

3.3 Bibbohra

Our Community Vision

In 2021, imagine the Bibbohra district remains low density, quiet and friendly.

We enjoy our small, safe and friendly community where everyone knows one another. Community cohesion is strong and people get together regularly.

The Barron River, our local school and store are highly valued as is our unique rural location: one hour from Cairns and the International airport allows us to remain connected and go to cultural and other events as we choose.



First Bibbohra Community Planning Workshop, 9th March 2021 (Cut Short by Flooding)



Second Bibbohra Community Planning Workshop, 30th July 2021

Bibbohra District Population: 406
ABS 2006 Census Usual Residents

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.

3-3-1 Road infrastructure

(i) Inform Department of Transport and Main Roads of identified community priorities for maintenance and upgrade of state controlled roads.
TRC,
Dept of Transport and Main Roads

(ii) Community priorities for maintenance and upgrade of Council roads identified to inform Council decision-making.
TRC

3-3-2 Telecommunications

(i) Community to log complaints with Telecommunications companies and those that are not resolved, to lodge with Telecommunications Industry Ombudsman.
Community, Telecommunications companies,
Telecommunications Industry Ombudsman

(ii) Request information from telecommunications companies about their respective infrastructure priorities for Bibbohra and lobby for improved infrastructure.
Community, TRC, Optus, Telstra

3-3-3 Land use planning

(i) New Planning scheme to consider:

- Making sufficient commercial land available for future business growth e.g. hairdresser, butcher in the long term
- Restricting higher density housing and maintaining rural residential density
- Excluding intensive commercial animal husbandry from the Bibbohra/Bilwoun area.
TRC, Dept of Local Government and Planning

(ii) Prepare a submission to FNO Regional Plan 2031 to expand Rural Living Area land use category for 10 acre blocks in Bibbohra to allow for some growth in district to ensure school remains viable.
TRC, Dept of Local Government and Planning

(iii) Open "State Forests" for recreational use by community.
Community, Queensland Government

3-3-4 Water infrastructure

(i) Maintain gazetted access points to river for Rural Fire Brigade to refill for outlying properties.
Property Owners, TRC, Queensland Government

(ii) Maintain access points to dams on private properties for fire trucks to refill.
Property Owners

(iii) Encourage property owners to maintain riparian zone along Barron River to maintain water quality.
Landcare groups, Community,
Property Owners

(iv) Maintain adequate environmental flow in Barron River.
Dept of Environment and Resource Management,
SunWater

3-3-5 Fire management

(i) Raise community awareness about safe controlled burning for fuel reduction and conduct appropriate controlled burns.
Queensland Fire and Rescue Service
Property Owners,

(ii) Clean up railway line for fuel reduction.
Community,
Queensland Rail

(iii) Raise community awareness that camlock fittings for water tanks are mandatory for new sub-divisions and encourage existing property owners to install them as soon as possible.
TRC

(iv) Investigate feasibility of establishing a local rural fire brigade.
Hodzic Road Rural Fire Service
Community,

(v) Promote community discussion about developing a plan for the fire season.
Local Disaster Management Committee,
Queensland Fire and Rescue Service,
Hodzic Road Rural Fire Service

(vi) Maintain gazetted access points to river for brigade to refill for outlying properties.
Property Owners,
Queensland Government

(vii) Map location of water supplies in the fire season.
Queensland Fire and Rescue Service,
Rural Fire Services

3-3-6 Sport and recreational facilities

(i) Discuss public access to school sporting facilities outside of school hours and negotiate:
• Public liability insurance
• School guidelines or conditions for community use of facilities.
Community, State Primary School

(ii) Lobby Council to maintain and upgrade Tom Mahon Park:
• Clean and tidy park
• Improve drainage
• Mow more regularly
• Build amenity block
• Install playground equipment and shade covering
• Install BBQ and covered seating and picnic tables
• Install water bubbler
• Tree plantings.
Community, TRC

(iii) Investigate feasibility of establishing more sporting clubs in Bibbohra: tennis, cricket, martial arts and developing separate areas for dirt bikes and horse riding.
Community

(iv) Open State Forests for public recreational activities.
Community, Queensland Government

The Barron River is an important part of Bibbohra's identity and water supply. It is important that adequate environmental flows are maintained.
Image source: CNES/Spot Image, Digital Globe, GeoEye and Google Maps



Community Participation

No community participation benchmark set as Bibbohra is a small community. 46 residents participated in the regional survey and 2 community planning workshops (first cut-short by flooding) to develop the Bibbohra plan.