

SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGIC PLAN PROJECT

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Welcome to the first "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 would welcome your input at all stages of the Project. Read on to learn how 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. This includes the former Gladstone City, and Miriam Vale and Calliope Shires.

It is also anticipated that the SIS Plan will better inform contributions to regional social infrastructure by current and future private development proponents 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. It is being guided by a steering committee comprising:

- two representatives of the Department of Infrastructure and Planning;
- two representatives of GEIDB; and
- two representatives of 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.

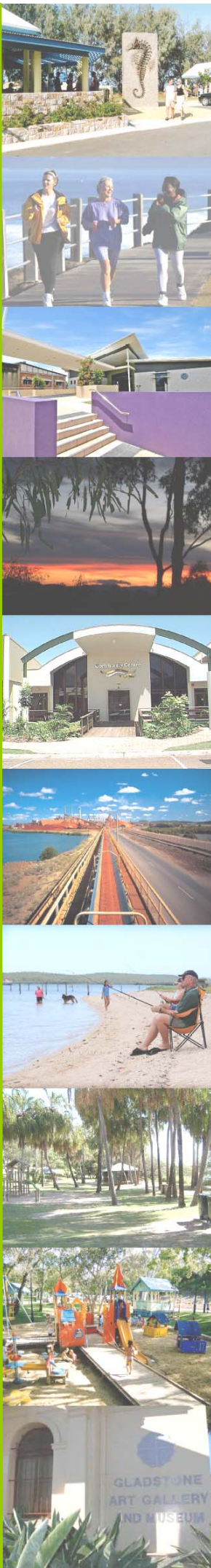
They will be seeking community involvement and assistance throughout this project.

What do we mean by social infrastructure?

Social infrastructure includes a wide range of built facilities, services and networks of organisations. These include:

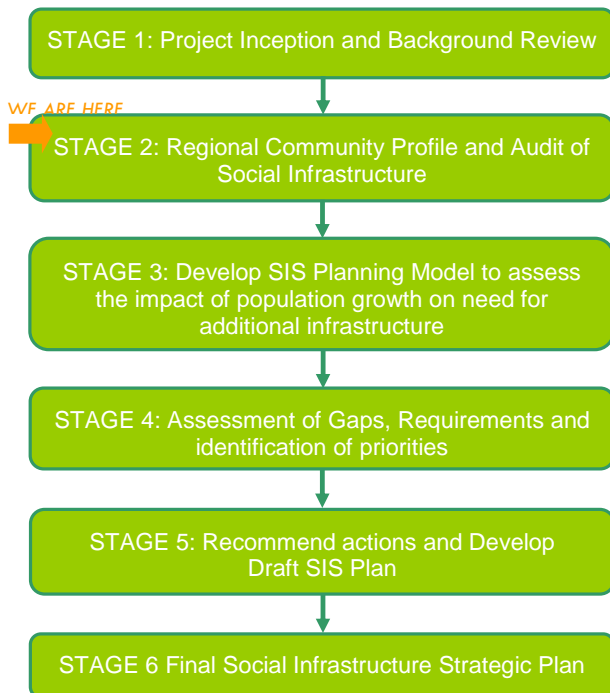
- **Community facilities** like schools, hospitals, police/fire/ambulance stations, child-care centres, youth facilities, cultural facilities like libraries and theatres, recreation and sporting facilities*, facilities for older people including accommodation, public transport, pedestrian/walking trails and bikeways, and social (non-private) housing
- **Community services** like health services, children's and family services, aged care services, disability services, multicultural services, youth development, welfare and support services, housing services, and employment and training services
- **Community services networks** like interagency groups.

* This area will draw on the findings of previous open space and recreation studies



What will the process be?

There will be a six stage process to undertake the project:



What opportunities will there be for consultation?

The Project Team is keen to undertake the Project in partnership with the community. The Project will include:

- Formation of a small working group with representatives from the State, Local Government and community sectors
- Interviews with community facility and service providers
- Web and printed Updates (like this) distributed through Council community facilities & other community locations with opportunities for feedback
- Community workshops to confirm needs and priorities
- Workshops with key stakeholders like government departments and community facilities and service providers
- Exhibitions and displays

How can you participate now?

We currently have some key questions we would like members of the community to answer.

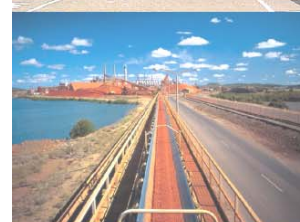
You can give us your views now by:

- Accessing a Feedback Form at www.gladstonerc.qld.gov.au and posting it back to Council at the address on the form
- filling out the Feedback Form found in Council community facilities and other community locations (like libraries, Community Advisory Service, Council offices etc) and posting or handing it back to Council, the GEIDB or faxing to the consultants (details also on the form).

For further information

Regular Updates will be prepared throughout the study process. Enquiries can be made to:

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



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STRATEGIC PLAN
FEEDBACK FORM NO.1**

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Question 1: How long have you lived in the Gladstone region?

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Question 2: What additional new or upgraded community facilities and services would enhance the attractiveness of Gladstone as a place to live?

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Question 3: If you had to choose one new or upgraded community facility or service that would really make a difference to Gladstone, what would your top priority be?

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Question 4: What area do you live in? (Please tick a box)

- Gladstone
- Mt Larcom / Ambrose / Raglan
- Calliope
- Miriam Vale / Bororen
- Boyne Island / Tannum Sands / Benaraby
- Agnes Water / 1770 / Turkey Beach
- Lowmead / Baffle Creek / Rosedale
- Boyne Valley
- Other _____

Question 5: How would you best describe your household? (Please tick a box)

- Single young person or Single older person
- Group of single people
- Young couple or Older couple
- Young family
- Older family
- Other

Optional

Title: _____ Name: _____
 Organisation (if applicable): _____
 Postal address: _____
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