

# DRAFT

## MURGON COMMUNITY PLAN

# 2025





# Murgon

Murgon is located in the north-eastern section of the South Burnett Region and the first European settlement took place with the establishment of Barambah Station in 1846. The size of the original Station was fragmented over the next 50 years through the creation of farm allotments. This also led to the establishment of the Barambah Aboriginal Reserve (now called Cherbourg) in 1901 which was the first settlement within the area. The construction of a railway from Goomeri created the township of Murgon in 1906 with town allotments being sold that same year.

An early industry which established within the Murgon district was dairying. In 1913 the South Burnett Co-operative Dairy Company Limited opened a butter factory to avoid losing suppliers to a new factory which recently opened in Kingaroy. Other important industries over the years have been cattle production, peanuts and more recently viticulture.

Currently the town of Murgon has a population of 2,220. Murgon has a vibrant commercial centre and a number of professional and health services which service the town and the surrounding rural area, smaller communities and the nearby Cherbourg Aboriginal Community.

Educational institutions in the Murgon area include Murgon State School, Murgon State High School and St Joseph's School.



## Acknowledgement

We acknowledge and respect the Wakka Wakka and Auburn Hawkwood people, the traditional owners of this land that we live, work and play and respect their cultures, their ancestors and their elders past, present and future generations.

# Short Term (1 - 4 years)

- Update sporting lights at showgrounds.
- ~~Initiatives and/or activities for youth.~~
- Dog Park.
- Lions Park - New Shelters, BBQ's and softfall under climbing caterpillar (Capital Projects Plan).
- QE II Park Stage 3 - Between Visitor Information Centre and amenities and irrigation in top end of park (Capital Projects Plan).
- Replace playground gates (Capital Projects Plan).
- Skatepark and Coronation Park - Shelters over BBQ's x 2 (Capital Projects Plan).
- Turn lights on at skatepark – Trial.
- Half basketball court (Capital Projects Plan).
- ~~Improve lighting in town and install CCTV.~~ Review currently installed CCTV cameras in consultation with QPS and review lighting.
- PCYC ~~initiatives and activities for youth.~~ Stadium - Replace box gutters (Capital Projects Plan).
- Showgrounds - New perimeter fence (Capital Projects Plan).
- Town Hall - Repair and reseal rear access driveway, archives/shed - remove and replace asbestos cement sheeting, external paint and restump (Capital Projects Plan).
- Swimming pool - Refurb toddler pool, safety signs and pool rehab (Capital Projects Plan).
- ~~Free Camp – Replace amenities and laundry (Capital Projects Plan).~~
- Refurbish town clock (Capital Projects Plan).
- Ficks Crossing - Bollards and new carpark near shelters (Capital Projects Plan).
- Cemetery - Survey and design new area and lawn cemetery plinths (Capital Projects Plan).
- Kerb and channelling to be rolled out annually.
- Watt Street (Lamb-Stephen) - Kerb and channel (Capital Projects Plan).
- Arnell Street to be bitumen ~~and kerb and channel.~~
- Fencing and electronic gate for Cloyna Transfer Station (Capital Projects Plan).
- Upgrade waste signage across region (Capital Projects Plan).
- ~~Establish Transfer Station (Capital Projects Plan).~~ Moved to long term.
- Land investigation (Capital Projects Plan).
- Water Treatment (Capital Projects Plan):
  - » WTP media replacement

# Short Term Continued (1 - 4 years)

- Water Distribution (Capital Projects Plan):
  - » Garrick Street - Water main
  - » Lamb Street (Bunya Hwy Xing to Stephens Street)
  - » Nutt Street (Hospital) WPS process control/SCADA renewal
  - » Town Pumps WPS Switchboard renewals and Process Control/SCADA
  - » Hospital Res to McAlister Street
  - » Rose Street (Thorn to end)
- Wastewater Mains (Capital Projects Plan):
  - » Perkins Street SPS2 Process Control/SCADA renewal
  - » Houghton Street SPS3 Process Control/SCADA renewal
- Advocate for free entertainment once per month

# Medium Term (4 - 8 years)

- ~~McMahon Park (Capital Projects Plan).~~
- Kapernick Park - Replace Toilet and viewing platform (Capital Projects Plan). Review keeping toilets for possible 4-8 years renewal.
- Rotary Park - Additional equipment and replace old equipment (Capital Projects Plan).
- ~~Krebs Street - Replace playground (Capital Projects Plan).~~
- Town Hall - Bathroom fitout (Capital Projects Plan).
- PCYC remove louvers and replace with windows, extraction fans and vents (Capital Projects Plan).
- Cemetery works - Survey and construct plinths (Capital Projects Plan).
- ~~Housing upgrades (Capital Projects Plan).~~
- Water Distribution (Capital Projects Plan):
  - » M02 - New DN100 main interconnecting existing DN100

# Long Term (Over 8 years)

- Lions Park - Replace playground (Capital Projects Plan).
- Infrastructure upgrade program across Waste Facilities to meet service standards (Capital Projects Plan).
- Establish Transfer Station (Capital Projects Plan). **Moved from short term.**
- **Water reservior painting.**
- Water Distribution (Capital Projects Plan):
  - » Connection of Wondai and Murgon to Boondooma Dam via Proston raw water feed with bi-directional pipeline (Year 1 - Planning and Feasibility)
  - » ~~B06b-DN150 Pine Street (Douglass and James Street), including fire hydrant and service connection extension along James to 39/43 Not Murgon~~

## Priority Feedback

### Short term:

- Community centre.
- Kerb and Channeling program.
- Dog park.
- Toddler pool refurbishment.
- Skatepark lgihts.
- Youth activities.
- Half basketball court.
- Ficks crossing bollards/parking area.
- Refurbish town clock.

### Medium term:

- Cemetery works.
- Kapernick park works.

### Long term:

- Water distribution.
- More government aged care housing such as the facility on Krebs St across from the police station.

# Added Feedback

## Short term:

- Fences around all parks.
- Recommended age signs on parks.
- Seating repaired and a bin at the lily pond park on the corner of Lamb Street and Douglas Street.
- Upgrading the skate park to a multi-activity park. Consisting of a public outdoor fitness area, the skatepark, park, carpark, multi-sport court and added seating and needed facilities.
- Public BBQ at another location.
- Outdoor gym equipment.
- Resurface rock climbing wall in the park opposite Murgon State School.

## Medium term:

- Rotary park - add toilets as it has no toilets which makes it difficult to use with small children.
- Investment into natural environments.
- More infrastructure for winter.
- Food truck festivals with live music.
- Electric vehicle charging station.

## Long term:

- More government aged care housing such as the facility on Krebs St across from the police station.

# General Feedback

- Is there a cheaper system to be used on the existing amenities block (eco-system)?
- Have earlier swimming pool opening hours.
- Library open on a Saturday.
- In winter lights at skatepark would be very useful - lights to turn off at 9:00pm.
- Better Parks in Cherbourg & Murgon – Like what it is like in Kingaroy.
- To access the PCYC gym it is too expensive.



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