

# PLANNING OUR FUTURE

## *The Gympie Region Planning Scheme*

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### Retail and Commercial Fact Sheet

Gympie region's centres provide a range of retail, commercial, and community services, and are important places of social and economic community life.

The planning scheme guides the role, function, and development of our Region's retail and commercial centres. The planning scheme will identify the desired urban design outcomes to reinforce local character and identity, as they continue to evolve to vibrant, diverse, focal points of economic and social activity.

This fact sheet outlines the intended approach to town retail and commercial centres, as part of the Planning Scheme Review.

#### 1. Retail and commercial land supply

- Ensure a sufficient supply of suitable and well-located land for retail, commercial, community services, and administrative purposes, at a rate that meets the needs of the population.

#### 2. Developing a centres network

- Designate a hierarchy of Principal, District, Local and Rural Local, and Specialised centres to guide the development of shopping, community facilities, government services, education, recreation, and entertainment, across the region.
- Gympie central business area and core retail area is the Principal Centre of the region, with the highest order of commercial, community facilities, and cultural services.
- District centres may be located at Duke Street, Excelsior Road, Mellor Street, Imbil, Kilkivan, Goomeri, and Cooloola Cove.
- The Gympie Medical Precinct develops with integrated and enhanced medical services at both local and regional levels.
- Local centres at Tozer Street, Stewart Terrace, Curra, Gunalda, Theebine, Widgee, Southside, Tin Can Bay, and Rainbow Beach continue to provide services at a local level.
- Rural local centres and townships include a range of small scale retail, business, and industrial activities to facilitate growth in services and provide local employment.

### 3. Centre diversity

- Encourage a greater mix of uses that draw residents and visitors for a variety of reasons, creating vibrant, resilient places, during and beyond traditional business hours.

### 4. Residential development in centres

- Encourage increased, appropriately scaled, residential densities and short-term accommodation close to Principal and District Centres, consistent with available infrastructure and the surrounding environment.

### 5. Town centre design

- Establish a strong sense of character and identity, with well-designed development incorporating public open spaces and promoting public transport use.
- Promote a sense of safety and vibrancy in town centres beyond traditional business hours.
- Design and operate supporting infrastructure, such as waste management and car parking, to support a sense of place and character.

### Have your say

Council is currently seeking feedback on the intended approach to retail and commercial centres, along with a range of other issues, to inform the Planning Scheme Review.

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