner	Carbon sensitive agricultural products
c) Showcase recycling projects & have successes to share	Short	Business/ Industry	Partner	Successes in recycling projects
d) Implement recycling programs throughout the region	Short	Council	Direct	Successes in recycling projects
e) Establish the region as 'Clean & Clever'	Long	All	Partner	Region widely known as 'clean & clever'
f) Establish a cross Industry group to look at sustainable viability	Short	All	Partner	A number of sustainable initiatives identified
g) Incorporate sustainable incentives into community facilities	Medium	Council	Direct	Council leads by example in using environmentally friendly products



Theme 2 - Enhancing our Environment

Strategy 3

PROTECT & ENHANCE

"We want to protect & enhance our environment for future generations"

Goal

2.3.1 We need to work together to develop strategies to protect our environment

Actions	When	Who	Council's Role	Achievement Indicator
a) Establish partnerships with landowners to control pests & weeds	Short	Council	Direct	Council & landowners working together
b) Improve the quality of water from our town water supplies	Long	Council	Direct	Improvement in water quality
c) Promote & provide information on grants available for environmental purpose	Medium	Council	Direct	Increase in number of grants available
d) Investigate options for introducing appropriate tree planting programs	Short	Council	Direct	Appropriate trees planted
e) Programs that protect & restore our heritage places	Long	Council/ Business/ Industry	Direct	Heritage places protected



Building our Economy



Theme 3 - Building our Economy

Strategy 1

A DIVERSIFIED ECONOMY

"We want a strong regional economy which is sustained & grown through a network of appropriate infrastructure & resources whilst protecting our unique culture, heritage & environment"

Goal

3.1.1 To diversify & grow our economy by taking advantage of our regional strengths, opportunities & needs

Actions	When	Who	Council's Role	Achievement Indicator
a) Encourage businesses to establish in our region to value add to those industries that are already established & to ensure the economy doesn't only rely on one of two major industries	Medium	Council	Direct	New industry opportunities
b) Investigate potential for fly in fly out & other transport services, eg buses, where people can access employment opportunities in neighbouring mining regions	Short	Council	Direct	Opportunities in resource sector taken
c) Capitalise on the opportunities an airport precinct could provide for the region	Short	Council	Direct	Airport developed
d) Establish the region as a destination for conference events	Long	Business	Partner	Conferences being attracted to region
e) Establish Farmers' Markets to support local farmers	Short	Business	Partner	Farmers market being held
f) Investigate agri-tourism & promote the opportunities to the business & farming sector & potential investors	Short	Business/ Industry	Partner	Agri-tourism opportunities promoted
g) Promote small crop farming opportunities that take advantage of the region's prime agricultural land, affordability & water availability	Ongoing	Business/ Industry	Partner	Opportunities promoted
h) Seek & encourage the establishment of professional services, business & Industry sectors that support a skilled workforce	Ongoing	Business/ Industry	Advocate	Skilled workforce retained in region
i) Lobby State & Federal Governments to invest in critical services that support industries needing highly skilled work force & infrastructure	Ongoing	Government	Advocate	Critical services provided
j) Investigate potential for other trails to be established in the region to help with economic sustainability of smaller towns	Short	Council	Lead	Trails developed if viable
k) Implement the regional strategies identified in the "South East Queensland Tourism Opportunities Plan"	Medium	Council/ Business/ Industry	Partner/ Direct	Top strategies implemented
l) Capitalise on the intrinsic natural beauty of the landscape & promote us as a 'eco-experience' area for tourism	Ongoing	Business/ Industry	Partner	South Burnett recognised for its natural beauty

Theme 3 - Building our Economy

Strategy 1

A DIVERSIFIED ECONOMY - cont.

"We want a strong regional economy which is sustained & grown through a network of appropriate infrastructure & resources whilst protecting our unique culture, heritage & environment"

Goal

3.1.2 To provide the community access to a broad range of retail, professional & hospitality services, located in vibrant central business areas around the region

Actions	When	Who	Council's Role	Achievement Indicator
a) Encourage business & property owners to maintain & enhance the visual amenity of their premises	Short	Business/ Industry	Partner	Attractive town & business areas
b) Undertake an assessment of the current business & Industry sectors to identify gaps & develop strategies to address the identified gaps through business attraction	Short	Council	Direct	Gaps identified
c) Undertake rejuvenation projects of central business districts (CBD) around the region	Short	Council	Direct	CBD's are rejuvenated
d) Enhance public car park facilities with improved access & safety, eg shade structures & solar lighting	Short	Council	Direct	Car parks are safe & accessible

Goal

3.1.3 To ensure infrastructure & land availability to develop & support the growth & establishment of business & Industry whilst preserving our lifestyle & unique character

Actions	When	Who	Council's Role	Achievement Indicators
a) Plan for a secure water supply for the region, supported by infrastructure that meets population & business/Industry growth	Short	Council	Direct	Secure water supply for the region
b) Undertake an audit of the road network to ensure roads, bridges & culverts used by B-doubles & heavy loads are maintained effectively for all users	Short	Government	Partner	Audit undertaken & priorities developed
c) Lobby to improve the quality of roads within the region with an emphasis on those roads that are used by Industry for heavy transportation	Ongoing	Government	Advocate	Improvement in quality of roads
d) Investigate opportunities to have a heavy vehicles bypass around the Kingaroy town centre	Long	Council	Direct	Bypass opportunities investigated
e) Develop easier processes for building & planning applications	Short	Council	Direct	Easier planning processes implemented
f) Plans & details for transport corridors (bridge capacities, power line heights etc) to enable easy movement of large or oversized equipment through the region are centrally held	Medium	Government	Partner	Details held centrally
g) Coordinate the sequencing of traffic lights in Youngman Street & ensure new traffic control measures support business development	Short	Government	Advocate	Traffic lights synchronised

Theme 3 - Building our Economy

Strategy 1

A DIVERSIFIED ECONOMY - cont.

"We want a strong regional economy which is sustained & grown through a network of appropriate infrastructure & resources whilst protecting our unique culture, heritage & environment"

Goal

3.1.4 To attract investment in our region based on community, social, economic & environmental needs

Actions	When	Who	Council's Role	Achievement Indicator
a) Actively promote to potential investors the need for a shopping centre in Blackbutt (alternatively consideration to be given to a community cooperative arrangement)	Short	Business/ Industry	Partner	Shopping centre established
b) Develop specific incentive programs for identified industries, businesses & professionals to invest, establish, relocate &/or work in the region	Short	Council	Direct	New businesses attracted
c) Attract families & skilled workers to our region, promoting the region's convenient & central location, community & cultural spirit, & economic benefits & environmental features	Ongoing	All	Partner	Families & skilled workers attracted

Strategy 2

BUSINESS SUPPORT & INNOVATION

"We want to encourage our business sector to be innovative & supported by the community & government"

Goal

3.2.1 To support the ongoing development & sustainability of local business & Industry from within our region, through employment & career opportunities for our residents

Actions	When	Who	Council's Role	Achievement Indicator
a) Lobby government for more incentive schemes that support traineeships & apprentices	Short	Council/ Business/ Industry	Advocate	Apprentices opportunities available
b) Promote existing training providers & programs. Encourage increased usage, identify gaps to establish additional programs to link unemployed with existing & future skill shortage areas	Short	Business/ Industry	Advocate	Reduced unemployment
c) Actively promote indigenous employment opportunities	Short	Business/ Industry	Advocate	Increased indigenous employment opportunities
d) Build partnerships between teaching institutions & Industry sectors to align training & professional development needs	Ongoing	Government/ Business/ Industry	Advocate	Improved partnership developed
e) Develop "exit style interviews" to ask why professionals leave the area to determine common reasons	Short	Business/ Industry	Partner	Exit interviews conducted
f) Develop a South Burnett attraction & retention strategy for professionals	Medium	Business/ Industry	Partner	Retention strategy in place

Theme 3 - Building our Economy

Strategy 2

BUSINESS SUPPORT & INNOVATION - cont.

"We want to encourage our business sector to be innovative & supported by the community & government"

Goal

3.2.2 To develop support mechanisms & networking opportunities to enhance efficiencies & business management skills

Actions	When	Who	Council's Role	Achievement Indicator
a) Assist the business community to be competitive with online shopping	Short	Council/ Business/ Industry	Partner	Businesses competing successfully
b) Continue research & development initiatives that support the agricultural sector (retain DPI Research Station)	Medium	Government	Advocate	Research facilities & services retained
c) Lobby governments to reclassify the region's tax zone	Long	Government	Advocate	Improved zoning outcomes
d) Support the Cherbourg community to improve the range of business & employment initiatives	Long	Government	Partner	Improved business & employment opportunities
e) Engage & partner with the business chambers to ensure economic sustainability	Short	Business/ Industry	Partner	Partnerships developed



Theme 3 - Building our Economy

Strategy 2

BUSINESS SUPPORT & INNOVATION - cont.

"We want to encourage our business sector to be innovative & supported by the community & government"

Goal

3.2.3 To develop programs & partnerships within business & Industry sectors that enhance economic viability & sustainability

Actions	When	Who	Council's Role	Achievement Indicator
a) Develop & promote campaigns that support South Burnett businesses such as "buy local", "buy local - buy seasonal" & "local farm to the plate"	Short	Business/ Industry	Partner	Campaigns implemented
b) Host major regional events that showcase the region's assets & support local business- (food, wine, produce, landscape, agriculture, accommodation variety, dams, fishing, trails, sport)	Ongoing	Business/ Industry/ Council	Partner	Regional showcase events held
c) Promote Boondooma, Gordonbrook & Bjelke Petersen dams as they support economic & tourism development	Ongoing	Council	Direct	Facilities promoted
d) Work to have the South Burnett wine producing area more recognised	Long	Business/ Industry	Partner	South Burnett is recognised as a wine producing area
e) Work in partnership with the Cherbourg Ration Shed to promote indigenous culture & history	Short	Council	Direct	Indigenous culture & history recognised & celebrated
f) Establish coordinated air & road transport services to support local industries	Medium	Council/ Business/ Industry	Partner	Coordinated services implemented
g) The business communities in every town to work together to improve the marketing & outcomes for the region	Short	Business/ Industry	Partner	Businesses co-jointly marketing the region

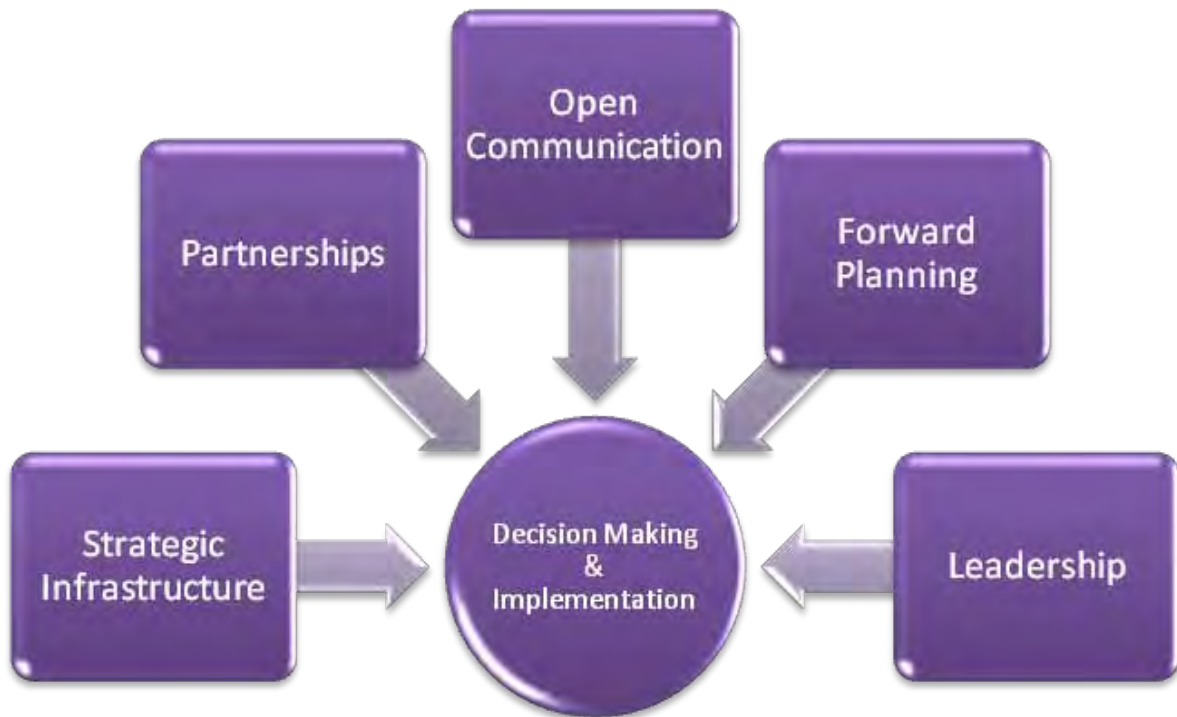


'The Big Peanut'

"This is the Big Peanut! It's near the museum so that people could come & see the museum & art gallery too!"

Chloe Patch

Decision Making & Implementation



Theme 4 - Decision Making & Implementation

Strategy 1

STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE

"We want strategic infrastructure that can help our economy & community take advantage of growth opportunities"

Goal

4.1.1 We want infrastructure that can help our growing economy & community take advantage of opportunities

Actions	When	Who	Council's Role	Achievement Indicator
a) An airport that provides commercially viable services to Brisbane & other major centres	Long	Council	Direct	Commercial services from Kingaroy airport
b) A road that links the region to the Sunshine Coast	Long	Government	Advocate	Road established
c) Industrial land that is strategically located & serviced to support existing business, economic growth & new business establishment	Medium	Council	Partner	Appropriate land available
d) Improve access to & speed of Internet services	Short	Government	Advocate	Improvement in Internet speed
e) Upgrade court house facilities for Kingaroy & Nanango	Medium	Government	Advocate	Court houses meet current needs
f) Work to improve the number of passing lanes from the region to the major service centres of Brisbane & the Sunshine Coast	Long	Government	Advocate	Safer roads external to region
g) Implement a strategy to improve the quality of Council's rural road network to support our rural industries & rural communities	Ongoing	Council	Direct	Service standards developed

In June 2010 there were 7 police stations, 4 ambulance stations, 8 fire stations, 26 schools & 5 hospitals in our region.

(Source: OESR, ABS, Queensland Police, Department of Community Safety, Department of Education & Training, Queensland Health, 2010)

Theme 4 - Decision Making & Implementation

Strategy 2

PARTNERSHIPS

"We want to build partnerships so we can achieve more than if we did things alone"

Goal

4.2.1 We want to build productive partnerships so we can achieve more together

Actions	When	Who	Council's Role	Achievement Indicator
a) Open our minds to solutions & work together	Ongoing	All	Partner	Organisations working together
b) Partner with community organisations to get better 'bang for our buck'	Short	Community	Partner	Organisations working together
c) Involve key stakeholders in the initial planning stages of new facilities	Ongoing	Community	Partner	Consultation in planning process
d) When planning community facilities consider the advantages of multi- use styles & portable facilities	Ongoing	Community	Partner	Community facilities are used by different groups
e) Build partnerships for better forward planning & community outcomes	Ongoing	All	Partner	Partnerships established

'My Place'

"I love living on our farm. We have lots of room to play & we have horses, chooks, dogs & some cows & calves."

Alexandra Kelly



'Today & Future Memorial Park'

"A message to all people - keep your park tidy or this will happen to your park. Keep your park tidy so you can play in it!"

Sarah Scuh

Theme 4 - Decision Making & Implementation

Strategy 3

OPEN COMMUNICATION

"We want to be a community that is engaged with & listened to when issues of importance are being considered"

Goal

4.3.1 We want to be engaged with & listened to when issues of importance are being considered

Actions	When	Who	Council's Role	Achievement Indicator
a) Consult with the right people at the right time about the right issue in the right way before decisions are made	Ongoing	Council	Direct	Engagement strategy implemented
b) Be proactive about communicating information	Ongoing	All	Partner	Community is well informed
c) Establish a group which includes community representation to monitor & report on progress against the Community Plan	Short	Council	Direct	Plan is regularly reviewed & community updated on progress
d) Use appropriate communication strategies as not everyone has access to the Internet	Ongoing	All	Direct	Community is well informed
e) Council to improve customer service to provide timely feedback on issues	Short	Council	Direct	Timely feedback provided

Goal

4.3.2 We want to understand how our Council operates

Actions	When	Who	Council's Role	Achievement Indicator
a) Promote better understanding of Council priorities	Short	Council	Direct	Community understands
b) Explain reasoning behind certain policy decisions	Ongoing	Council	Direct	Community understands
c) Inform the community about on how Council gets road & other funding	Ongoing	Council	Direct	Community well informed

Theme 4 - Decision making & implementation

Strategy 4

FORWARD PLANNING

"We want to live for today but plan for our future"

Goal

4.4.1 We want to live for today while planning for the future

Actions	When	Who	Council's Role	Achievement Indicator
a) There needs to be more planning & proactive action & less reacting	Short	Council	Direct	Community Plan informs other plans
b) Ensure ongoing & future costs are looked at before new projects are undertaken	Ongoing	Council	Direct	Whole of life costing principles adhered to
c) Review local government boundaries to align communities of interest	Medium	Council	Direct	Review undertaken
d) Manage the conflict between mining & agriculture	Medium	Government	Advocate	Good quality agricultural land maintained
e) Preserve good agricultural land for farming by restricting residential developments to nonviable agricultural land	Ongoing	Government	Advocate/ Direct	Appropriate land protected through state legislation & local planning documents
f) Keep the balance between development & our rural values	Short	Council	Direct	Included in Town Plan
g) Maintain & grow Kingaroy as the regional hub & the other towns to provide complementary services	Long	Council	Direct	Incorporated into Economic Development Plan

In 2008-09, the Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing Industry had the largest number of businesses in our region, with 1,455 businesses or 43.1% of the region's total number of businesses.

(Source: OESR, ABS, Counts of Australian Businesses, 2007-09)

'The Silos'

"This is the thing that symbolises our home & our small town of Kingaroy"

Emily Bradshaw



Theme 4 - Decision Making & Implementation

Strategy 5

LEADERSHIP

"We want leaders who are positive, committed to the area & have a 'can do' approach to problem solving"

Goal

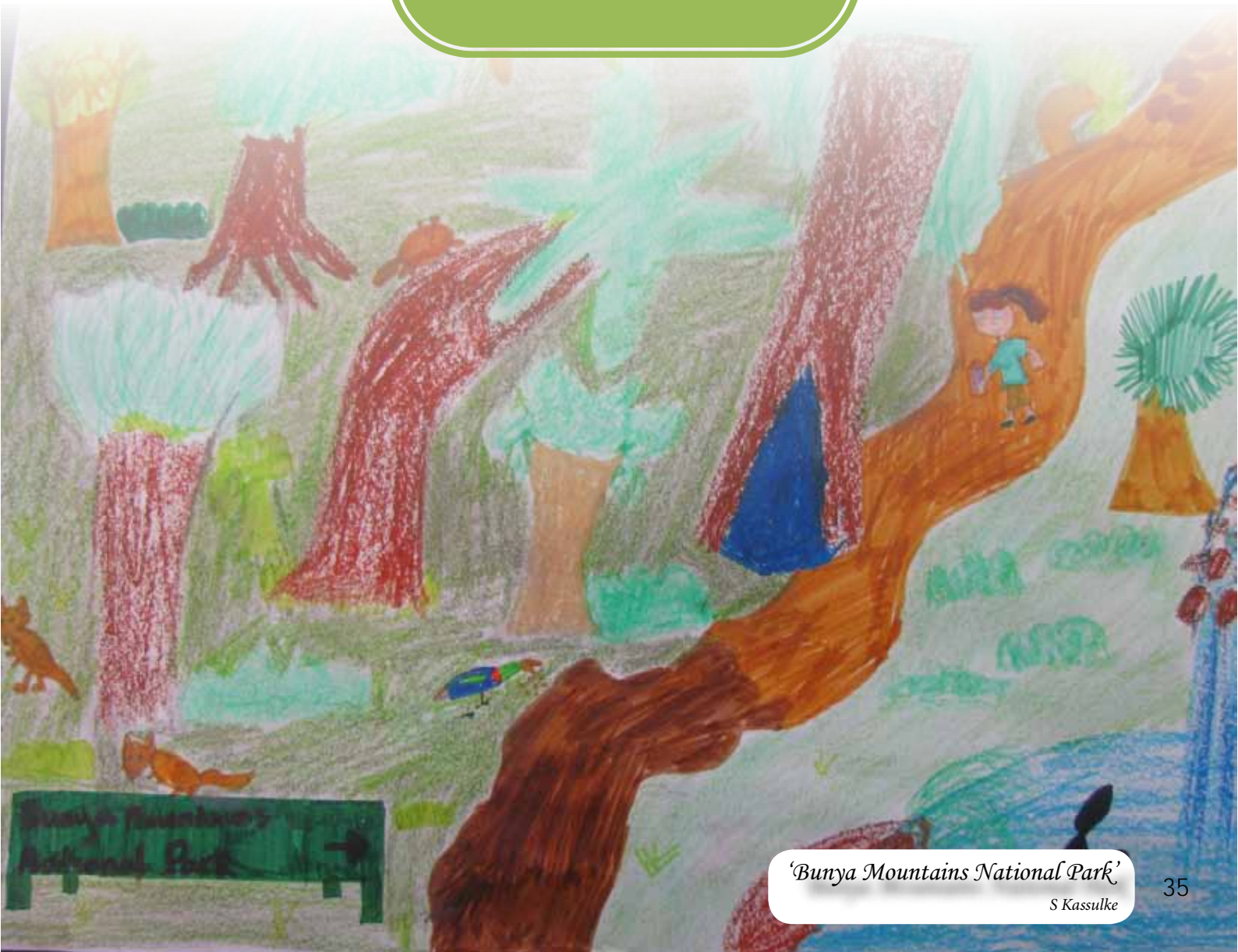
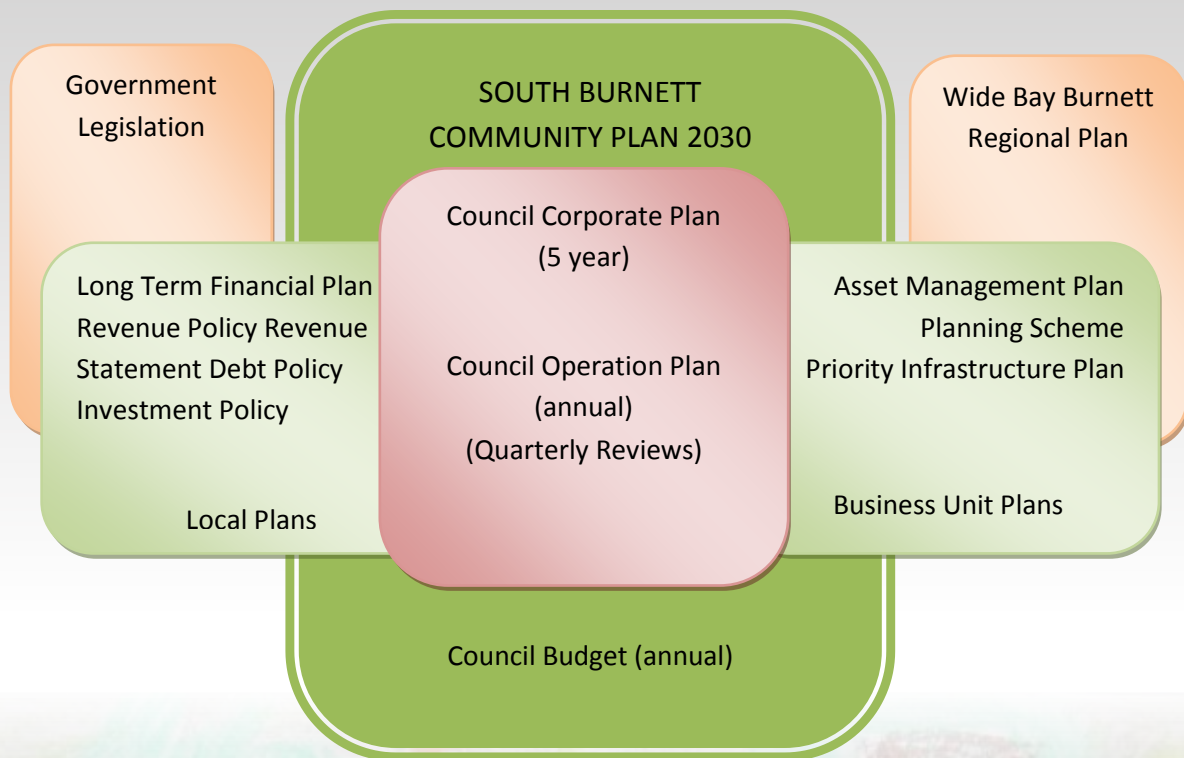
4.5.1 We want leaders who are positive, committed to the area & have a 'can do' approach to problem solving

Actions	When	Who	Council's Role	Achievement Indicator
a) Promote a "can do" & positive attitude amongst staff & elected representatives	Short	Council	Direct	Level of community satisfaction increased
b) The South Burnett needs a regional identity	Long	All	Partner	Distinct regional identity established
c) A clear vision that lives beyond Council election cycles & is communicated with a positive message that encourages businesses & community groups to consider partnerships & stay involved over the longer term	Ongoing	Council	Direct	Council plans implemented

Action plan key

When - Timeframe	Who - Lead Agency	Council's Role	Achievement Indicator
Short Term - within 5 years	Council - South Burnett Regional Council	Direct - Directly responsible for the delivery of the specific goal or activity	Achievement Indicator - Measurement or indicator used to assess if the desired outcome, activity or performance has been achieved
Medium Term - within 10 years	Government Agency - Relevant State &/or Federal Government Department or associated agency or representative body	Partnership - Work cooperatively with groups, government agencies, businesses, &/or Industry to achieve a specific goal	
Long Term - within 20 years	Community - Appropriate local community organisation, club, group &/or individual relevant to the activity or outcome to be achieved	Advocate - Provide support &/or appeal for, or on behalf of the community	
Ongoing - Activity will be undertaken or delivered throughout the life of the South Burnett Community Plan 2032	Business / Industry Sector - Appropriate business &/or Industry group relevant to the activity or outcome to be achieved		

How the Community Plan informs other plans /documents



Community Consultation Process

This Community Plan belongs to the South Burnett community. However, South Burnett Regional Council (Council) will act as the steward of the plan to coordinate, help progress actions & report back to the community on the progress of achieving goals. It is a requirement of the Local Government (Finance, Planning & Reporting) Regulation 2010, that Councils in Queensland develop a Community Plan in consultation with the community. The plans are to be in place by December 2011.

Whilst a Community Plan is a statutory requirement, both the Council & the community saw the benefits it would bring & were committed to working together to get the best plan possible. In 2010, Council developed a Community Engagement Policy to guide how they engage with the community.

In line with this policy council led the engagement process & sought to involve as many residents as possible in developing this plan over a period of 12 months. The outcome is that the community has had the opportunity to have their say in a variety of ways & have been instrumental in informing the final document. One of the great outcomes of the community engagement process was the relationships developed & established between Council & the community. It was a deliberate strategy to have Councillors & staff undertake the engagement process rather than an external consultant, to enable these relationships to be developed.

During the consultation process a number of activities & different approaches were employed. They are shown in the Community Engagement Activity circles below:

Council Staff Workshops

Council staff were taken through workshops to educate them about the process so they could 'spread the word' out in the community. They also provided direct input into the plan as community members

Workshops

Councillors & Council staff ran workshops for specific organisations & groups - over 40 workshops were conducted - over 1100 people attended workshops

Signage

Road banners were placed in all major towns & in Council offices, libraries & Visitors Information Centres. Magnets promoting "Have Your Say" were displayed on council vehicles that were regularly driven around towns. Popup flyers, DL flyers & A3 posters were handed out & displayed around the region

Community Surveys

Surveys were made available online & at all Council facilities inviting residents to have their say
246 individual responses received

Ongoing Business

Facebook was used to get input from the "technically savvy" residents. A community website "haveyoursay.southburnett" was also developed to keep residents informed

Shopping Centres

Councillors & staff spent two days in the Kingaroy Shopping World getting people to complete surveys

Letters to Community Groups

138 letters were sent directly to community groups letting them know how they could be involved in the process either by completing individual surveys or asking Council to come to talk at their meetings

Feedback on the Draft Plan

22 individual submissions received & over 100 comments

Informal Conversations

Councillors & staff on the working group spoke to individual residents either face-to-face or by phone

Promotions

A week long launch was undertaken to highlight the "Have Your Say" process. This included live radio interviews with a different Councillor each day on a different topic & ongoing media releases

Art Competition

All children in the region were asked to enter the Community Plan Art Competition by creating an artistic work that reflects a favourite thing about the place they live now or how that place may look in the future

Direct Contact with Organisations

67 organisations were contacted directly (in most cases by phone) by a Councillor or senior staff to request their input into the plan in the form of a submission. As a result of this direct contact additional workshops were run for specific groups

Implementation of the Plan

We need to be mindful that the timeframe for implementation of all of the actions needs to match available resources. While many desirable actions are written into the plan, the pace at which they can be put in place will depend on available resources of all stakeholders. Many actions require additional funding & these resources must be sought from a range of sources. Therefore, it may take considerable time for the resources to become available for some actions.

Monitoring Progress

The Council will ensure the community is kept informed of progress of the plan. We have asked that a number of methods be used to keep us informed including:

- Establish a committee with community representatives who review & report on progress
- Regular updates in community newsletters, on Council websites
- Social Media
- Local Media
- A council representative to attend community organisation meetings at least once per year following a request from the organisation
- Reported in Council's Annual Report

Council will conduct regular monitoring reviews annually in line with Council's annual operations. Major reviews of the plan will be scheduled every five years.

As this plan is our community plan, we would encourage you to provide ongoing feedback regarding progress towards achieving the goals we have outlined. Your feedback can be provided to the following address:

South Burnett Community Plan
Governance Section
South Burnett Regional Council
PO Box 336
Kingaroy 4610

email: communityplan@southburnett.qld.gov.au

*Community
Snapshots*



Blackbutt

The town of Blackbutt has a population of 672 with an average annual growth rate of approximately 1.0% per annum. Blackbutt is situated along the Blackbutt Range in the south-east corner of the South Burnett region & has a close relationship with Yarraman in the Toowoomba Regional Council area & Kilcoy in the Somerset Regional Council area.

European settlement of the area commenced at Taromeo Station in 1842 with the first town allotments created around 1910. Timber harvesting & sawmilling were the early industries within the area, supplemented with cattle grazing & silviculture as minor industries. The name Blackbutt was given to the area in 1909 by a Crown Surveyor based on the common name for the family of dark barked eucalypts.

A major tourist attraction within the Blackbutt area is the Brisbane Valley Rail Trail (BVRT) which was established in 2006 along a disused 23km section of railway line extending from Linville to Blackbutt. The Rail Trail is popular with bushwalkers, horse riders & mountain bike riders & its proximity to South-East Queensland is seen as advantageous for future growth of nature based tourism within the Blackbutt area.



Kingaroy

Kingaroy has a urban population of 8,850 & is the largest centre in the South Burnett region. The township was established in 1904 with the sale of the first freehold allotments although settlement in the area began much earlier with Burrandowan Station in 1843. The Department of Local Government & Planning (Queensland Government Planning Department) recognise the role of Kingaroy as the administrative centre of the South Burnett region.

Kingaroy is well known for being the home of the late Sir Joh Bjelke-Petersen, Queensland Premier from 1968 to 1987.

In 1951, dwelling houses were being constructed at the rate of 100 per annum which was considered significant at the time. This has now been eclipsed by the current rate of 140 dwelling houses per annum. In terms of population, Kingaroy is the largest centre in the region & currently accounts for approximately 70% of urban population growth in the South Burnett.

Major industries within the Kingaroy area are engineering, cropping, livestock, viticulture & extractive industries. Currently, a number of engineering companies within the South Burnett are creating partnerships with resource markets in the Surat Basin to the south-west.

Kingaroy is serviced by four major supermarkets, a shopping centre, medical facilities & a number of educational institutions including Southern Queensland Institute of TAFE which opened in 1986. Educational institutions within Kingaroy comprise Kingaroy State School, Kingaroy State High School, Taabinga State School, Saint Mary's Catholic College & St John's Lutheran Primary School & the TAFE College mentioned previously.

Natural resource management comprises a large part in the current Council's work in the South Burnett however it is not widely known that the former Kingaroy Shire Council undertook soil conservation work within the Booie Catchment in 1953, the first work of its kind in Queensland.



Murgon

Murgon is located in the north-eastern section of the South Burnett region & the first European settlement took place herewith the establishment of Barambah Station in 1846. The size of the original Station was fragmented over the next 50 years through the creation of farm allotments. This also led to the establishment of the Barambah Aboriginal Reserve (now called Cherbourg) which was the first settlement within the area. The “official” commencement date for the settlement was February 1905. The construction of a railway from Goomeri created the township of Murgon in 1903 with town allotments being sold that same year.

An early Industry which established within the Murgon district was dairying. In 1913 the South Burnett Co-operative Dairy Company Limited opened a butter factory to avoid losing suppliers to a new factory which had recently opened in Kingaroy. Other important industries over the years have been cattle production, peanuts & more recently viticulture.

Currently the town of Murgon has an urban population of 2,159 with an annual growth rate of 1.0%. Murgon has a vibrant commercial centre & a number of professional & health services which service the town & the surrounding rural area, smaller communities & the nearby Cherbourg Aboriginal Community.

Educational institutions in the Murgon area include Murgon State School, Murgon State High School & St Joseph’s School.



Nanango

Nanango is the fourth oldest town in Queensland & was established in 1848 with town allotments being sold in 1862. The town was strategically located at the junction of tracks from the Darling Downs, the Burnett Valley & the Brisbane Valley & a gold rush in the 1870's brought an increase in population. The timber industry played an important role in Nanango's development.

Currently major industries within the Nanango area are cropping, livestock, dairying, electricity generation & coal mining. The township of Nanango itself has an established commercial area incorporating medical, educational & community facilities. An Industrial Estate was developed by the former Nanango Shire Council & is located on the D'Aguilar Highway.

Currently the urban area of Nanango has a population of 3,339 with an annual growth rate of 1.0%. The town provides a number of services to the surrounding area including State & Secondary Schools, Hospital, medical, social & sporting services & the monthly Nanango Country Markets which were established in 1985 & draw large crowds from within the South Burnett and beyond.

Tourist attractions in & around Nanango include Ringsfield House, the South Burnett Energy Centre & 7 Mile Diggings.

Educational institutions in the Nanango area include Nanango State School, Nanango State High School & St. Patrick's Primary School.

The industrial area of Nanango is strategically located along the D'Aguilar Highway & there are future opportunities to create greater link markets with South East Queensland.



Proston

The town of Proston has a population of 322 with an average annual growth rate of approximately 1.0% per annum. Proston is located in the north-west of the South Burnett Region & is situated 50km north-west of Kingaroy & 41km north-west of Wondai.

European settlement was established in 1846 at Boondooma Station by Robert & Alexander Lawson. Boondooma Homestead was constructed in 1850 & remains an important historical monument to the pioneering days & is a major tourist attraction for the South Burnett region.

The first town allotments were sold in 1910 however the growth of Proston benefitted greatly from the arrival of the railway line in 1923 & the establishment of the South Burnett Dairy Co-operative Butter Factory in 1934. Historically, water supply was a significant issue for Proston until 1980 when the Boondooma Dam was constructed. Situated approximately 20km north of Proston it is also a major tourist attraction for the area where visitors can enjoy camping, fishing, boating & waterskiing.

Early industries within the Proston area were dairying & cattle grazing. The demise of the dairy industry throughout Queensland in 1950s & 1960s led to a decline in the population of Proston during this period. However, there is now a major feedlot (Smithfield) located not far from town, providing employment opportunities.

Today, Proston is serviced by a number of services & facilities including a general store, newsagency, chemist, swimming pool, post office, police & emergency services & continues to be a business activity centre for the surrounding rural area, as well as the gateway to Lake Boondooma Visitor & Recreation Park.



Wondai

The town of Wondai has a population of 1,553 with an annual growth rate of 1.0%. There are a number of professional & health services within Wondai which also service the surrounding rural area & smaller communities including Tingoorra, Hivesville & Proston.

European settlement in the area dates back to 1844 when Mondure Station was established by Richard Jones.

In 1903 the first town allotments were sold & this encouraged commercial & industrial growth within Wondai. Another key catalyst for the early growth of Wondai was the arrival of the railway line also in 1903.

Currently, key businesses within Wondai are Parkside Sawmill, Queensland Survey Pegs & a number of feedlots & piggeries within the surrounding area. The residents are well serviced by shops, P-9 State School, churches, swimming pool, RSL, art gallery, museums & the community radio station CROW FM. Strategically, the town of Wondai has close ties to Murgon & key opportunities to capitalise on are farm based tourism, hand-made in country tourism, the well serviced industrial estate opportunities & broadening housing options to suit residents at different stages of the life cycle.



Villages

Benarkin

Benarkin is located on top of the Blackbutt Range at the eastern gateway to the South Burnett. It is a forestry area & the town & surrounding area has a population of 499 according to the 2006 census. There is a general store, school & picturesque rest area in town. The rest area is a popular overnight stop for travellers who have come to ride or walk the Brisbane Valley Rail Trail (BVRT).

Bunya Mountains

Located 56kms north-east of Kingaroy, the Bunya Mountains shelter the world's largest stand of ancient bunya trees. The Bunya Mountains play a significant role in Aboriginal culture. The traditional custodians from across Queensland & northern New South Wales would historically gather to feast & celebrate the bounty of the bunya nut harvest. The 2006 census showed a population of 128 for the area. Residents are serviced by a convenience store. There are also a number of restaurants on the mountain, as well as a variety of accommodation options & eco tourism activities.

Durong

Durong is located at the crossroads to Chinchilla, Mundubbera & Jandowae & is the westernmost settlement in the South Burnett. The village has a general store, bowls club, school, church & town hall which contains a library & hosts a playgroup & girl guides group. Large land holdings in the area have grazing & cropping of grains as well as dubosia as the major activities. The village itself has a minimal population with the majority of people residing on farms or small rural residential holdings. The total population of the district is 238 according to the 2006 census.

Hivesville

Before the development of Proston, Hivesville was the main centre in the district outside Wondai & Murgon. It is located 10kms east of Proston. As at the 2006 census, Hivesville & the surrounding area had a population of 310. It was originally called Jaumbill, but was changed in 1923 in honour of George Hives, an early grazier of "Sunday Creek" Station who took up that station as a "Mondure" resumption in 1895. Farming in the area includes grazing & feedlots. Current residents are serviced by a local shop, service station & the historic Hivesville Hotel.

Kumbia

Kumbia is located 25kms south-west of Kingaroy in the foothills of the beautiful Bunya Mountains & surrounded by rich red volcanic soils & abundant grazing country. It was formerly a part of Taabinga Station & at the 2006 census had a population of 191. Farming in the area includes peanuts, corn, stone fruit, grapes, duboisia & paulownia. The town & surrounding area are well serviced by a service station, hotel, local shops, school & hall.



Maidenwell

Maidenwell is located 30km west of Nanango & 28kms east of the Bunya Mountains. It derived its name from the first water well dug in the district by John King, who was also into horse racing (maiden being the term used for the first race for a horse) – hence Maidenwell. The population of Maidenwell & the surrounding area at the time of the 2006 census was 290. Maidenwell is serviced by a Hotel, Trading Post, town hall & the well known & visited South Burnett Astronomical Observatory.

Tingoora

Tingoora is located on the Bunya Highway between Kingaroy & Wondai & has a church, town hall, as well as a primary school & hotel, which are the two community connection points. At the 2006 census Tingoora had a population of 175 & it is believed that the area's name is derived from the indigenous language for "wattle tree". Tingoora is a junction for routes that lead along a scenic drive to Lake Boondooma & also the main road west to Durong & Chinchilla. Cropping & intensive livestock production & grazing are the main farming activities in the area including piggeries, beef cattle, peanuts & tree crops.

Wooroolin

The village of Wooroolin is located on the Bunya Highway between Kingaroy & Wondai & is famous for the "Wooroolin Wetland" which is a 'palustrine' wetland - a non-tidal, inland, non-arid, seasonally flooded (ephemeral), vegetated swamp. At the 2006 census, Wooroolin village had a population of 164. The village has a primary school, town hall, caravan stop over area & park, post office, saddlers, veterinary service, café, butcher, hotel, shed builders, scout den & two machinery businesses. The agriculture in rich volcanic soils is a real feature of the area & the predominant dry land crops grown in this area are peanuts, corn, dubosia, wheat & barley, with beef cattle also raised.

Other Localities

There are a number of other smaller localities in the region including Cloyna, Coolabunia, Crawford, Memerambi, Moffatdale, Mondure, Taabinga & Winderera. These areas have a school, hall or shop which services the residents in the immediate area. Residents rely on larger villages or towns for most of their day to day needs.





'The Weir'

Barambah Creek

"This is my favourite place in
the area."

Brock Farrer



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