

# SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGIC PLAN PROJECT

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*Welcome to the third edition of the "Social Infrastructure Strategic Plan Update". A Project Team is preparing a "Social Infrastructure Strategic Plan" (or "SIS Plan") for the Gladstone Regional Council Area over the next year. We welcome your input at all stages of the Project. Read on to learn where the project is at now and how and when you can be involved...*

## What is the SIS Plan project?

The SIS Plan project is being undertaken to develop a social infrastructure strategy to guide investment decisions for providing strategic social infrastructure in the Gladstone Regional Council area.

The study also anticipates that the SIS Plan will better inform contributions to regional social infrastructure by future private development proponents (major state industry projects) and better prioritise scarce social infrastructure funds in line with identified priorities.

## Who is undertaking the project?

The SIS Plan is a joint project between the State Government (Department of Infrastructure and Planning), the Gladstone Economic and Industry Development Board (GEIDB) and Gladstone Regional Council.

The consultants commissioned to prepare the SIS Plan are Buckley Vann Town Planning Consultants, Briggs & Mortar Pty Limited and Andrea Young Planning Consultants.

For the purposes of this project, social infrastructure includes a wide range of built facilities, services and networks of organisations.

## Stage 4 Needs Assessment

The Stage 4 work of the SIS Plan process is to:

- identify 'gaps' between the existing provision of social infrastructure and the requirements identified in the (benchmarking) model; and
- confirm needs for the future provision of social infrastructure.

This has involved a needs assessment process which synthesises all outputs of the study to date, including:

- The outputs of the Benchmarking Model
- The community facilities audit – (which details existing facilities, their location and areas/catchments they service).
- A Proforma distributed to State Government and community agencies – (gathering information and expressed views relating to existing facilities and services).
- The community profile – characteristics of which might influence the provision of facilities (and variation from the rates of benchmarking).
- Literature Review – the findings of previous studies and analyses.
- Consultation to date– expressed views about community facility and service needs.

From this, a series of needs have been identified and are detailed on the attached Feedback Form No.2. These needs don't represent government policy, nor should they create an expectation that all needs will be met. The consultation process will inform the study team and help to validate the findings. We would like your comments on whether we got it right by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2009!

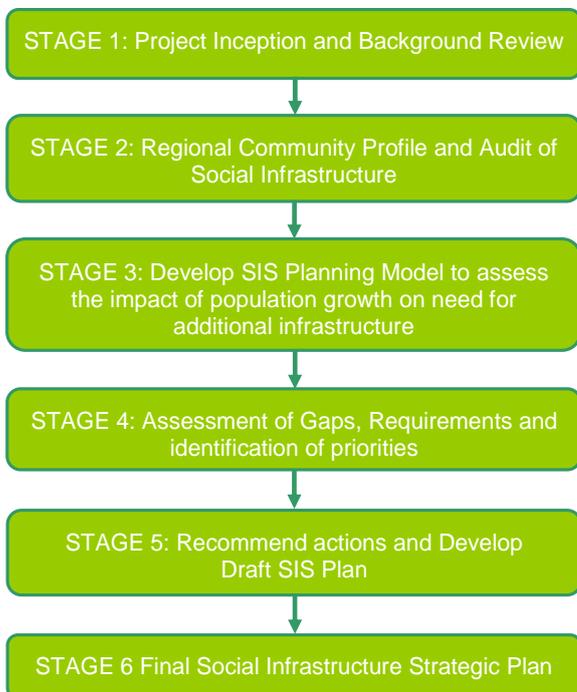
Feedback from community workshops, completion of the **Feedback Form No.2** and targeted comment from relevant state agencies and local service providers will assist with the development of a **Action Plan** to include priorities and associated costings and possible funding sources (to be delivered as part of Stage 5 work).

## A few key findings about the Gladstone Region

- The population of Gladstone Council area will nearly double (from 54,000 (2006 census figures) to just under 100,000 people) by 2031
- All areas will experience continued growth (subject to finalisation of new planning scheme) e.g. Gladstone urban area will increase from 30,900 to 39,300
- Boyne Island/Tannum Sands and Calliope will have the most significant growth up to 2031
  - Boyne/Tannum 10,900 to 26,300
  - Calliope 3,700 to 16,800
- Agnes Water/Seventeen Seventy is expected to experience high growth (but overall population will remain relatively low) - Agnes Water 1,790 to 6,800 (without tourists)
- Less growth in other areas
  - Rural South East/Miriam Vale 3,600 to 9,100
  - Rural West 2,900-3,700
- Key regional facilities and high order services (such as health services) are mainly located in Rockhampton, with some in Bundaberg
- The existing provision of facilities and services in Gladstone region are focused in Gladstone CBD
- There is by comparison a relatively poor provision of facilities and services in outer suburbs of Gladstone urban area
- There is reasonable provision of facilities and services in outlying communities relative to size – indeed many are functioning in service roles beyond level of population
- Limited social infrastructure in small rural or coastal villages.

## The process

There is a six stage process to undertake the project. We are currently finalising work on Stage 4.



## For more information

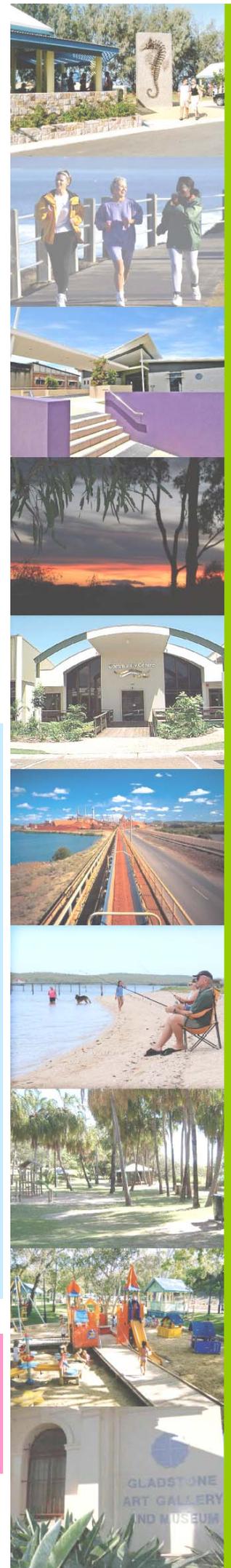
Further Updates will be prepared throughout the study process. Information is also available online at the project webpage: [www.gladstonerc.qld.gov.au/sisplan](http://www.gladstonerc.qld.gov.au/sisplan)

Enquiries can also be made to members of the Steering Committee and Project Team:

- Liza Valks or Kylie Rolley at Buckley Vann Town Planning Consultants on 3852 1822
- Garry Scanlan at GEIDB on 4971 2318
- Cale Dendle at Gladstone Regional Council on 4970 0769
- Debra Honan at Department of Infrastructure and Planning on 3405 5638

## We'd like to hear from you. If you have something to say:

Please complete the attached **Feedback Form No. 2** on our summary findings from the Needs Assessment, or send your comments, via email to our team at [KRolley@buckvann.com.au](mailto:KRolley@buckvann.com.au) Feedback Form No. 2 is due by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2009.



**SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE  
STRATEGIC PLAN  
FEEDBACK FORM NO.2**

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The table below summarises the study team's preliminary findings in relation to short/medium (up to the next 10 years) and longer term (to 2031) needs for social infrastructure across the Gladstone Region. You can help us confirm these needs and set priorities by letting us know if you agree or disagree with the needs identified, and by identifying the 3 most important short/medium term priorities and 3 longer term priorities to you and/or your family. The list has been divided into social planning catchments so you may comment on the suggestions for your locality as well as some of the regional facilities identified under the Gladstone and Surrounds catchment (at 1 below) and identify your priorities. Please note that these needs don't represent government policy, nor should they create an expectation that all needs will be met. The consultation process will inform the study team and help to validate the findings.

When you've completed the form, please POST, EMAIL or FAX to the following address by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2009:

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Identified Need		Do you Agree/ Disagree? ✓ for Yes <u>or</u> X for No	What is Most Important to You? Identify 3 short/medium term priorities (in next 10 years) and 3 long term priorities
<b>1. GLADSTONE AND SURROUNDS INCLUDING GLADSTONE CBD, SOUTH GLADSTONE, BARNEY PT, WEST GLADSTONE, KIN KORA, SUN VALLEY, TELINA, SOUTH TREES, GLEN EDEN AND TOOLOOA</b>			
Short/Medium Term Needs	One stop community centre including: community advisory centre, youth drop-in, multicultural resource centre, children's and family centre, all centred around a cultural/artistic precinct (for example: water /sculpture park, amphitheatre)		
	Upgrading Entertainment Centre		
	Upgrade to Gladstone Aquatic Centre		
	Children's playgrounds in outer areas and improvements generally		
	More long day care places, places for babies and flexible child care		
	More early intervention and family support programs		
	More facilities in parks for younger people		
	More youth housing, financial and life skills programs		
	Training to build the capacity of workers in the area		
	Another disability respite 24/7 facility		
	Second aged care day respite centre, tri-care residential aged care facility and appropriate housing for older people		
	Proposed Murri Centre at Police Ck including indigenous health		
	More public and community, crisis and transitional housing		
Longer Term Needs	Upgraded TAFE		
	Expansion/relocation of Gladstone police, fire & ambulance stations		
	Expansion of Art Gallery/Museum		
	Addition of Arts Development Space in the CBD		
	High standard multi sporting complex including indoor sports centre		
	Possible primary school to serve outer areas		
	Second or expanded Botanic Gardens		
Barney Pt foreshore redevelopment linked to CBD waterfront			
<b>2. CALLIOPE INCLUDING BEECHER AND BURUA</b>			
Short/Med Term Need	Expansion of the police station		
	Possible second primary school		
	Additional kindergartens		
	Recreation facilities for young people		
Longer Term Needs	Small community health centre		
	Possible high school		
	Access to TAFE courses		
	Expansion of the library		
	Youth Centre and recreation facilities for young people		
	Appropriate accommodation for older people		
Additional playing fields and courts			

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<b>3. BOYNE ISLAND/TANNUM SANDS/BENARABY/WURDONG HEIGHTS</b>				
Short /Medium Term Needs	A second kindergarten at Tannum Sands			
	A child care facility at Benaraby			
	A youth bus			
	A youth centre			
	Children's playgrounds and improved playgrounds generally			
	More facilities in parks for younger people			
	A swimming pool (within 5 years)			
	Expansion of the community centre			
	A second smaller community centre at Tannum Sands			
	A dedicated art gallery			
Longer Term Needs	A day respite centre for older people			
	A community health centre			
	An additional primary school			
	Expansion of Tannum Sands State High School			
	A small TAFE facility			
	Expansion of the library			
	Second BMX track			
	Expansion of police & fire stations			
	Additional playing fields and courts			
	<b>4. RURAL WEST INCLUDING BOYNE VALLEY AND MT LARCOM</b>			
Short/Medium Term Needs	Library Services			
	A Rural Transaction Centre			
	Services for older people			
	Appropriate accommodation for older people			
	Child Care			
	Need for a rural fire station			
Short/Med Term Need	Youth services or facilities			
	<b>5. AGNES WATER/SEVENTEEN SEVENTY</b>			
	Small community facility in Turkey Beach			
	Appropriate accommodation for older people			
	Funding for the youth group			
	Community/public transport to access health & other services			
	Expansion of the primary school			
Longer Term Needs	Provision of high school education			
	Access to TAFE courses			
	Review level of ambulance provision			
Short/Medium Term Needs	Review of policing levels, particularly at peak times			
	<b>6. RURAL SOUTH EAST INCLUDING MIRIAM VALE AND TURKEY BEACH</b>			
	More access to Home and Community Care services for older people			
	Need for appropriate accommodation for older people			
	Community transport to access health and other services			
	Child care			
	Recreational facilities for young people			
	Hall at Baffle Creek			
	Police presence at Baffle Creek			
	Upgrading and maintenance of halls at Rosedale and Lowmead			
Long Term	Access to TAFE courses			
	Better access to high school education			

*Have we missed something? Please tell us here (please attached more sheets if necessary).*

Identified Need	Where?	Timing/Priority