

3.6 Dimbulah

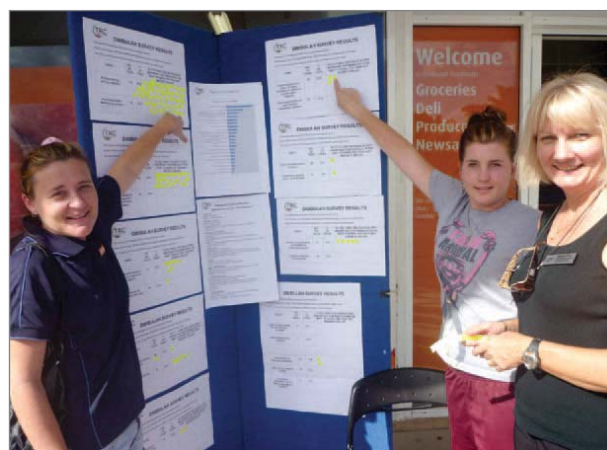
Our Community Vision

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.