

Livingstone Shire Council Local Recovery and Resilience Plan



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Recovery narrative

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Council vision statement

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. The Central Queensland Recovery and Resilience Plan was endorsed by Livingstone Shire Council on the 5 February 2019

Council values

- Accountability
- Teamwork
- Community
- Potential
- Positivity

Recovery and Resilience

Established: 6 December 2018

Chaired by: Cr Bill Ludwig, Mayor Livingstone Shire Council

Recovery and Resilience Taskforces

Human Social (Community Development), Economic, Environment, Infrastructure.

Key stakeholders

Lead state government agencies, community groups, non-government organisations/non-government associations, local businesses and trader associations, service providers and other invested parties.

Recovery and Resilience themes

1. Response: ensure community safety
2. Rebuilding: bring the community forward to a new normal
3. Restoration: working together to repair and re-establish community linkages across the lines of recovery
4. Resilience: embed the principle in all activities to mitigate, improve and build betterment for the community.

Recovery objectives

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- 1 Essential services - Power, water, waste, telecommunications – repaired and restored
- 2 Community Recovery Hub established The Caves
- 3 Inspection and removal of burnt trees as required
- 4 Identification and management of personal hardship cases.
- 5 Community messaging that “we are open for business”.
- 6 Assess human, health, and social impacts
- 7 Attend Caves Rural Fire debrief to capture learnings
- 8 In partnership with the relevant agencies, provide access to psychosocial support services if required
- 9 Facilitate support to Caves Tourist Park support of staff and tourism
- 10 Assess economic impact on key assets, e.g. tourism, small business and agriculture, and promote opportunities to drive economic recovery.
- 11 Lobby for better mobile phone communication for the affected area.
- 12 Assess resilience of critical infrastructure
- 13 Environmental assessment across The Caves area.
- 14 Seek funding for any Cat C opportunities to support recovery and resilience across Human Social with particular attention to accumulative effects of disasters.
- 15 Continue to implement long term resilience strategies.

Damage and impacts

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Human and Social

- Community still recovering (financially and psychological wellbeing) from TC Marcia, STC Debbie and the associated Fitzroy Flood event.
- Short term evacuations of The Caves were conducted and loss of power to the community of The Caves
- Community unable to work in local employment due to evacuations.

Economic

- Loss of income/profits to small businesses – power outages, damage, staff isolation.
- Perception that visitors were unable to attend local tourist attractions causing loss of income.

Environment

- Large pockets of Mt Etna National Park destroyed, native bushland around and inside The Caves Tourist Park affected.
- Threat to unique Fern only growing in the Cave area in Australia
- Canopy destroyed causing sunlight to penetrate the Caves.

Building

- Damage to Energy Queensland Infrastructure
- Burnt trees at risk of falling onto roads.

Roads and Transport

- Road closures occurred when evacuation orders were issued.
- Road corridors of concern due to burnt trees threatening to fall on road.

Lines of recovery

Lines of recovery and resilience

