

# 3.6 Dimbulah

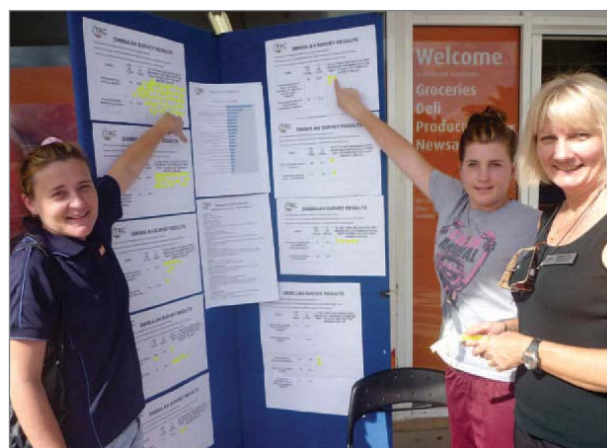
## Our Community Vision

In 2021, imagine Dimbulah is growing gradually in a sustainable way to protect the environment.

We enjoy a safe and relaxed lifestyle where everyone is well connected to one another and we have a strong sense of belonging. We have good services and facilities including a GP service.

The excellent sporting facilities are well maintained and used to their fullest potential. Dimbulah is a town people want to stay in and move to.

Dimbulah District Population: 1525  
ABS 2006 Census Usual Residents



Community members placing their votes at the community voting stall

**Community Priorities** – This plan reflects the aspirations of local residents. Council and other community partners will use these aspirations to guide future planning and consider which actions they can implement.

### 3.6.1 Health services and facilities

(i) Set up Dimbulah Health Action Sub-Committee comprising residents, FNQ Division of Rural Practice and Mareeba Hospital. [Community, Dimbulah Community Bank® Branch of Bendigo Bank](#)

(ii) Negotiate with Queensland Health to raise and discuss issues and highlight high level of community concern regarding the need for an increased medical practitioner service. [Dimbulah Community Bank® Branch of Bendigo Bank, Dimbulah Health Action Sub-Committee, Queensland Health,](#)

(iii) Negotiate with Queensland Health to set up a governance committee to oversee the funding generated by the COAG exemption and include a Dimbulah community representative on the committee. [Queensland Health, Dimbulah Community Bank® Branch of Bendigo Bank](#)

(iv) Lobby State and Federal Politicians for increased health services funded by COAG agreement and promote health service issues in the media. [Dimbulah Community Bank® Branch of Bendigo Bank, Dimbulah Health Subcommittee and residents, TRC, FNQ Rural Division of General Practice](#)

(v) Investigate options to increase the range of health services in Dimbulah including mental health, chronic health care, respite services, dental, allied health services by investigating:

- Outreach/visiting service models
- Option of using COAG exemption funding for allied and other health services
- Option of securing funding for Indigenous health initiatives at Dimbulah clinic
- Potential service delivery partnerships with Mulungu Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Service and Royal Flying Doctor Service and private allied health practitioners in Mareeba
- Longer opening hours of the health clinic, especially on week ends. [Dimbulah Health Subcommittee, Mareeba Hospital, FNQ Rural Division of General Practice](#)

(vi) Secure better health facilities and equipment:

- Investigate feasibility of establishing new health clinic and co-locating it beside the ambulance or extending ambulance to include health clinic for shared staffing etc
- Apply to Dimbulah Community Bank Bendigo Bank for sponsorship of key health equipment. [Dimbulah Health Action Subcommittee, Community, Queensland Health, Queensland Ambulance Service, Dimbulah Community Bank® Branch of Bendigo Bank](#)

### 3.6.2 Sport and recreational facilities

(i) Improve disability access to pool

- Install chair
- Investigate option of ramp. [TRC](#)

(ii) Review hire costs of community facilities so they are affordable to encourage community events. [Community clubs and groups, TRC](#)

(iii) Maintain BMX track to prevent weeds getting into adjacent soccer field - weed eradication program required. [TRC](#)

(iv) Investigate feasibility of moving Council's mobile skate ramp to Dimbulah. [Community, TRC](#)

(v) Apply for financial assistance for students and residents to travel to sporting and recreational events held outside of Dimbulah and Mareeba districts. [Dimbulah Community Bank® Branch of Bendigo Bank, Sporting and recreational clubs, Dimbulah Lions Club, TRC](#)

(vi) Investigate options for increasing volunteers in clubs for all sports and facilities. [Sporting Clubs, TRC](#)

(vii) Negotiate access to school oval and sporting facilities for young people outside of school hours. [Dimbulah State P-10, St Anthony's Primary School, Community](#)

(viii) Establish facility for recreational activities for elderly men, including those with a multicultural background. [Community organisations, Dimbulah Community Centre, HACC services](#)

(ix) Investigate feasibility of upgrading Basketball Court including the option of turning it into a Skate Park including gauging level of community demand for courts or skate park. [Community, TRC](#)

(x) Investigate feasibility of establishing a multi-purpose undercover sports centre. [Community, TRC](#)

### 3.6.3 Youth venues and activities

(i) Coordinate and encourage a collaborative approach to conducting youth activities:

- Involve young people and parents in organising activities
- Explore option of Red Frogs program being held in Dimbulah
- Enlist assistance of TRC Youth Development Officer to access funding for Red Frogs and other youth activities
- Negotiate with TRC to extend opening hours of swimming pool in autumn and spring
- Encourage people to gain coaching and instructor qualifications and parents and others to volunteer to assist with conducting activities
- Investigate feasibility of establishing SES Cadets, drumming classes, barefoot bowls,
- Conduct youth activities for all ages outside of school hours to encourage more interaction. [Dimbulah Community Centre, Dimbulah Youth Action Group, TRC, Schools](#)

(ii) Investigate affordable transport for children to attend youth activities in nearby towns. [Dimbulah Community Bank® Branch of Bendigo Bank, Dimbulah Community Centre](#)

(iii) Create a safe place to hold youth activities:

- Identify suitable places and venues
- Negotiate with TRC to upgrade lighting needed in Heritage Park to improve safety. [Police, Parents, Neighbours, Community, Dimbulah Community Centre, TRC, Dimbulah Youth Action Group](#)

(iv) Organise leadership classes for all ages of youth. [TRC, Dimbulah Youth Action Group](#)

### 3.6.4 Aged care / Accommodation

(i) Negotiate with TRC to conduct audit of disability access to key community facilities and upgrade critical areas:

- Footpaths near Post Office and Foodworks Supermarket. [Dimbulah Community Centre, TRC](#)

(ii) Investigate options for increasing support services to elderly residents:

- Blue Care nurses based at Health Clinic;
- More outreach/visiting services;
- Establishment of a local Meals on Wheels service
- Respite care. [Dimbulah Community Centre, St John's Community Care, HACC, Respite Care services, TRC](#)

(iii) Lobby for more aged care packages and better support services. [TRC, Community](#)

(iv) More affordable training for carers to be made available. [Carers, TRC, Service Providers, Carer Networks and Peak Bodies](#)

### 3.6.5 Diversify economy and create jobs

(i) Provide accommodation to attract seasonal workers. [Farmers, Van Park \(TRC\), Out of season tourism operators](#)

(ii) Investigate availability of professional assistance to assist farmers to transition to organic farming and to diversify farming activities e.g. farm tourism. [Farmers, Dimbulah Community Centre, Industry Organisations, Tablelands Industry Workforce Group Inc](#)

(iii) Upgrade rail line to Chillagoe to provide increased tourism opportunities. [Queensland Rail](#)

(iv) Allow and promote subdivision in Dimbulah to make land available for new industries and residents. [TRC, Department of Local Government and Planning, Community, Businesses](#)

#### Community Participation

The plan reflects the aspirations of local residents - 30% of the Dimbulah district population aged 15 years and over participated in developing the Dimbulah plan.