

Livingstone Shire Council Local Recovery & Resilience Plan



Livingstone will recover rapidly and build a community more resilient to future disasters and with greater capacity to grow and prosper. Our recovery will be founded on a community led approach, enabled by inclusive communication.

RECOVERY NARRATIVE

Values

- Livingstone Shire Council is focussed on continual improvements in overall service delivery at an operational level to provide ratepayers with the best possible value for money, as well as the implementation of long-term plans to reinvigorate the Shire's economy and reinforce business confidence.
- Livingstone Shire promotes a positive culture in the workplace with all staff demonstrating high standards of accountability, teamwork, community, potential and positivity. These values and behaviours set the standard for Council and are embodied throughout the organisation.

Local Recovery Group

- Established for Severe Tropical Cyclone Debbie and the Fitzroy River Flood Event on 10 April 2017.
- Chaired by the Mayor, Cr Bill Ludwig.
- The lines of recovery and resilience are organised by Taskforces:
 - Community Development
 - Regional and Economic Development
 - Built Environment
 - Environment and Regulatory.
- The Severe Tropical Cyclone Debbie and Fitzroy River Flood Event Implementation Plan was approved by the RRG Chair on 10 April 2017.
- Key stakeholders include: Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services; Queensland Police Service; Queensland Health; Taskforce representatives; and key agency, community groups, and business representatives as required.

Mayor & RRG Chair:
Cr Bill Ludwig



CEO:
Chris Murdoch



DAMAGE AND IMPACTS

Human and Social

- Community still recovering (financially and psychological wellbeing) from STC Marcia two years prior to STC Debbie and the associated Fitzroy Flood event.
- Short term isolation (and loss of power) for some communities including Stanage Bay, Ogmoo and Stockyard Point.
- Inundation at Yaamba, Nerimbera and Rossmoya.
- 101 properties affected in Yaamba.
- 71 properties affected in Belmont.
- 111 properties affected in Nerimbera.

Economic

- Small business impacts due to flooding and reduced foot traffic and tourist numbers.
- Secondary effects of Rockhampton Airport closure from 4 to 13 April 2017.
- Tourism numbers impacted during the two week school holidays were down up to 45% and the Easter Long Weekend down about 20-30% on bookings
- A survey of businesses indicated 25% lost \$50,000 to \$200,000 in revenue, with 50% suffering losses of between \$10,000 and \$50,000 dollars, and another 25% of businesses surveyed losing up to \$10,000 in trade.

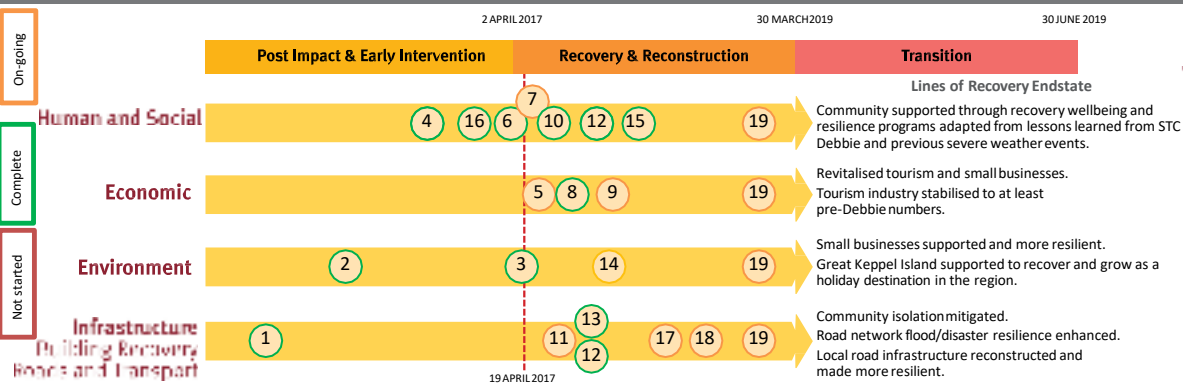
Environment

- Severe beach erosion on both the mainland, creeks and Great Keppel Island.
- Debris on the beaches and in waterways.
- Loss of pasture for grazing.
- Increase in feral pig numbers and parthenium weed.
- Damage to state forest roads.

Infrastructure (Building, Roads and Transport)

- Multiple road closures and subsequent damage to roads and floodways.
- Significant impact on rectification works (protective wall) at Great Keppel Island (required after STC Marcia).
- Telstra Tower at Stockyard Point damaged.
- Damage to Hedlow Airfield.
- Damage to flood monitoring stations.

LINES OF RECOVERY



LOCAL RECOVERY OBJECTIVES

- Essential services (primarily power) restored to impacted areas.
- Green and hard waste removal and management.
- Removal of debris from beaches, particularly Emu Park and Zilzie.
- Identification and management of personal hardship cases.
- Community messaging that "we are open for business".
- Assess human, health and social impacts.
- In partnership with the relevant agencies, provide access to psychosocial support services.
- Assess economic impact on key assets, e.g. tourism, small business and agriculture.
- Mitigate impacts to key economic asset groups with support for recovery and resilience activities.
- Seek funding for extension of Community Development Officers obtained after STC Marcia.
- Assess resilience of critical infrastructure.
- Local road infrastructure assessed and essential repairs undertaken.
- Facilitate support to the restoration of Hedlow Airport runway.
- Erosion assessment and prioritisation of rectification works across Livingstone coastal areas.
- Plan and undertake relevant public meetings, including community organisations and leaders.
- Develop partnerships and outside support as necessary.
- Facilitate support to complete existing infrastructure development on Great Keppel Island, including Putney Beach protective wall.
- Facilitate support to complete Putney Beach erosion mitigation strategies.
- Continue implementation of long-term resilience strategies.

This Plan has been endorsed by the Livingstone Shire Council for public release

This is a live document managed by the Livingstone Shire Council and is correct as at 9 May 2019. The Livingstone Shire Local Recovery & Resilience Plan can be accessed at www.livingstone.qld.gov.au