

21.14 COMMUNITY SERVICES

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21.14-1 Community wellbeing

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Overview

There is a need to identify and provide for a range of social, cultural, educational, leisure and health services to meet the needs of the community, including youth, families and older persons. Adequate provision of community services assists in sustaining the Shire's population, and attracting new residents to the region. There is a correlation between the wellbeing of the community and the economic prosperity of the region.

Objectives and strategies

Objective 1 To provide a range of services and facilities that meet the needs of a diverse community, including youth, families and older persons

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| Strategy 1.1 | Encourage a diverse range of recreational and social activities for young people |
| Strategy 1.2 | Facilitate the provision of a range of family and childcare services across the Shire |
| Strategy 1.3 | Ensure that a range of health, recreational support and social programs are provided to maintain the independence and wellbeing of older persons |
| Strategy 1.4 | Encourage quality service solutions that meet the diverse needs of older persons |
| Strategy 1.5 | Encourage the joint usage of existing older person facilities within the Shire |

Implementation

Strategies for community well-being will be implemented by:

Policy guidelines

- Applying the guidelines of *Healthy by Design 2012* (as amended)

Further strategic work

- Developing and implementing a long term youth services strategy
- Undertaking short and long term planning for the provision of community services within the Shire

Further actions

- Consulting with youth on their needs in relation to programs and facilities

21.14-2 Recreation, education and health services05/06/2014
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Due to the widespread distribution of the population throughout the Shire, there is a need to undertake effective planning to ensure that the community has access to a range of recreation, education and health services and facilities in an efficient and equitable manner. Continual improvements to the quality and type of community services and facilities available are also required to meet the changing needs of the community.

Objectives and strategies**Objective 1 To provide a wide range of recreation facilities to meet the needs of the community**

Strategy 1.1 Encourage the provision of multi-purpose meeting venues for use by community groups

Strategy 1.2 Support upgrades to amenities at existing leisure and recreation facilities to improve physical access and use

Objective 2 To provide a wide range of education facilities and programs to meet the needs of the community

Strategy 2.1 Promote joint planning with all stakeholders in providing for a range of education facilities

Strategy 2.2 Promote the retention and improvement of existing education facilities

Strategy 2.3 Promote Leongatha as the centre for educational excellence, as a means of attracting and retaining tertiary and technical training programs

Strategy 2.4 Promote the provision of tertiary and technical training programs, as means of providing for the educational and employment needs of young people

Objective 3 To ensure that the community has access to a range of quality health services that address the needs of the community

Strategy 3.1 Support and promote the development of preventive health facilities and services as well as acute health care facilities and services

Strategy 3.2 Encourage the joint usage of existing health facilities within the Shire

Implementation

Strategies for recreation, education and health services will be implemented by:

Policy Guidelines

- Considering the objectives and provisions of the South Gippsland Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan (as amended) when assessing any new development within the Shire
- Applying the guidelines of *Healthy by Design 2012* (as amended)
- Consider the provisions and directions of the *South Gippsland Open Space Strategy 2007*
- Consider the provisions and directions of the *South Gippsland Recreation Plan 2007*

Further strategic work

- Implementing the South Gippsland Shire Recreation and Open Space Strategy
- Working in partnership with relevant State, regional and local agencies and the community:
 - to identify priorities for the provision of leisure and recreation facilities and programs
 - to facilitate new education opportunities within the Shire
 - to develop new health services and facilities and upgrade of existing services
- Developing a strategy for the provision and maintenance of public amenities

Further actions

- Improving community awareness of recreational opportunities throughout the Shire
- Continuing to assess future recreation needs
- Consulting with the community on a regular basis to establish ongoing education needs
- Consulting with adult and community education providers to identify suitable sites for the provision of services