

Livingstone SHIRE COUNCIL

Planning scheme
Information sheet #3

What is a commercial centre?

It's important to support local businesses who create local jobs.

Commercial centres provide space for offices, shops, doctors, allied health services, other business and commercial activities.

These centres are classified according to their use and the size of the population they support. They are situated near public transport, and main roads to handle high volumes of customer and delivery traffic.

Livingstone's planning scheme allocates land exclusively for business activity through zone codes.

Neighbourhood centres

Are smaller commercial centres that provide local conveniences for residential areas.

Major centres

Are larger commercial centres for business, government, cultural, entertainment, health and retail uses.

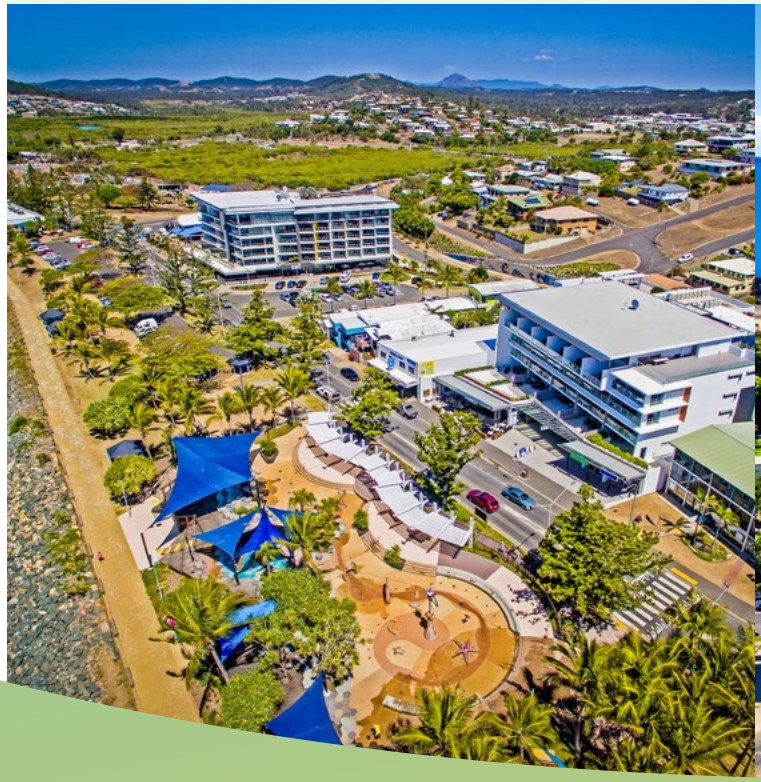
The places we know and love in Livingstone

Yeppoon major centre

At the heart of our region, this is our main commercial area, with shopping, entertainment, services, restaurants and public places.

Emu Park local centre

Local shops, services and community facilities, alongside iconic foreshore parks, cafes and the ANZAC Memorial Walk.





Why do we need to plan for new centres?

Livingstone is growing and while people will still travel to Yeppoon and Emu Park they will also want shops and services close to home.

It's important to plan for the location, size and scale of these new commercial centres, so that they are appropriate for the area, accessible, and can service the community's weekly needs. It's also important to make sure they do not impact other centres or negatively impact small business in the area.

To make sure we have the right centres in the right locations, the planning scheme review will investigate potential locations for new centres to meet the needs of growing areas.



Commercial centres study

Council undertook a Centres Assessment study to evaluate growing demand for retail and commercial uses, and to assess the existing network of centres in the planning scheme, identifying potential new commercial centres.

The study looked at a range of factors important to planning for centres in Livingstone Shire, including:

- where new residential areas are growing and are expected to grow,
- the location of existing or approved centres,
- convenient access such as the major road network, and where future public transport can be planned to support the commercial centres
- locations for where a new centre wouldn't detrimentally impact an existing centre.

Potential new commercial centres

The centres assessment study recent review identified the following directions for the planning scheme:

1. Maintain the vibrancy and importance of Yeppoon by discouraging new commercial centres within 5km of the centre, and ensuring new local centres do not grow to a size that takes away from Yeppoon major centre.
2. Recognise the new centre at Taroomball (corner of Taroomball and Tanby Road) which was approved by Council in 2025.
3. Plan for a new centre at Hidden Valley, which can be accessed by new residential growth areas.
4. Recognise the Pacific Heights centre (Farnborough Road and Panorama Drive) which can grow from a neighbourhood centre into a larger centre over time.
5. Continue to identify Emu Park as a local centre that supports southern Capricorn Coast residents.
6. Allow for a centre north of Rockhampton in Glenlee/ Rockyview for when new residential growth can support a new centre.

Your input helps make sure our planning scheme reflects what matters most to our community. Keep an eye out for upcoming consultation, and have your say on our shire's future.

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