

PLANNING OUR FUTURE

The Gympie Region Planning Scheme

What is the new planning scheme?

The Gympie Regional Council Planning Scheme 2013 has been in place for over 10 years. It's time to review and to update it to ensure it continues to reflect the needs and aspirations of our community.

Accordingly, council is developing a new planning scheme for Gympie that will shape the region's future to 2046.

The new planning scheme will set the future vision for our region and embody the strategies to guide growth and change to achieve that vision.

Program overview

Over the past two years, council has completed a number of technical studies on key land use planning issues to inform the preparation of, and stakeholder engagement on, a series of policy position papers:

- Residential Land and Housing
- Industrial Land
- Retail and Commercial Centres
- Rural Land
- Open Space and Recreation
- Heritage Conservation
- Bruce Highway Upgrade Response Strategy
- Biodiversity Conservation
- Flood Hazard
- Planning for Bushfire Resilience
- Coastal Hazards.

Following the exhibition of the draft policy papers and the consideration of community and stakeholder submissions, six of the policy position papers were endorsed by Council in January 2024. A further five draft policy papers remain under consideration. Once endorsed, the policy position papers will inform the drafting of the new planning scheme. Both the endorsed and draft policy position papers are available for viewing or downloading on the web page.

The next step in the planning scheme program is to complete the drafting of the new scheme for State Interest Review. Following the State Interest Review, the new draft planning scheme will be the subject of further stakeholder engagement and public consultation.

How to have your say

1. Visit www.gympie.qld.gov.au/planning-our-future for more information.
2. Review the summary fact sheets on the issues you're interested in.
3. Register for email updates to keep informed throughout the project.

What is a planning scheme?

A planning scheme communicates how a local government plans to manage growth and regulate development. It describes what development can be expected in the community, where and how it occurs.

The new planning scheme will address:

- the locations of different types of activities to avoid land use conflict,
- the physical characteristics of new development,
- the availability of land for future development,
- the social, economic and environmental sustainability of development,
- protection of the environment and the natural and cultural features valued by the community,
- infrastructure provision to support growth and development, and,
- reducing the risks to people and assets arising from natural hazards like floods, bushfire, and coastal erosion.

How is a planning scheme used?

Planning schemes are used by community members, developers, and government for a range of reasons including:

- prospective home buyers can use a planning scheme to understand the characteristics of an area they are thinking of buying into and what uses their land and the land around it can be put to,
- developers can check the development standards they need to meet, such as the type and scale of buildings, and how stormwater may be managed
- governments use the scheme to assess development applications to determine which developments can proceed and to plan the provision of infrastructure such as roads, water, sewer.