

Dimbulah and Mutchilba District Update - Dimbulah

#	Community Priority	Timeframe	Partners	Council Actions
3.6.1 Health services and facilities				
1	(iv) Lobby State and Federal Politicians for increased health services funded by COAG agreement and promote health service issues in the media.	2012 - 2013	Dimbulah Community Bank® Branch of Bendigo Bank, Dimbulah Health Subcommittee and residents, Council, FNQ Rural Division of General Practice	<p>a) Council has advocated for improved health services in the region and facilitated a Tablelands Health Action Group as a means of highlighting the community's concerns about these issues. A Dimbulah resident was a member of the group.</p> <p>b) All issues relating to health and aged care in the Community Plan 2021 have been submitted to Queensland Health and they have informed the new Cairns and Hinterland Health Service strategic plan.</p> <p>c) The Community Plan has also been submitted to the FNQ Medicare Local Community Alliance in order to lobby FNQ Medicare Local for the health needs of the Tablelands population. Council is a representative of the FNQ Medicare Local Community Alliance which is a primary health consumer representative group to the FNQ Medicare Local which oversees the delivery of commonwealth funded primary health care services in FNQ.</p> <p>d) Council facilitates the Building Safer Communities Committee which is a regional committee of community, non-government, government and business representatives. The Committee has lobbied by letter the state and commonwealth governments and the FNQ Medicare Local regarding bulk billing issues and GP retention issues in rural areas.</p> <p>e) Submitted health and aged care priorities to Queensland Health to inform a new strategic plan in 2012/13, including the need to continue the visiting GP service to Dimbulah.</p> <p>f) Council raised the need for a new/upgraded Dimbulah Health Service Centre at meetings with the Cairns and Hinterland Health Service Board in 2014 and 2015.</p> <p>g) Researching statistical data for a community submission for a new Dimbulah Health Service Centre to the Community Cabinet at Mareeaba in 2015.</p> <p>h) The State Government has allocated funds for the upgrade in its 2016/17 budget.</p>
3.6.2 Sport and recreational facilities				
2, 3, 4, 5, 6	<p>(i) Improve disability access to pool</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Install chair • Investigate option of ramp. <p>(ii) Review hire costs of community facilities so they are affordable to encourage community events.</p> <p>(iii) Maintain BMX track to prevent weeds getting into adjacent soccer field - weed eradication program required.</p> <p>(iv) Investigate feasibility of moving Council's mobile skate ramp to Dimbulah.</p> <p>(vi) Investigate options for increasing volunteers in clubs for all sports and facilities.</p>	2012 - 2013	Community, Community & Sporting Clubs, Council	<p>a) Council installed a chair and stairs to improve disability access to the pool and ordered two new pool vacuum cleaners.</p> <p>b) The hire costs of community facilities were reviewed by Council and these community issues were considered in the review. Not for profit community organisations can apply to Council to support the cost of hire fees for community facilities through Council's Community Partnerships Program.</p> <p>c) Council removed the BMX track due to safety concerns and slashing will be programmed as needed.</p> <p>d) Council located the Skate Ramp to Dimbulah as requested by the community and there are no plans to remove it.</p>
7, 8	<p>(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.</p> <p>(x) Investigate feasibility of establishing a multi-purpose undercover sports centre.</p>	2016 - 2021	Community, Council	<p>a) The community priorities will be included in the Facilities Project Prioritisation Tool for future consideration by Council.</p> <p>b) Completed maintenance at the basketball and tennis courts</p> <p>c) Courts kept in a clean and tidy state so they can be used.</p>
9	(v) Apply for financial assistance for students and residents to travel to sporting and recreational events held outside of Dimbulah and Mareeaba districts.	2012 - 2013	Bendigo Bank, Sporting & recreational clubs, Council	a) Council Policy states that support is not provided to individuals to attend state and national championships. There is assistance available from other sources and an information sheet is available from Council.
	Other relevant items provided by Council			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ \$20K provided to community groups, schools, sporting and service clubs. ▪ Funded writing and photographic workshops ▪ Repaired the Dimbulah hall roof. ▪ Renewed sand and sofall in Mutchilba and Dimbulah parks.

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	3.6.3 Youth venues and activities			
10, 11, 12	<p>(i) Coordinate and encourage a collaborative approach to conducting youth activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Involve young people and parents in organizing activities Explore option of Red Frogs program being held in Dimbulah Enlist assistance of Council Youth Development Officer to access funding for Red Frogs and other youth activities Negotiate with Council 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. <p>(iii) Create a safe place to hold youth activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify suitable places and venues Negotiate with COUNCIL to upgrade lighting needed in Heritage Park to improve safety. <p>(iv) Organise leadership classes for all ages of youth.</p>	2012 - 2013	Dimbulah Community Centre, Dimbulah Youth Action Group, Council, Schools, Police, Community	<p>a) Youth Development work is undertaken by community agencies and Council has raised the issue of Youth Development in Dimbulah with them.</p> <p>b) Council has upgraded the swimming pool to enable extended opening hours. Council completed an extensive refurbishment of the pool which will allow opening hours to be extended as the pool no longer needs to be emptied annually, unless there is some urgent maintenance to be done.</p> <p>c) Council provides information and assistance to sporting clubs for governance, marketing, fundraising, volunteer retention, upskilling of volunteers including helping volunteers to gain and maintain coaching qualifications through the Club Support Program.</p> <p>d) Council commenced investigating the feasibility of establishing SES Cadets. However, in the state government 2012/13 budget, it ceased funding SES Cadets and therefore unlikely to eventuate.</p> <p>e) Council installed energy efficient solar lighting at Heritage Park.</p> <p>f) Council negotiated with Ergon Energy to complete an audit of street lighting and ownership of lighting infrastructure has been determined with Department of Transport and Main Roads. This will form the basis of a region-wide street lighting strategy to be developed which will include priorities for new and upgraded street lighting throughout the region.</p> <p>g) Through FNQ Regional Organisation of Councils (FNQROC), Council is investigating different types of energy efficient lights and cost effective ways to install these.</p> <p>h) Council provided information and advice to community groups on request regarding volunteers.</p>

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3.6.4 Aged care/ Accommodation				
13	(i) Negotiate with Council to conduct audit of disability access to key community facilities and upgrade critical areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Footpaths near Post Office and Foodworks Supermarket. 	2012 - 2013	Dimbulah Community Centre, COUNCIL	a) Council has included Glynn St footpath upgrade in Council's Project Prioritisation Tool for future consideration. b) Pedestrian ramp and disability car park was installed in Lions Park off Glynn Street. c) Footpath construction around Raleigh Street.
14	(ii) Investigate options for increasing support services to elderly residents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blue Care nurses based at Health Clinic More outreach/visiting services Establishment of a local Meals on Wheels service Respite care 	2012 - 2013	Dimbulah Community Centre, St John's Community Care, HACC, Respite Care services, COUNCIL	a) Council brought these issues to the attention of aged care service providers. b) Submitted community plan priorities for aged care services resulting in additional federal government funds for more nursing home beds in the region.
15	(iii) Lobby for more aged care packages and better support services.	2012 - 2013	COUNCIL, Community	a) Council made a successful submission to the Department of Health and Ageing Aged Care Planning Committee in 2011 resulting in the Tablelands region being identified as a region of special need, resulting in further funds being made available.
16	(iv) More affordable training for carers to be made available.	2013 - 2016	Carers , Council, Service Providers, Carer Networks and Peak Bodies	a) Council has approached the State and Federal Government and asked them to consider these issues. b) Council was a member of the reference group for a study by James Cook University into health services workforce planning and training
3.6.5 Diversify economy and create jobs				
17	(i) Provide accommodation to attract seasonal workers	2013 - 2016	Farmers, Van Park (Council), Out of season tourism operators	a) In 2011/12, Council constructed new accommodation at the Dimbulah Caravan Park which can cater for seasonal workers.
18	(iv) Allow and promote subdivision in Dimbulah to make land available for new industries and residents	2016 - 2021	Council, Dept of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning, Community, Businesses	a) The new Mareeba Shire Planning Scheme makes provision for future residential and industrial development in the district.
	Other relevant items provided by Council			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Essential infrastructure for roads, water, waste, parks and gardens is a Council priority to facilitate economic development and jobs growth, including improvements to Springmount Road, Brickley Road, water supply maintenance and upgrades.

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3.22.1 Land use planning				
1	(i) Prepare a submission to expand the Mutchilba Urban Footprint in the FNQ Regional Plan	2012 - 2013	Community, Council, Dept of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning	a) Council prepared a submission to the Queensland Government of land use planning issues that require review under the FNQ Regional Plan.
2	(ii) Ensure new land uses including noxious industries are complimentary to agriculture	2013 - 2016	Council	b) The new Mareeba Shire Planning Scheme makes provision for future development and recommends complimentary industrial and agricultural land uses.
3.22.2 Telecommunications				
3	(i) Follow up proposal by Optus to build a transmission tower in the district.	2012 - 2013	Community, Optus, Council	a) Council lodged numerous submissions for improved mobile phone coverage in the district. The Optus transmission tower was constructed and Optus customers have mobile phone coverage in Mutchilba.
3.22.3 Upgrade community centre				
4,5	(i) Install bollards and signage to prevent vehicle access on lawn in front of centre to protect sprinkler system. (ii) Install 'no camping' signage at Community Centre. (iv) Prepare funding application for kitchen upgrade and follow up lease to clarify tenure.	2012 - 2013	Council, Community Centre Committee	a) Council assisted the Committee to upgrade the commercial kitchen. b) Council handed over management of the Mutchilba Community Centre to the Committee and working with the Committee to determine if bollards, signage etc is required
3.22.4 Water Infrastructure				
6	(i) Inform SunWater about need to maintain and upgrade water infrastructure (installation of gravity supply system required).	2013 - 2016	Community, SunWater, Council	a) Council wrote to Sunwater regarding these issues and they agreed to consider and discuss them further.
7	(ii) Inform Ergon Energy about inadequate energy supply which impacts on the water supply.	2013 - 2016	Community, Ergon Energy, Council	b) The community's issues were raised with Ergon Energy and they acknowledged the response to an unplanned event and will now consider the limitation to the township water supply.